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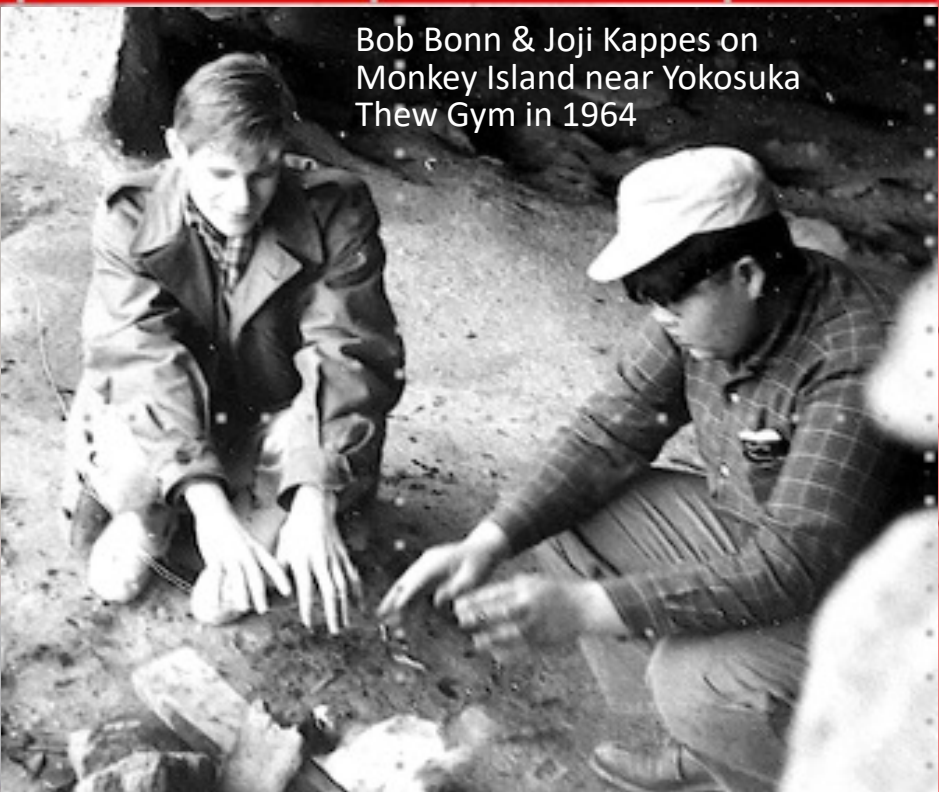
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**Events in May**

- May 03: Kentucky Derby
- May 11, Mother's Day
- May 17: Armed Forces Day
- May 26: Memorial Day



Bob Bonn & Joji Kappes on Monkey Island near Yokosuka Thew Gym in 1964

# 2026 Temecula YoHi FSA Reunion

Rekindle old friendships and make new connections. Don't miss it! **SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2026; Pechanga Resort and Casino, Temecula, CA**

## **\*\*HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:\*\*** (HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN)

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel using the link provided below. The group rate is guaranteed until August 14, 2026. Make your reservations early! We have negotiated a block of rooms for \$189/night plus tax - No resort fee. Room rates are valid from Aug 31-Sept. 3, 2026.

Complimentary on-site parking for guests staying at the hotel.

RV Park is adjacent to the property. Inquire through the hotel.

**Pechanga Resort and Casino** 4500 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula Ca

92592. <https://www.pechanga.com/stay> (Use code: 8165804) or call Pechanga at (888) 945-4766 or (877) 711-2946 and use code 8165804.

## **REGISTRATION OPENS March 1, 2026, WITH EARLY BIRD PRICING \$180.**

Prices go up on April 1, 2026 (\$195) and will continue to increase every month until registration closes on July 31, 2026. Register early for best prices! FULL REFUNDS UNTIL JULY 31, 2026.

**NO REFUNDS** AFTER JULY 31, 2026.

## **REUNION SCHEDULE:**

**TUESDAY, Sep 1: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm:** Meet & Greet Happy Hour Reception - East Plaza area: Refreshments and cash bar (must register and pay beforehand).

Wear your favorite YoHi t-shirt and share school paraphernalia.

**WEDNESDAY, Sep 2:** FREE TIME - this day is all yours to explore the Resort and the Temecula area. XX:00 am - XX:00 pm: Hospitality Suite Open (Time and Location TBD) (Optional) 10:45 am - 3:45 pm:

**Wine Tasting Tour:** Europa Village Winery (Three wineries in one location! Italian, Spanish & French.) \$99 price includes transportation, wine tasting and food voucher. Meet up at 10:30 AM (location TBD). (Must register and pay beforehand).

