

Streets of Los Angeles 2009 BRAT REUNION

Julia Simms - 2009 Reunion Chairperson

The city that brought you Paris Hilton, Hollywood and those famous tar pits is now preparing for an invasion of Brats. Memorial Day weekend in 2009 will be the next Aramco Brat Reunion and the site of our shindig will be the Los Angeles Airport Marriott.

This is a beautiful, recently renovated hotel with a huge luxurious pool area that feels more like a resort when you are on the inside and not like your typical airport hotel. In addition, it offers three on-site restaurants, a Starbucks in the lobby, and free shuttle service to and from the airport. They also offer free shuttles to Manhattan Beach!

This Marriott is large enough to fit our entire group and so secondary hotels will not be necessary. We will not fill this facility but the Marriott is reserving the lower four floors that

surround the pool area for our group exclusively. Room rates will be \$109 a night, which is the best rate you will ever find at a luxury-class hotel in all of Southern California.

Reservations for the reunion can be made shortly after June 1, 2008. Check the ABI Website for details.

The 2009 Los Angeles Reunion looks to be one of the greatest and best attended ABI Reunions. So, start making your plans, and we'll see you in Los Angeles!



2009 ABI Reunion Scout Team inspects the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel. More hotel pictures inside.

BRAT REUNIONS

Reunion Memories

Gary Barnes, Tina Lorentzen Winters, Doug Webb,

Reunion memories. Snapshots of moments, burned indelibly into my treasured memories. With each reunion there is so much to remember. The anticipation driving in from the airport. The first familiar face standing at the check-in counter. Raffle tickets and another (as yet unsuccessful) effort to win the backgammon board. Hugs, followed by more hugs and then more. Precious memories saved forever.

Each reunion is different, each with its own unique experiences. So it is interesting that, for me, the best memory is nearly the same for all reunions. There is a moment that comes without planning, without effort. It comes when the night has grown long, and we are closer to sunrise than sunset. It is the all night party, and I am sitting in a room, surrounded by Brats who are talking, dancing, laughing and, like me, remembering. It comes as a flash, a sudden realization that,

for a moment, I am home. I am back in my element, completely free from the subtle feeling of being "different" that I carry with me in my normal life. I can close my eyes and be transported to my best friend's house in Dhahran, or to an after-party following a Ras Tanura Tri-D. An amazing feeling, like time is standing still. It is a deeply spiritual experience that (Continued on page 8)

transcends tranquility and defines peace.

Those Brats who have been to a reunion will, I believe, relate to what I speak of.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

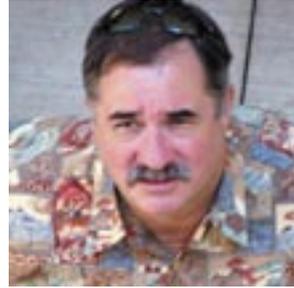
MIKE SIMMS AB'78—ABI President

Brats,

Well, it's finally here. We're a bit behind with this newsletter, but now that it's in your hands, I'm sure you will be thrilled with the great information it contains. Just a few quick notes from the desk of the president.

It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since we all gathered in North Carolina. I once again want to thank everyone who volunteered their time, energy and in some cases, their families to make the Asheville reunion such a success. Reunions simply cannot happen without dedicated folks volunteering and we all truly appreciate their efforts. When there are Brats around, these folks should never have to pick up their own dinner tab or pay for their own double mint, extra whip, quad pump mocha Frappuccino again.

I also need to thank Deya Elyas and all the great folks at Aramco Services who not only once again graced us with their generosity in paying for the banquet and reception, but



who went the next step and joined us in person throughout the weekend. The presence of representatives from ASC made a huge impact on us and many Brats were thrilled at the company's enthusiastic participation.

But now, we focus on another place and another time, far away from Asheville. The attention of the new ABI board (see Gary Barnes article for the rundown on that), of a new reunion committee (see Reunion Committee article) and of all Brats everywhere (that's you all) is turning to the City of Angels and the party to be had there Memorial Day weekend of 2009.

The hotel is perfect for our group, the travel couldn't be easier by air, and this party is going to be the absolute best ever. DO NOT MISS IT!

Best, Mike

ABI Board Election Results

Gary Barnes DH'70 — Director at Large, Nominations

The 2007 reunion in Asheville was a time for memories, finding old friends, remembering your Arabic, and renewing the ABI board. Although the board positions were not contested, the biennial elections re-affirmed the role that all of us have in determining board leadership and direction. The newly elected board has now taken office, and it is time to give thanks to those who are leaving the board, welcome new board members and recognize those who will continue to dedicate their time and energy to the ABI mission.

