

FAMILY REUNION

Reunion Dates: September 20 - September 23

Birthday Party: Saturday, September 21, 1996

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Last month's mystery picture was the "older" Smoorenburg boys (Henk, Frank, Gerard, & Gus). Gus called to identify the group on 8/5/96. Frank also called with information about the picture on the same day and I got an e-mail from Henk about the picture on 8/6/96. According to Frank, the picture was taken in 1929. Gus and Frank agree that the picture was at the family home in Oegstgeest. Starting at the top and moving clockwise are Gus ("pounding" in the sparkplugs), Henk (the only one not wearing coveralls), Frank (checking out the springs), and Gerard (adjusting the wheel). All of the "boys" agree that Henk is the "supervisor". Frank says the car is a Delage (French) and has a 12 cylinder inline engine. Frank also told me the carport had to be extended for the car to fit. The dark area behind Gerard's head is the extension. Henk says, the picture "was taken by our father at the time his oldest sons were breaking up his old Hudson car." Gus says he remembers the picture being taken. That's a pretty good memory, I can't remember last week.

This month's picture is the same as the first newsletter. He is my Dad, the guest-of-honor at the birthday party we will be celebrating September 21, 1996.

Family News:

News from Bianca and Sake Bijlsma:

Bianca and Sake Bijlsma have an e-mail address now. It is Bijlsmo@worldonline.nl. This is the same service Uncle Henk is using. He is hsmoor@worldonline.nl. This is a new address for Uncle Henk, you might want to check your e-mail address book.

Their computer got a virus and I haven't heard from them since. I hope it wasn't fatal !

News from Uncle Henk:

Re: Evert Smorenburg, his name is not spelled with ..berg but ..burg. from the middle of the 17th century when the first ancestor started to add "van Smoorenburgh" to his name Schipper the name is spelled in a different way for different branches, but all of them have just one forefather and that is Jan Aartszoon Schipper van Smoorenburgh.

News from Lex Bijlsma:

I'm a seventeen year old Havo student. I still have 1 week summer holiday off, which is quite boring sometimes. School is annoying but not boring.

I really enjoy doing all kinds of sports which is, when possible, a daily activity. I enjoy practicing boxing the most. I'm doing pretty fine. I've (won) the north Netherlands championships twice in lightweight until 60 kg =120 pounds I think. Maybe when I have the time and energy I will do a second sport which will be an eastern martial art.(not like karate, because that's boring).

I live as you might know in Drachten which is a small town in the north of the Netherlands.

News from Jolene & Frank Smoorenburg Jr.:

Jolene writes that the family will not be able to attend the reunion. Frank just started a new construction company in Patterson, LA. The family also has a new daughter, Nicole. Jolene sent a cute picture of Ethan and Nicole. I will include the picture and others in the October newsletter.

News from Marion Holm:

Marion has been actively encouraging Waibel family members to attend the birthday party. With the response Marion has been getting, the party may also be a Waibel family reunion. Waibel is Marion's maiden name.

News from Guido & Deana Smoorenburg:

Guido and Diana will not be able to attend the reunion. Deana is a teacher and she will be working at school. Guido comes to the United States fairly frequently on business. He has been here 4 times in the past year. Larry and I hope to see him on his next trip.

News from Betty Scherdt:

Betty says she tried to put out a family newsletter for a while but she had to call everyone to get the news. (I am optimistic that our newsletter will not fall to that fate.) She and Freda Rohweder will not be able to attend the reunion but they send their best wishes.

News from Bob & Mona Waibel:

Bob and Mona really wanted to attend the party but Bob is a Company Commander in the Oregon State Defense Force and he is scheduled for Army Camp that weekend. Bob's interests and involvement includes Timber Carnivals, Archaeology, Rocks, City Committees - Parks etc, Hunting, Traveling, Square-dancing, Painting, etc. He sounds like a really busy (and fun) fellow.