Winery Preview <https://www.europavillage.com/temecula-vineyards/tour-de-europa/>

**THURSDAY, Sep 3:** FREE TIME - Sightseeing XX:00 am - XX:00 pm: Hospitality Suite Open (Time and Location TBD) **6:00 pm - 9:00 pm:** Banquet Dinner in Grand Ballroom East (must purchase and pay beforehand)

**\*\*QUESTIONS:\*\*** Rick Hernandez [thegrin1@gmail.com](mailto:thegrin1@gmail.com) ) 510-3033 (please leave message).

## **Full Reunion: All Events and amenities**

Full Reunion Ticket

- Tuesday Meet & Greet Happy Hour Reception
- Thursday Seated Banquet Dinner
- Name tag, lanyard, reunion materials and incidentals
- Access to Hospitality Suite on Wednesday and Thursday

**Click Here to Register**, Wine Tasting Excursion is a separate expense.

Wednesday is on your own to explore.

<https://my.cheddarup.com/yohialumniassoc-2026>

## 2026 Temecula, California Reunion Info

For Sept 1-3, 2026, in Temecula, expect wine tasting, Old Town exploring, hot air balloons, and harvest-themed fun; specific events like festivals might be announced closer, and general wine country activities, with **Pechanga Resort & Casino** offering gaming/shows, all best booked ahead as it's peak season.

3 Airports are available for arrival and departures:

Orange County -John Wayne -Approx 1.5 hours to Temecula

San Diego-Approx. 1.5 hours to Temecula

Ontario- Approx. 50-60 min to Temecula

Be aware that ALL freeways in S. Cal are congested and timing is everything.

Leaving before 11:00 am is best to arrive and depart.

The 15 Fwy gets ( Pechanga is off the 15 ) gets heavily congested.

### Key Activities to Expect:

**Wine Tasting & Harvest:** September marks grape harvest (crush) season, so wineries will be buzzing; expect beautiful vineyard views and new releases.

**Old Town Temecula:** Walk historic streets for shops, restaurants, breweries, art, and live music.

**Hot Air Balloon Rides:** A classic Temecula experience, especially scenic during harvest mornings:  
<https://hotairtours.com/>

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:** Gaming, entertainment, and dining options are always available. Visit MCRD, Camp Pendelton, and Miramar AS: Must have a sponsor and/or Military ID , active or retired.

USS Midway -San Diego Harbor <https://www.midway.org>

San Diego Safari Park and Zoo : <https://sdzsafaripark.org>

**Breweries & Meaderies:** Explore the growing craft beverage scene beyond wine.

**Potential September Events. Check for 2026:**

**Crush Wine & Food Showcase / Great Taste of Europa:** Major wine events usually in fall; check [Visit Temecula Valley](#)

### Alumni Who Have Signed up for the Reunion

1961 Cheron Ruzek	1973 Mark Mayo	1983 Patrick Kline
1961 Linda Hernandez	1974 Jane Collier	1983 Jojo Silvano
1962 Alan Werner	1974 Nancy Keen	1986 Lisa Prevost
1962 Frances Hernandez	1974 Tiffany Craig	Guest Jill Hernandez
1963 Chris Pierce	1975 Sandy Agajan	Guest Jim Jessee
1964 Rick Hernandez	1975 Janet Koike	Guest Joe Rhodes
1964 Celeste Williams	1975 Akerni Forde	Guest Skip Robinson
1964 Janet DeSmet	1976 Frank Stagliano	Guest Ann Werner
1964 Craig Nelson	1976 Dean Hennings	Guest Beth Hennings
1965 Jane Redmond	1976 Tammie Gibson	Friend Paul Springer
1965 Randy Gogolin	1976 Mark Steele	Guest Jessica Hennings
1966 Dianna Wakefield	1977 Leila Salinas	Guest Judy Gogolin
1966 Jane Jeppson	1977 Mark Hennings	Guest Barbara Steele
1966 John Oswalt	1977 Eric Stagliano	Guest Tim Brown
1968 Paula Everitt	1979 Cheryl Shemanski	Guest Janene Gant
1968 Terry Stanton	1981 Christine Boulton	
1969 Debbie Barker	1982 Mary Prinz	
1969 Debbie Spear	1982 Hugh Coffman	
1969 Terry Galbraith	1983 Sam Gentile	
1971 Cheryl Spear	1983 Larry Putong	



## **Yo-Hi Alumni Class Representative** *Be the Connection for Your Class*

### **Purpose of the Role**

Class Representatives serve as the primary liaison between individual graduating class. Their mission is to help ensure strong communication, accurate class contact information, and enthusiastic participation—especially for milestone reunions (10th, 25th, 50th, etc.).

