



THE HUGHES BROTHERS

We will be enjoying a night out at the Hughes Brothers Dinner Theater. A great show with a private group dinner starting at 6:00PM and then the show begins at 8:00PM. It promises to be a great night out together.

This allows us all to be together for a dinner and a show as a group for at least one evening, then the other afternoons and evenings you can attend a show or shows of your choice. Or maybe you just want to relax and shop, this gives you plenty of time on your own.

As mentioned before we will try to keep the Sunshine Room open from 9:00AM til 5:00PM each day to allow you to visit with shipmates there, or go thru the records and browse the memorabilia.

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Are you ready? Well ready or not here comes 2004 and the Uvalde Ships Reunion. The reunion will be held September 27th, 28th, and 29th at the Honeysuckle Inn & Conference Center in Branson, MO. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

The Honeysuckle Hotel is located at the junction of West Highway 76 (The Strip) and the popular 5-lane Shepherd of the Hills Expressway (the Red Route). Nestled in-between the Country Tonite and IMAX Theaters.



Honeysuckle Inn & Conference Center Travelodge
3598 Shepherd of Hill Expressway
Branson, MO 65616

As you make your plans you need to call Reservations at Honeysuckle Inn and ask for the Uvalde Group. I have negotiated a rate of \$55.00 per night. If you have any problems let me know, but Renae Sattazahn, the Group Sales Manager should be able to help you with any of your requests. The 800 number for the Honeysuckle is 1-800-942-3553. We have made reservations for September 27th, 28th, and 29th. So you need to call as before August and make your own reservations.

The block of rooms will be held until first week in September so make your plans now and get your reservations in early. **They must be made to the hotel not to me.** So call the 800 number and make your reservations as soon as possible.



Now I will enclose a REGISTRATION CARD in this newsletter for you to fill out and send to me with your check. I know now what Jim meant by being hung out to dry and we are depending on a number of you to come so we can break even. Otherwise I get charged for the guarantee. So don't hang back until August to make up your mind as I have to commit to certain things before then and I need to know how many are coming.

The Registration Fee will include one show and dinner which we will do together as a group. I have contracted with the Hughes Brothers Dinner Theater for the evening of September 28th, 2004. We will have dinner at 6:00 PM and the show at 8:00 PM. Again I have committed to this with my personal guarantee so be sure to get your registrations cards and check in to me as soon as possible. More on the program and the hotel inside. If we have the same number that responded to my card sign up for the reunion this year it should be the biggest one yet. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Now for a bit about the program for the reunion. You will be given a program upon arrival, but wanted to give you a look at what is on it so far.

PROGRAM

Honeysuckle Inn • Branson 2004
(Sunshine Room Open 9 to 5 each day)

Monday • September 27th

Arrival - Registration - Review of Memorabilia and Old Shipmate Records - Get Re-acquainted. *Meals on your own! Entertainment for the evening on your own!*

Tuesday • September 28th

9:00AM - Welcome & Remembrance of Fallen Shipmates.

9:30AM - Slide show, pictures from crew members of their time aboard the Uvalde. Probably a few laughs and stories as well as the pictures unfold.

11:45AM - Dismissed lunch on your own!

1:00PM - Sunshine Room will be open until 5 so you can visit and review records. More slides may be shown.

5:30PM - Everyone get themselves to the Hughes Brothers Theater for our Group Dinner meeting. Must be seated by 6:00PM. Show will begin at 8 that evening.

Wednesday • September 29th

9:00AM - Doors open in the Sunshine Room for our Group Meeting. Time to get a cup of coffee.

9:30AM - Group Meeting to discuss future reunion and any old and new business. There will also be the famous CUNNINGHAM GIVE-A-WAY so you must be present to win the prizes.

11:00AM - Meeting Adjourned and fond farewells.

Lunch - Lunch is on your own!

1:00PM - The Sunshine Room will be open for a couple of hours as we break down all the equipment and load up the RECORDS and the MEMORABILIA so we can head for home. Room must be vacated by 3:00PM.

This is a tentative schedule, so some items may change. **PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO ME THE REGISTRATION FORM THAT IS ENCLOSED.** Hope to see you soon!

Some more shots of the Honeysuckle Inn. The pictures below shows the outdoor pool. They also have an indoor pool and hot tub that is below the Sunshine Room. They have a continental breakfast and a restaurant next to the indoor pool.



the restaurant next door and the Sunshine Room is above the pool and restaurant.



Part of the Sunshine Room, has a large screen, and should seat us all in theater style for meetings.

Hughes Brothers Theater is about 3/4 of a mile away. The theater/restaurant is in the middle right hand of the picture. So again everything is close and lots of parking in the back of the theater. The food and show were excellent.



Lodge of the Ozarks on the left and the Hughes Brothers Theater on the Right



Hughes Brothers Theater - Street Sign



The Jim Stafford Theater Across the Street



Branson has changed since we last our last reunion. A large Theme Park has been added in downtown Branson on the Strip. It is located right across from the new Roy Roger/Dale Evans Museum and Theater. The picture of the Theme Park was taken from the Roy Rogers parking lot.



Trigger being painted in front of the Roy Rogers Museum and Theater



This is the new THEME PARK at the west end of the strip. Picture taken from the Roy Rogers Museum/Theater Parking Lot.