Two of our long-standing members decided that it was time to make a change. Diane Knipfel-Adams (AB'75) chose not to seek re-election as Vice-President, but will be staying on as our Reunion Oversight Director. Glad you are still with us Diane! Pat Meadors-Desormeau (RT'60) stepped down as Secretary after many wonderful years. We can not thank Pat enough for her enthusiasm and her outstanding performance while helping us stay organized. Pat, we will miss you.

Fortunately, two very skilled Brats stepped forward to fill their shoes. Kim Zinszer (DH'67) has been elected our new Secretary. Kim is president of his own company and is experienced both with board work and keeping people organized. I'm sure Pat agrees that she couldn't have better hands to pass the baton to. Marie Littlejohn-Dunn (DH'77) was elected our new Vice President. Marie had many years with the ABI as

the Houston Reunion Chairperson, 2006-7 Reunion Oversight Director and as a volunteer on the Bylaws Committee, and we were looking forward to her guidance and leadership. Unfortunately, after serving for just three months, Marie submitted her resignation from the board for personal reasons. Please join me in thanking Marie for her many years of support for the ABI. With Marie's departure, a search was launched to find a new vice President. Several Brats had previously told us that they might be interested in joining the ABI, one of these being Doug Romine (AB'64). Doug recently sold his company and has completed relocation to Atlanta, so this was a good time for him to consider joining us. After several discussions and a group interview, Doug was appointed by the ABI Board to become the new Vice President of the ABI. Welcome Doug, and Skukaran.

Two current board members were re-elected in Asheville. Mike Simms (AB'79) and Doug Webb (DH'72) return as President and Treasurer respectively, bringing with them their invaluable experience and enthusiasm. Few of us can appreciate how much time and effort the ABI Board asks of Mike and Doug, and we are truly grateful that they have chosen to stay for two more years.

In addition to our elected officials, the ABI Board consists of several appointed board members. Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes (RT'62) joins me as a Director at Large, while Dean

Barnes (DH'67) returns as our Publications Director and Dawn Kolb (DH'92) will continue to be our Website Director. And finally, Penny Dougharty-Maher (DH'72) is our Database Director. A nice round of applause to each of you!

This leaves our vacancies. Change is opportunity, and we still have a vacancy for a very important Board position. As you know, one goal of the ABI is to have a class representative for each graduating class (year) from the Aramco Schools. The Class Representative Director is responsible for finding and coordinating these class representatives. If you currently are a class representative, or if you love the idea of helping find and organize the Brat family, then this could be the perfect opportunity for you to join the ABI.

The ABI also has opportunities for Brats who want to help the board but may not have much board experience or the time to be a full participant. Are you good with computers, experienced with databases or website development? Perhaps you could help Penny or Dawn with the ABI database or website. If you know something about writing newsletters, Dean could use your help. Did you



pay attention in math class and understand business finance? How about lending a hand to Doug? The ABI can always use the help. If you are interested, or even mildly curious, please contact me or any of the board members. We are more than glad to tell you how it all works. You can also check out the board description in the ABI Bylaws at www.aramco-brats.com. It won't be long before we are all making reservations for the Los Angeles reunion in 2009. This means that we will be holding new elections for our President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please do not assume that the current holders of these positions will be running or automatically be re-elected. If you have the time, experience and interest in taking a leadership role with the ABI, please consider becoming a candidate. If you know a Brat who fits the bill, please contact them and encourage them to become a candidate. Remember, the future of this organization is in the hands of each of us.

The Making of "The Aramco Brats Journey HOME"

Todd Albert Nims DH'95

[Editor's Note - Todd's story has been condensed to save space. For the full story, log onto the ABI website and click on the link.]

The idea for the film started with Matthew Miller who sent out an email that he intended to produce a documentary that would seek to "uncover and describe the "world view" possessed by those Americans lucky enough to have lived in the Middle East."

In early May, Matt met me for our first face-to-face meeting. Shortly thereafter, I invited my brother, Zachery Nims, to join us and we began preproduction in earnest. My brother and I made up a list of topics related to growing up in Arabia. To keep it relevant, I put together surveys to see what brats would want in the documentary. We agreed all interviewees should get into the film. Meanwhile Matt assembled a crew of two camera men, an audio engineer, make up and Production Assistants.

We all met up on the first day of the reunion and set up shop on a second floor conference room of the Reunion Hotel.

After a couple hours of set up we were ready to roll. We began handing my surveys out to the bewildered brats wondering by us and invited them in. That night, the fellas and I went on a story hunt to the Owen's party room and I began asking brats twice my senior for stories of Arabia. This turned out to be great fun and an excellent way to meet some of the classic characters that make up Aramco Brat legend. It had been a good first day.

The next two days of interviewing were a whirlwind. We had brats coming in and out of that room, all smiles, some tears (the good kind) but the brats were enjoying themselves. It was a blast. After, it was over, we had interviewed a total of 97 people on over 14 hours of tape in two and one half days.