**If you are interested in knowing more, contact Treasurer Dianna Geyer at: [diannageyer2467@yahoo.com](mailto:diannageyer2467@yahoo.com)**

### **Key Responsibilities**

#### **Communication with Classmates**

Share reunion announcements, registration links, and event updates with classmates via email, text, social media, and personal outreach.

Encourage participation and answer basic questions about reunion activities.

Personally reach out to classmates who may not be active online to ensure they are included.

Help generate excitement by sharing memories, photos, and class-specific messages.

#### **Maintain and Update Class Contact Information**

Assist in keeping the alumni directory accurate and current. Encourage classmates to update their own information through official registration or update forms.

Help identify missing classmates and provide updated contact details when available.

#### **Support Class Roster Development**

Maintain an informal working list of reachable classmates to supplement the official directory.

Help reconnect “lost” classmates through networking, word of mouth, and social platforms.

Notify the committee of deceased classmates or other significant updates so records remain respectful and accurate.

#### **Promote Registration and Participation**

Actively encourage classmates to register early.

Send reminders at key intervals as requested by the Reunion Committee.

Share event details in a positive, personal tone that resonates with the class.

#### **Serve as a Feedback Channel**

Relay class questions, ideas, and concerns back to the Reunion Committee.

Provide input on activities that may be of special interest to the class.

Help identify classmates willing to volunteer, sponsor, or assist with events.

#### **Optional Engagement Activities (As Desired)**

Organize informal pre-reunion meetups or virtual gatherings.

Coordinate memory boards, photo submissions, or class highlights.

Help gather historical content (photos, stories, achievements) for use in reunion materials.

### **Time Commitment**

This is a volunteer role with flexible involvement. Most activity occurs in the 4–6 months leading up to the reunion, with periodic communications and light coordination.

### **Ideal Qualities of a Class Representative**

Well-connected within the class year.

Comfortable communicating with a wide range of classmates.

Organized and willing to help keep contact information current.

Enthusiastic about strengthening class connections and making the reunion a success.

### **Overall Goal**

Class Representatives help transform reunion outreach from a broad announcement into a personal invitation—ensuring every classmate has the opportunity to reconnect, participate, and celebrate their shared Yo-Hi history.

Hi Bob,

I was a member of the Yo-Hi class of 1953.

Amazon recently published my book, **A Leopard On My Roof: MY World War II Childhood**. I hope our various classes will be interested in what happened to me during the War and in the history of the Flying Tigers:

I spent over twenty years writing **A Leopard On My Roof**. My book begins when my family leaves America when my father was ordered to work in the Burma office of his International Bank. It was 1939, and I was one year old when we arrived in Rangoon. My mother and father hated living in this undeveloped land with its filth, diseases, and dangerous wildlife.

In 1941, during World War II, the Japanese Army invaded, forcing us to flee for our lives. Mother and I were able to board the last ship to leave Burma and arrive safely in India. However, as part of the newly formed defense force, my father had to remain. When Burma's defense collapsed, father escaped by walking for months, covering 300 miles through the jungles and over the mountains of North Burma to India.

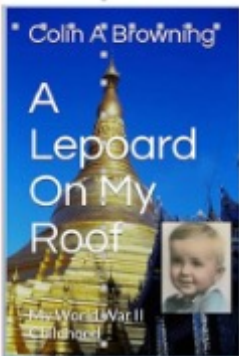
After my father joined my mother and me in India, we traveled throughout India so that my father could continue clandestine work for the British Army while working at various Bank branches.

When I was nine years old, in 1941, we finally boarded a US Naval vessel and returned home to America. The often-repeated trauma we endured left us all suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Father's health suffered the most from malaria, starvation, and fatigue of mind and body. I lost the use of my left eye and became a social misfit while also suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Best wishes, Colin

As you requested, I am sending a photo of the cover of my book, **A Leopard On My Roof**. In the background is the Shwedagon Pagoda which is covered in gold. It is considered one of the holiest Buddhist shrines since it contains eight hairs of the Buddha. The photo of the boy is me when we left America to board a ship to Burma.

I hope some of Yo-Hi's former students will buy my book which is available on Amazon.

Best wishes, Colin



Akita-san was Vice Principal Spaulding's pet dog. He comes from a thoroughbred breed developed only in Japan. His intelligence, great size, and strength are in fine combination with obedience, courage, and faithfulness.



