



The USAFA Arizona Parents Club

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A Message from our Parents Club President

WOW! What a great year we've had so far! We started with the June Doolie Dinner where we had more than 20 Doolies and their families attend with special guest speaker Colonel Neal Barlow, Asst. Dean of Faculty at USAFA. What a great new bunch of cadets! And thanks to the upper-class cadets who attended to share their knowledge with the incoming cadets.

As the new parents waited anxiously to see their cadet again, we got ready for Parent's Weekend by again hosting the Parents Weekend Brunch complete with the first cookie packing of the year. During Parent's Weekend it was great to not only see our cadets, but get together at Extreme Pizza – we had about 100 people come in for pizza, cake and refuge from the weather!

Fall found us at the race track! The club received a great opportunity to do a fund-raiser at Phoenix International Raceway at the last NASCAR race of the season here in Phoenix. It was a LOT of work, but we learned a lot, made over \$5,000 and are gearing up to make this a regular fund-raiser next season to help raise money for the 2008 Ball.

Speaking of the All Academies Holiday Ball – if you have never been to a Ball in the past – MAKE SURE YOU COME THIS YEAR! It's a great time to see all the cadets in their dress uniforms with their beautiful/handsome dates and enjoy an evening of dancing, good food and camaraderie. It will also get you in the mood for next year's Ball. We need LOTS of volunteers! If you are willing to volunteer on the 2008 Ball Committee, please contact Melissa Teague at teaguesix@yahoo.com.

We have 2 more cookie-packings to go – the February one will be in Tucson and we are working on a location for the May one. March is the time of year where we switch to a new board. If you might be interested in serving as board member, please let us know at conni@sossolutions.org.

It has been a pleasure getting to know you and working with you towards the goal of making the time that our child is a cadet at USAFA smoother for all. As the cadets say "it's a great place to be FROM" and we have enjoyed all 4 years that our son has been privileged to be there. He graduates in May and will be realizing his dream of flying fighter jets. May your cadet realize his/her dream during there stay at USAFA.

Happy Holidays!

Gregg and Conni Ingallina

2006 Holiday Ball

Get ready for a fantastic evening at the 2006 All Academies Military Ball, held this year at the Scottsdale Hilton Resort. Put on your best dress as we honor and celebrate the future leaders of our country. This year's ball is hosted by the West Point Parents Club. Come and check it out.

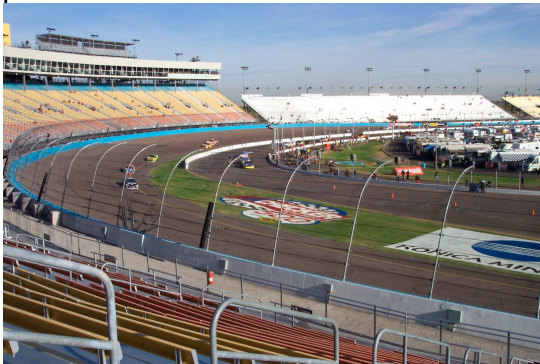
- Scottsdale Hilton Resort
- Friday, December 29th
- Cocktails at 6:00 PM
- Dinner at 7:00 PM
- Dancing 10 – 12 Midnight

See you there!!!



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Yes, indeed, those “stock” cars go fast and boy are they loud. Our club had the opportunity to run a concession stand at **Phoenix International Raceway** as a fundraiser. Our thanks to all who were able to help out and it proved to be profitable venture for us.



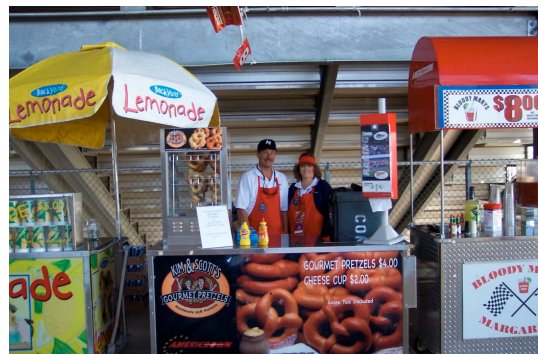
The calm before the noise.



Martha Sheffield and Mark Hill before the mad rush.

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- USAFA President Connie Ingallina



Tammee and Daryl Groth get ready.

Arizona Marches and Sings

The USAFA Cadet Chorale consists of about 50 cadets and is led by Dr. Joseph Galema. There are four (4) cadets from Arizona, **C1C Angela Sheffield**, **C3C Douglas Bates**, **C4C Elsa Bolender**, and **C4C Logan Clark**. The group marched in this year's Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving Day, each carrying a state flag.



As president of the Chorale, Angela was interviewed by Air Force Print News.

"It was a great experience to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," Cadet 1st Class Angela Sheffield said. "Although it was cold, wet and a little windy at times, it was a good experience. I think we will all remember it forever."

You can see parade highlights by following the link and clicking on the "Macy's Parade" picture –Video <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123032787>

On December 8th, the Chorale performed Handel's Messiah. C3C Bates and C1C Sheffield were soloists and performed magnificently. What a show!



Bates, Clark, Sheffield, and Bohlander

Goodie/Cookie Packing

Thanks to all of you who participated in Cookie-packing on Saturday December 2nd at the Mesa home of **Mark & Melissa Teague**. Thanks goes to all, those who could not be there but still dropped off their goodies, those who attended and packed the boxes, and those cadets who were “volunteered” to distribute. The goodies arrived safely and quickly. Many of the cadets had received their box before the week was out.

If your cadet has not had the opportunity to be the distributor, do not worry. His or her time will come soon so let them know. The next Goodie Packing will be in February in the Tucson area.

Each family is asked to bring eight dozen packaged treats or cookies. Extras are always appreciated to help fill up the boxes. The Parents Club supplies the boxes, note paper, labels, and the shipping. Parents only need to show up with the goodies, a side dish, and an appetite for lunch after our work is done. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please send your treats ahead of time or with someone who is coming. Monetary gifts are also welcomed to help defray the cost of postage.

AZ Parents Club Website

Please visit our club web site at: <http://www.usafaparents-arizona.org>. It is upgraded and changed regularly by our volunteer webmasters Pete Willan

Email

Keep us updated with changes in names, addresses, email, etc by dropping our secretary a note with your updated info at: AZ-Parents_Club_Sec@cox.net

Some Important Upcoming Dates

December 21	Winter Break begins
January 7, 2007	Cadet wing returns by 7:00 PM
March 15 – 17	Recognition
March 22	Spring Break begins
April 1	Spring break Ends
May 29	Commissioning Ceremonies
May 30	Graduation

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