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I HOPE TO SEE YOU in Colorado at the AAPA annual convention this year. That's less than two weeks away now. To me, our conventions are family reunions, and unlike some family reunions, I am anxious to see *everyone* in attendance. I have had my airline tickets since May – will be flying out of Lexington, Kentucky, to Houston, and from there directly to Montrose. I eagerly particularly look forward to seeing Glenn and Shirley Simpson, our convention hosts. We go back a few years. I met them in 1955 when Glenn and I were in the Navy, serving in VF-22, in Air Group 4, flying McDonnell F2H-2 and F2H-4 Banshee jet fighter planes off the decks of four aircraft carriers, the Saratoga, Forrestal, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lake Champlain. We were roommates, and regular wingmen. Glenn was my closest friend and mentor in the squadron. Our association continued after our military service – we both went to Gainesville, Florida, for graduate work at the University of Florida. He studied economics, and I studied biology and geology. We spent many happy hours together discussing things of the mind, and he accompanied me frequently on fossil hunting field trips. It was a joyous association. We went our separate ways after graduation. We both taught in colleges, and he soon was employed by the Federal Government, as an Economist. We stayed in contact with one another through the years, exchanging Christmas cards, and letters, and after retirement, he moved to Montrose, Colorado. We had a great

reunion a few years ago when they visited us for about a week, and he became quite excited about my cluttered basement print shop. I believe I awoke in him a latent great interest in printing, and he soon assembled a superb print shop of his own – outdoing me in the size of our presses. He has a 17x22 C&P new style, in mint condition. I have an 8x12 1889 C&P old style, a very comfortable chunk of cast iron. He and Shirley attended the Grafton, Illinois, and Tampa conventions, and I much enjoyed seeing them again. When we meet, it seems that we have never been separated from one another, and our discussions pick right up again on a host of interesting topics.

So my interest in attending the Montrose convention is of a dual nature. I am arriving a couple of days early and hope that I can be of some use in helping him get set for the meeting. After all, I have hosted two Lexington, Kentucky, conventions on my own. But knowing Glenn and Shirley, they already have everything well in hand – planned and organized. And I know we will spend much time sharing glasses of vino, and discussing high-colonic topics. I hope to see you there.



A SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION to Bill Venrick, our faithful, hard-working Alert Manager. His frequent alerts have contributed immensely to communication and news in the AAPA. His Alerts are, of course, E-Journals, and they are immediate and most informative. He is doing a superb job of helping hold the organization together, and I for one, want to thank him.

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