## A Story About Ernie Pyle

On this day, 18 April 1945, the world lost the most beloved voice of the American soldier, Ernie Pyle, who was killed by enemy fire on the island of Ie Shima. A Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent and Navy veteran, Pyle was renowned for his "everyman" perspective, living alongside the "dogface" infantrymen to capture the raw, human-interest stories of combat.



His advocacy for the troops was so profound that he successfully campaigned for the creation of "combat pay," ensuring ground soldiers received the financial recognition they deserved.

Having covered the grueling campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, and Europe, Pyle's commitment to witnessing the war's end led him to the Pacific Theater, where he ultimately gave his life.

He remains a legend in journalism and a true brother-in-arms, forever memorialized by the 77th Infantry Division as the "buddy" they lost on the front lines.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF YO-HI

1. Early 1946: The War Department proposes to the Supreme Commander Allied Forces (SCAP) that military dependents be permitted to come to Japan.
2. In September 1946, 18 students and 2 teachers comprised the beginning of the first school which was named Yokohama American School (YAS). Major Sidel was principal and remained so until 1947. There is no yearbook for 1946-47. Most names are lost.
3. In mid 1947, the Eighth Army took over a former girls' commercial college to use as a school for dependent children. It was located on a high range of hills that would be referred to as the Bluff. It retained the same school-name and was referred to as Yo-Hi.
4. Dependent families began to arrive in large numbers in the summer of 1947. The 1947-48 school year officially opened on 15 Sep 1947, eventually enrolling 165 students in all grades with 10 teachers. Besides high school students, the school included some grade school classes. Also, a former Japanese high school (built in 1924, converted to a hospital for Japanese military forces in 1939) housed an elementary school, the Nasugbu Elementary School. It was located between the Area 1 and 2 housing areas along the shore of the bay, later named Honmoku Beach area.
5. The mascot name of Red Devils derived from the first coach and athletic director Lt. Lawrence H. Glaab—he picked the name because he played on a sandlot football and baseball team by that name. The principal and student body approved the name. Shortly thereafter, the student body voted for the school colors of red and white.
6. The first graduating class in June 1948 consisted of 31 students, 18 boys and 13 girls. They wore caps and gowns made from Army parachute material. The 1948 yearbook was the first Yo-Hi yearbook to be published. The 1948 senior class suggested the school newsletter be named the Yo-Hi Echoes, and it was approved by the student body.
7. In the spring of 1949, a contest for a school alma mater was won by student Barbara Farley (class of 1949). She wrote the words and set them to the tune of "Annie Lisle", a popular 1857 ballad by H. S. Thompson. "In the Shadow of Mount Fuji" remains the Alma mater.
8. In the summer of 1952, after the armistice agreement with Japan, the occupation forces began to depart, and the Bluff school building was returned to the Japanese. Yo-Hi was moved to the Nasugbu Elementary School building to share the space. Facilities were added to accommodate the high school, junior high school, and elementary school. The Bluff school was eventually torn down and replaced by a new building for the Yokohama Girls Commercial School.
9. In 1960, the Army transferred the Yokohama housing facilities and schools to the Navy. The Navy renamed the high school Nile C. Kinnick, Jr. American Dependents School, after a Navy pilot who crashed into the Caribbean Sea north of Venezuela while on a patrol mission. He was also a Heisman Trophy winning football player for the University of Iowa.
10. In 1962, the school newsletter was renamed Trident.
11. In 1971, Yo-Hi was moved to the former Marine Barracks building at Yokosuka Naval Base. Classes began after the Christmas break in 1972. The middle school remained in the Nasugbu Beach building until 1980 when it also moved to Yokosuka. All housing areas, except Negishi Heights, were returned to the Japanese, including the Navy Exchange complex.
12. In 1991, Yo-Hi moved from the former Marine Barracks building to a new school at Yokosuka Naval Base. It remains there, carrying on a long and memorable heritage. Negishi Heights was returned to the Japanese in 2015, ending the US military presence in Yokohama.

*This summary was derived from a more detailed history  
posted on [www.yohidevils.net](http://www.yohidevils.net)*



# NEET NAC NOISE

## YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

### June 15, 1962



#### THE STAFF

N.N.C. Director	Mrs. Kramer
N.N.C. President	Bill Fearing
EDITOR	Mike Douglass
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STAFF MEMBER	Sharon Scott
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#### EDITORIAL

In days of old . . . . So goes the old ballad. If it's within my capabilities, I'd like to give some of the newer members a personal insight of what ye olde Neet Nac Club used to "be" and what it has evolved to.