Matt produced the trailer in September, 2007 and we posted it on our website to help fuel presales and provide us with funds to be able to complete the documentary. Zach did a full edit including all the choice scenes from our footage of about 3 hours. Matt cut this down to two hours and then I arranged these somewhat chaotic two hours into organized sections by chapter headings.

By this time, we had amassed quite a collection of tapes sent in by brats and other Aramcons, the largest amount coming from Mike Crocker. Between our own resources and the contributions we ended up having some 30-40 hours of archival tapes.

The trailer was such a hit that we eventually got a call from the Executive Director of Friends of Saudi Arabia and were invited to preview the film in Orlando. Matt ended up doing a fabulous job and showing the first four chapters in Florida was very successful! Matt and I worked several weeks of 14 hour days putting pictures, video, fading and other editing. A week into May, my brother also came down to participate in this editing and we continued to work on it until the Asheville reunion

Our film was a success in Asheville. Everyone loved it, they cheered and gave a standing ovation. Matt added logos and we ended up getting professional audio done in Hollywood by one of the same guys who worked on audio for *The Kingdom*.

The Houston Premier was next, then, we headed to Arabia to show our film.

To all brats everywhere, thank you for joining us on our journey and if you haven't joined yet, hop on at www.AramcoBratMedia.com or visit the documentary at www.BratStory.com.

Las Vegas Mini-Reunion Huge Success!



Photo by Scott Branch DH'84

Cheryl Congleton-Green DH'65

My dream of bringing brats to Las Vegas for an informal gathering of sorts has been fulfilled in more ways than I could have imagined. Preparation for our mini-reunion at the Orleans Hotel and Casino began in earnest in January of 2008. Tee-shirts, name badges and a banner were designed as we launched the bratgetaway.com web site. Before long I was checking into the hotel on the morning of April 23 and the party was ready to begin. What started out as a small group on Wednesday evening gained momentum with more arrivals the following two days and nights. Over 80 brats and

guests enjoyed the excitement and entertainment of Las Vegas while also socializing in our hospitality room, Suite 2020. The glowing red light of the disco ball became a symbol of our dancing nights in the Suite as brats rocked out to music blaring from the pink Ipod speakers. From early morning until late at night, the spontaneous brat bonding that happens at a reunion was more than evident as new friendships were forged and old ones revisited.

My vision for the brat getaway had come true and I thank all those who pitched in to make this a wonderful experience.

Editor's Note

Dean L. Barnes DH'67—Publications Director

If you review the balance sheet on page 5, you will notice that the publications expense is the ABI's second largest expense, following the expense of the reunion. To try to cut this expense, we are considering putting out at least one electronic version of the BratNews each year, along with the regular print version. Before we do this, we need to know how many of you are still beyond the reach of email. If that describes you,

please send a card to Penny Dougharty-Maher, ABI Database Director at 4024 Ruskin St., Houston, TX 77005. If you have an email address we don't have, please send it to us so we can update our files. With more space to run stories, we will be looking for stories and ideas from the Brat community. If you don't have email, we encourage you to get connected so you won't miss out,

FIND YOUR CAMEL and CHECK YOUR LOAD

Our next Reunion is only a little over a year away, and two of the most exciting parts of a Brat Reunion are the Raffle and Auction. They offer a wonderful opportunity to pick up some great Middle Eastern and Aramco memorabilia.

We depend entirely on generous donations from brats, parents, teachers, and other friends of AramcoBrats. As you are doing your spring cleaning, a summer move, or any type of closet/garage/storage clean-up, if you run across any boxes of items from your time in the Kingdom, please keep us in mind. If you have anything that you would like to consider donating to us, please email



TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug Webb DH'72—Treasurer

Ahlan wa Sahlan from the relatively quiet offices of the ABI Treasurer. Not many Riyals coming in...and very little going out; which is usually the case at the beginning of a new term, and with the rush of the next reunion off in the distance. That's not to say that other members of the ABI haven't been working their tails off. Namely, the Board members responsible for selecting and negotiating with the hotel selected to be the site of what we all anticipate will be a hugely successful 2009 Reunion in Los Angeles. If you don't already have some concept of what goes into the process, let me tell you that it was exhausting just trying to keep up on the email correspondence going back and forth!

For those of you that pay attention to the financial accounts (tell me that some of you do!), there are a few items that require review.

First, and certainly most important to everyone: In order to compensate for a glaring shortfall in income, the ABI Board voted to increase the Administrative Baksheesh (AdBak) payment that is now in effect for the 2008-2009 term. Keep in mind that the primary goal of the ABI is to maintain and facilitate the connection we all have as Brats. To that end, we continue to publish and mail newsletters to our over 5000 member fraternity, although the cost of this activity is supported by less than a third.