News from Coby & Robert Schaefer:

Coby called me from New York on August 25. She and Bob had planned to have guests from Holland in September but those plans fell through. The good news is that they decided to take a trip across country in their motor-home to be here for the reunion. They will leave New York the day after Labor Day. There are only 4 states they have not visited yet and they will hit them all on the way here. I knew the RV pad (with full-hookups) that we put in when we built the house would be useful some day. I'm really looking forward to meeting Coby and Bob and having them stay here.

News for Marion & Jan van der Linden:

I received a faxed letter from Marion on the 26th. Marion writes:

“Jan had to do some business in the Netherlands and we went...to Holland for one week. All the kids were in good health. We were glad to see them again and were at the birthday party of Edith’s son Ramon and daughter Saskia. It was a nice party and the weather was great. We saw the pictures of the wedding of Pascale and Jacco made by the photographer and they were great and we ordered a few. We will take the pictures made by us with us. The other ones will be ready within a month. So sorry about them.

We met Marion (of Uncle Gerard) when we were leaving from here to the Netherlands at Houston airport. Her girlfriend and Jean were there as well. Thanks Jean!”

News from Nando & Carla Wolfsen:

I got an e-mail from Nando Wolfsen. He and Carla are planning to arrive in Portland on September 19. They are also planning a trip to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon after the reunion. That should be a lot of fun.

Reunion Activities:

You should all have received invitations by now. If you haven’t already, please contact Mandy (360) 892-8549 or mandy@matrixtrim.com or by mail (see address above) to tell me if you are going to attend. I need to tell Michelle Dennett how many people to plan for catering very soon. Those of you who have told me your travel plans, need not respond.

The activities we have planned so far include a potluck dinner at Larry and Mandy’s house for all of the out-of-town guests (and anyone else who would like to attend) on **Friday the 20th**. We are planning the gathering for Friday afternoon. We will be ready for guests any time after noon and we will eat dinner around 5:00.

As you are aware by now, the birthday party is scheduled for 1:00pm on **Saturday the 21st**. We will be there around noon to decorate and setup the buffet. The guest-of-honor will arrive about 1:30.

Here is the schedule of arrivals so far (as I know it):

Date	Time	Name(s)	Flight
9/13/96	2:20pm	Henk	United 7290
9/17/96	5:22pm	Liz & Mike	Delta 1033
9/18/96	3:32pm	Alice	Alaska 527
9/19/96	8:05am	Michelle & Cressa	Southwest
	8:15pm	Tony & Jean	Southwest 970
	8:15pm	Marion & Jan	Southwest 970
	8:00pm (+/-)	Nando & Carla	
9/20/96	8:05am	David, Daniel, Jonathan	Southwest
	afternoon	Milton, Christopher	Drive in

Many others are driving so I don’t have their arrival dates and times.

See you soon, _____ **Mandy**

The following people are planning to attend the reunion:

Anderson, Maureen & Ken Collins, Felicia, & Cindi
Dennett, Michelle & Milton, Christopher, David, Daniel, Johnathan, & Cressa
Grift, Sid & Lori Banthrall, Crissy, & Shannon
Helseth, Mandy & Larry
Holm, Mr. & Mrs. John & Family
Holm, Mr. & Mrs. Victor & Family
Leunissen, Elizabeth & Mike O'Keeffe
Ramey, Genevieve (Leunissen) & Joe
Rauch, Alice (Smooenburg)
Romanello, Mylene & Steve, Sara, & Sandi
Smooenburg, Anthony & Jean
Smooenburg, Astrid & Bob Johnson
Smooenburg, Frank (and Louise ?)
Smooenburg, Gus & Marion Holm
Smooenburg, Henk
Smooenburg, Marco (and Paula ?)
van der Linden, Jan & Marion
Wolfsen, Nando & Carla

These people want to attend but aren't sure yet:

Olson, Carl & Freda
Remington, Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Family
Smooenburg, Joey & Laura

These people will not be able to attend:

Peekel, Edith & Aad
Smooenburg, Caspar & Elisabeth
Smooenburg, Ruud & Betsie
Wolters, Kees & Cindy
Smooenburg, Anne, & Matthew (Anthony & Jean's kids)
Smooenburg, Hans & Anneliese
Smooenburg, Marion