When an older member tries to relate the goings on of the Yokohama teens from two and a half or three years ago he or she is usually confronted with with disbelieving faces and statements like "It couldn't have been that way", or "How'd they get away with that", etc. Well, the truth is it was that way and many times the teenagers did get way with it.

It is extremely difficult to explain how the atmosphere surrounding a given locale or group of people is changed. I guess the best way is to accomplish this would be to use the "Charles Atlas" method and construct a before and after image of our Club.

Three years ago, it was a common occurrence to walk into the rather dim-lit Club and observe "semi-lifeless" bodies strewn on the floor, draped over booths and hanging from the rafters that were present at that time. If you ventured into the pool-room it was easy to discern denim-clad fellows pulling "beverage" cans from the holes in the walls or choosing sides for a little "outside entertainment". Parents in the vicinity were a little wary about letting their daughters or younger teenagers join the Neet Nac, so the membership was predominantly older teens, and the effect was "impressive".

One thing might be said on behalf of this bygone era, the spirit of the teens was exceptionally high. It had good reason to be, for Yokohama had the champion athletic teams, The greatest school spirit, and the toughest

bunch of juvenile in the Far East Area.

Why the change of atmosphere came about, I don't know, but it was quiet evident following the renovation of the Club itself. Whether the cleaner more wholesome surroundings initiated the change is hard to say, but it certainly sped it up. Closer supervision and direction was instituted in most youth activities, including the Neet Nac Club, with the advent of the Navy's new policy. The teen attitude was revised and eventually most of the "toughies" went back to the land of the Big P.X.

I'll leave to the reader to compare the Neet Nac as it was then with the club we have today. As for my personal opinion, I would like to see the spirit of the old days coupled with the newer, more modern surroundings and reputation of today, and then watch the fun fly.

#### DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Vacation is now 2 weeks old and your days are crowded with the gaiety and excitement of summer. Already many of our friends have departed for the States, leaving temporary sadness, but the weeks ahead will be filled with newcomers, trips and picnics and provide you with material to write to your old friends.

Seldom are the gay, happy successful events ever mentioned but let one event have a distasteful incident and everyone seems to find out about it quietly and not always the accurate version. With this in mind, please be aware at all times of your behavior both in the club and while on trips and might I remind you that you are judged by your actions in the bowling alleys, cafeteria, movies, swimming pool and most of all at the EXCHANGE AREA BUS STOPS and on the busses. Of course, this doesn't reflect on the Neet Nac Club but it is hard for onlookers to believe these are the same teenagers who behave so so well at the Neet Nac Club. This is the reason I welcome parents and all adult visitors to the Club so they can see what fine members we have. "It only takes one bad aooole to spoil a barrel" -likewise- it only takes one or two misbehaving . . . *Continued next page*

Continued from prior page . . . teenagers to prompt adult to acquire false opinions. Try then to keep the wonderful reputation you have within the club and to carry it beyond, into all you do.

The rainy season is now upon us and will be with us until early July and along with the rain comes the heat, so, for new members and a reminder to the old members DON'TS of summer dress in the club is as follows. Short shorts or extremely tight shorts, bathing suits, "T" shirts, unbuttoned sport shirts, dirty or wet jeans are not allowed in the club. All dances with a band will require party dresses for the girls and white shirts with ties for the boys and jeans and khaki pants will not be allowed at any dance.

I am delighted to see so many members dancing and if you are interested, we can have both a Dance Marathon and Twixt Marathon.

My congratulations to Peggy Ernesti & Bob Deavers for naming our paper, we had some good names submitted but this was the name unanimously voted on by the seven member Board of Governors.

Enjoy yourselves.

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**NAME CONTEST**

The problem that was mentioned in our first edition is solved! The new N.N.C. paper now has a name. The entries were judged on pertinence and originality, without the name of the contestant given to the judges. The winning name was entered by two members, and it was decided that both winners would receive three-dollar gift certificates. So, congratulations to Peg Ernesti and Bob Deavers for christening our "NEET NAC NOISE".

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**ACTIVITIES**

The month is whizzing along so are the activities. To those of you who enjoy roller skating, and even those who don't, give it a whirl. The date is Friday the 15th, so see you on the bus to Yokohama. Sock Hop on the 16th which is Saturday and listen no coats or ties. Sharp, bring a date or come stag. It will be a blast either way.

Wednesday the 20th will be a hit to all a picnic to Nagai Beach. Sorry but you need to bring your own lunch. Oh well, I'm tired of hamburgers anyway. Like man of on the coolest days of June type, to be exact the 22nd. Like man our swinging club will be a beatnick fad for the night and all the cats will have a blast, making it to the jive of the nerve, boy. Like see you there.

For Sale used records cheap. Remember the night, Saturday the 23rd. Come one come all and buy your favorite records. Tuesday is the night rough it at the club, Bar-B-Que on the patio. It is potluck so bring your own dessert and salad, the club furnishes the hamburgers and drinks. Who is going to be the winner on Friday the 29th. It's Tournament night. See you at the "Sayonara Welcome aboard and Happy Birthday Dance". Don't be confused about the name because this is our end of the month dance with a band. Sorry but this one costs 35 cents stage and 50 cents drag. So, see you in your sport coat and tie on the dance floor.

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**HAYAMA PICNIC**

You missed a good time if you didn't take part in the picnic held at Hayama June sixth, even the chaperones enjoyed it.

Transportation, to and from Hayama consisted of luxurious scenic buses and there weren't too many complaints about having to walk the short distance to the picnic site from the buses. In fact, there weren't too many complaints the whole day aside from the fact the chaperones had to cook the hamburgers with a spoon and there was no ice on the soft drinks which made them slightly dangerous on opening.

There was some "on the spot" discussion as to where all the gear should be dropped but once that decision was reached everyone headed for the water where they stayed for the rest of the day, emerging of course to get their well-done hamburgers, potato salad and cold drinks. Some of the chaperones may be of the opinion that the only reason they were asked to go was because of their culinary abilities as they certainly didn't have to worry about their well-mannered charges misbehaving.

It was amazing what a group of energetic teen-agers could do in a given area of water. At different times during the course of the picnic there was, in the water, games of dodge ball (in this case, dodge mud), keep away, one of the wettest games of football on record featuring some really "splashy plays" and of course there was plain old swimming with flippers, face masks, snorkels, and one industrious sole brought along an inner tube in which he could paddle about with hardly any effort whenever his friends would let him use it.

All in all, the picnic was a success and the only thing to dampen the spirits of the participants the whole day was the water itself.

**FADS & FASHIONS**

Here are some fads from the states . . .

New Jersey:

White canvas sneakers dyed, then painted with stripes, dots, etc. Going steady: White with red dots. Available: Red with white dots.

Grab-bags dates: Boys clip newspaper ads of all possible movies and restaurants and drop them in different boxes. The gal picks them out.

Florida:

One Saturday nights at 11 P.M. teens congregate at someone's house to watch the late show on TV. Dates are not required. Those who have dates usually come in after the dates. This eliminates parking and saves the boy money since the host or hostess provides the snacks.

Connecticut:

Most of the gals near Norwich wear dog collars. Their steadies lead them around on a chain while on a date or together.

Massachusetts:

When in a crowd these smart gals button their sweaters to that of their boyfriend's. This way neither stray very far from the other.

New York:

When guys complained of their gals wearing sneakers on night dates, the gals showed them a thing or two . . .they sprayed them (the sneakers) gold. Crowds wanting to distinguish them selves from other crowds have solved the situation: A member of the crowd buys a yard of material and cuts it into 1" squares. Each member of the crowd is given one piece to signify that he belongs. Some kids wear them on sleeves, pockets and even the seats of their pants.

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Smart tips: To keep lipstick creamy as usual, then go over the whole mouth with an ice cube. It also keeps the lipstick from smearing. To be doubly certain that you are using cosmetics correctly, wear sunglasses around the house for 10 minutes after applying makeup. When you take them off, you will be able to see yourself in the color tones others see you.

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**THE EYES AND EARS**

**BEWARE! THE EYES AND EARS ARE EVERYWHERE. . .** Seems like summertime brings out the bathing suits and blonde hair ...wonder when c.p. is going to get "stoned"? (ring-wise, that is) ...b.f. is sure wild about "Stilt" ....a.d.

weren't you embarrassed to dress behind your "quaint" Hayama bath house?....will m.l. and b.l. stay as close apart as they were together?....wasn't it "drafty" in the emperor's garden? .... Does anyone know where r.u. can find what he is looking for? ...m.d. be good while away – please?....**BEWARE!** The eyes and ears of the club are watching a certain girl for a certain boy who is gone...

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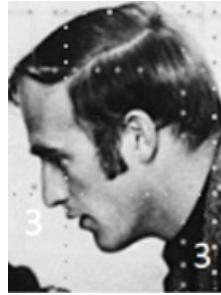
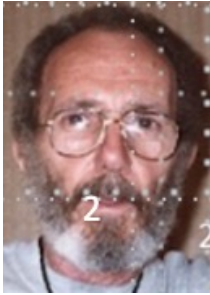
**PRESIDENTS COLUMN**

As you know last Monday was Advisory Board Meeting night and as I said I would . I brought up the question of climbing Mt. Fuji this summer. The board felt this was too dangerous a trip for the large Neet Nac Club to undertake. In plain English this was a definite – No., and that we should confine our activities more or less to the confines of the club. But as I promised in my election campaign, we are going to have a very active summer. The trips will be mostly one day trips to beaches, amusement parks, and other points of interest here in Japan. As brought up at the club meeting I don't know where you, the members, would like to go – the suggestion box held no clues as to where you might like to take one day trips. Also, while on the topic of trips I would like to tell you the problem which arises every time there is a trip....**CHAPERONES** ....This may cost us a trip as it almost did already this summer. Please talk to your parents and I know this will be a wonderful summer if we all help out. We appreciate the help we have received in the past from the Advisory Board and look forward to their sincere interest and guidance in the future.



Neet Nac Club in Yokohama

## Known Deceased



1. 2026; 10 March: **Bill (Ross) Crossley...55 (54-55)**  
<https://www.findagrave/memorial/298900740/ross-w-crossley?createdMemorial+Yes>
2. 2022 19 Mar: **Robert A. Polgar (FAC).....(71-77)**  
<https://www.findagrave/memorial/23859370/robert-allen-polgar>
3. 2016, 03 Dec: **Ken Surbrook (FAC).....(72-74)**  
<https://www.findagrave/memorial/27489635/Kenneth-c-surbrook>

## Class of 1955 Yo-Hi Alumni Makes the Rank of Brigadier General

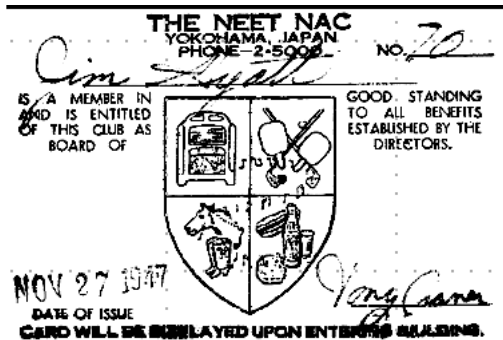


Yo-Hi Alumni Ross W. Crossley (Known as ill Crossley ) joined the U.S. Army and was raised to be a Brigadier General who primarily served within the Field Artillery branch. His career the Field Artillery branch: His career spanned several decades; during which he held significant leadership and staff positions, particularly during the 1970s and 1980s. General Crossley is well-regarded for his contributions to Field Artillery doctrine and training. Notable highlights of his service include: Promotion to Brigadier General: He was nominated for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General by the 98<sup>th</sup> Congress (1983-1984. Command Roles: He served as the Commanding General of V Corps Artillery in Frankfurt, West Germany, during the mid-1980s. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing all artillery units assigned to the V corps during a critical period of the Cold War spanned

several decades, during which he held significant leadership and staff positions. particularly during the 1970s and 1980s. Field Artillery School: Earlier in his career, he held leadership positions at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His work often focused on improving refining the “combined arms” approach to modern warfare. Crossley frequently contributed to military journals, such as the Field Artillery Journal. His writings typically addressed: Training and Readiness: He advocated for simplified planning conferences to allow battery commanders more autonomy in defining their own training programs based on specific unit strengths and weaknesses. Officer Development: He expressed concern regarding promotion and selection rates for Field Artillery officers compared to other branches. Pushing for better career management.

Ross Crossley served in the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General. His wife, Ann Crossley, authored “The Army Wife Handbook” and co-authored a complementary volume titled “The Air Force Wife Handbook”, and also, authored an updated edition of her book called “The Army Spouse Handbook”.

## Yo-Hi Randoms



1947 Neet Nac Club membership card

Bob Bonn & Pam Batchellor at the 64 prom



## Videos About Japan from You Tube

How to Spend 14 Days in Japan  
- A Japan Travel Itinerary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luTDuv7fo>

How American Occupation Changed Japanese Culture

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=japan](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=japan)

Why I will never go to Japan again

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1C1ekA61i>

The floor of a Japanese room is covered with beautiful thick soft mats of woven reeds. The fit very closely together, so that you can just slip a knife-blade between them. They are changed once every year and are kept very clean. The Japanese never wear shoes in the house, and do not use chairs or furniture such as English people use. They sit, sleep, eat, and sometimes even write upon the floor. So, the mats must be kept very clean indeed, and Japanese children are taught, just as soon as they can speak, never to spoil or dirty the mats.

Now Japanese children are really very good. All travelers, who have written pleasant book about Japan, declare that Japanese children are much more obedient than English children and much less mischievous. They do not spoil and dirty things, and they do not even break their own toys. A little Japanese girl does not break her doll. No, she takes great care of it and keeps it even after she becomes a woman and is married. When she becomes a mother and has a daughter. And the child takes the same care of the doll that her mother did and preserves it until she grows up, and gives it at last to her own children, who play with it just as nicely as their grandmother did. So I, - who am writing this little story for you, - have seen Japan, dolls more than a hundred years old, looking just as pretty as when they were new. This will show you how very good Japanese children are; and you will be able to understand why the floor of a Japanese room is nearly always kept clean, - not scratched and spoiled by mischievous play.

You ask me whether, all, *all* Japanese children are so good as that? Well - no, there are a few, a very few naughty ones. And what happens to the mats in the houses of these naughty children? Nothing very bad - because there are fairies who take care of the mats. These fairies tease and frighten children who dirty or spoil the mats. At least - they used to spoil the mats. At least - they used to tease and frighten such mischievous children I am not quite sure whether those little fairies still alive in Japan, - because the new railways and the telegraph-poles have frightened a great many fairies away. But here is a little story about them:

Once there was a little girl who was very pretty, but also lazy. Her parents were rich; and had a great many servants; and these servants were very fond of the little girl

was what made her so beautiful rich, and had a great many servants; and these servants were very fond of the little girl was what made her so beautiful woman, she still remained and did everything for which she ought to have been able to do for herself. Perhaps this was what made her so lazy. When she grew up into a beautiful woman, she still remained lazy; but as the servants always dressed and undressed her, and arranged her hair, she looked very charming, and nobody thought about her faults.



At last, she was married to a brave warrior and went away with him to live in another house where there were but few servants. She was sorry not to have, because she was obliged to do several things for herself, which other folks had always done for herself. It was such trouble to her to dress her, and take care of her own clothes, and keep herself looking neat and pretty to please her husband. But as far away from home with the army, she could sometimes be just as lazy as she wished. Her husband's parents were very old and good-natured and never scolded her.

Well, one night while her husband was away with the army, she was awakened by queer little noises in her room. By the light of a big paper-lantern she could see very well; and she saw strange things. What?

Hundreds of little men dressed just like Japanese warriors, but only about one inch high, were dancing all around her pillow. They wore the same kind of dress her husband wore on holidays (*Kamishimo*, a long robe with square shoulders) and their hair was tied up in knots, and each wore two tiny swords. They all looked at her as she danced, and laughed and they all sang the same song, over and over again:

*Chin-chin Kobakama,  
Yomo fuke soro,  
Oshizumare, Hime-gimi!  
Ya ton Ton!*

## Yo-Hi Devils Website Has Been Upgraded, By: Jim Jesse

It took almost three months, a 100 man-hours of work, and \$1800 dollars, to update the Yo-Hi Devils website to a new WordPress site. This decision wasn't made lightly, as the site was one of the oldest hosted on the GoDaddy (our web hosting servers) using HTML code that was no longer supported by hosting companies. To the point where GoDaddy no longer employed anyone that could support that outdated technology. This caused them to continually increase the service and support costs, while decreasing the actual service, while stating that the site would have to be decommissioned in the near future, if it continued in its current form. By updating to WordPress, this site should be sustainable for the next 10 years without the security concerns related to our previous webpages.

The new site is not perfect, as the originals were created as far back as the late 1990's using "technology" that is no longer supported on the Internet. 32 pages were converted to the new format, however the original site had 13 gigabytes of data stored in different folders, so there is a lot to go through. The contents of the entire original site have been archived and over time we will attempt to fully recreate all of the pages, however it was cost prohibitive to pay GoDaddy to do that, so if anyone is interested in assisting with this, or knows a student or former student that may be interested in this project, please let any of the committee members know.

According to GoDaddy our website was one of the oldest that they hosted, and the team managing the transition had never worked with much of the coding used on the original pages. In fact, GoDaddy no longer employs anyone on their support team that could assist with editing or hosting questions related to the original site.

**We all thank Jim Jesse for all he has done to improve our Yo-Hi Devils website!**

## The Class of 1948 – the first class to be graduated from Yokohama High