In an ongoing effort to reduce these costs, the Board is looking at the potential of digitally transmitting our newsletters via email. This format would also allow us to expand the newsletter content with more news, stories and color photos which, if you can't handle reading from your computer, you could always print. In order to make this possible, it would be extremely beneficial if those with email addresses (and we know there are so many more of you!) provide them to the ABI.

The ABI has a significant cash balance. When I joined the ABI, I often

questioned the need for such a large reserve. Since that time, I have come to accept the fact that it would be virtually impossible for the ABI to get a suitable hotel to even "entertain" the possibility of blocking off a significant portion of their rooms for an event two years forward if we were unable to demonstrate a certain degree of solvency. Believe it or not, there is a substantial liability for the ABI if, for some unforeseen circumstance, a reunion is poorly attended. Money in the bank gives us the financial credibility required to establish a relationship with the host property.

Related to the subject of the cash balance, some Brats have noticed the rather skimpy returns received on our accounts. I am not an expert, but there are tax considerations for a non-profit organization.. a 501(c)(7).. such as ourselves, regarding investment income. I plan on revisiting this issue again with a CPA, in conjunction with the audit of our 2006-07 financial records.

The acceptance of credit card payments was activated just in time for the Asheville Reunion, and we're hoping that it gains in popularity with the Brat community when paying for 2008-09 AdBaks and the upcoming 2009 Los Angeles Reunion. When you use the online payment option and enter the requested information (maiden name, district, 9th Grade year, email, phone, etc.) you make the job of capturing Brat data so much easier for the ABI. The only downside is an increase in banking expenses due to credit card processing fees. However, the added convenience, on both ends of the transaction, makes it a worthwhile expense.

As always, I welcome any questions and suggestions regarding these and any other issues about our finances! Don't hesitate to contact me at: doug@aramco-brats.com



HONORED DONOR LIST We would like to thank the following Brats for donating beyond the suggested AdBak amount since the last newsletter was published. Your generosity helps keep the ABI going! Donations are THRU MAY 2008

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Asheville Memories (continued from Page 1)

If you haven't yet been to a reunion, think of what is waiting for you. You may not go home with the backgammon board, but you will probably take home something more precious. *Gary Barnes, DH'70*

Remember when I entered the elevator at the reunion hotel, dressed in little black dress, heading to the evening's final banquet; my two handsome elevator riders, dressed in suits and looking good! The ABI representative commented on the lapel pin worn by Deya Elyas, a Saudi Aramco representative, admiring it and inquiring if any were available for purchase. The Saudi Aramco representa-

tive said 'no', he did not think the pin was commercially available...but offered, at the end of the evening, to give his lapel pin to our ABI representative. A perfect reminder of Arab hospitality! A perfect culmination of another Brat reunion! *Tina Lorentzen Winters RT/AB'59*

I was trying to check out of the Crowne Plaza early on Tuesday morning. It was 4:30am, and after I get out of the shower I'm horrified to find out that I'm out of coffee bags (except for decaf - but what's the point?) for the in-room coffee maker. I called the front desk to order a pot, who

told me that room service wouldn't open until 6:00! The best they could do would be to send up some more bags for the machine.

About 9 minutes later, there's a knock on the door. It's the head of hotel security, in his black "SWAT" outfit, and he has a carafe of freshly distilled "real" coffee. The first thing he said, in his Carolina drawl, was, "Man, we're gonna miss you guys. You're the greatest group of people we've ever had at this hotel. You've got to promise us you'll all come back!" I could sense the emotion in his voice and on his face. *Doug Webb, DH'72*

ABI Balance Sheet and Budgets

(logon to www.aramco-brats.com for this and prior quarterly information.)

	BUDGET FOR PRIOR ABI TERM (2006 -2007)	TERM TOTAL (2006 - 2007 to date)	Q1 1/1/2007 - 3/31/2007	Q2 4/1/2007 - 6/30/2007	Q3 7/1/2007 - 9/30/2007	Q4 10/1/2007 - 12/31/2007	BUDGET FOR CIRREMT ABI TERM (2008 -2009)
INCOME							
4100 Contributions	15,600.00	12,581.00	3,856.00	5,547.00	93.00	97.00	19,500.00
4200 Special Events Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4300 Website Revenue	100.00	120.50	-	20.00	10.00	-	10.00
4400 Donated Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500 Corporate Grants	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
4600 Directory Revenue	12,500.00	6,202.00	1,660.00	3,015.00	30.00	50.00	8,050.00
4700 ABI Sales Revenue	7,300.00	10,194.00	56.50	6,910.50	2,894.00	223.75	8,000.00
4800 Investment Income	850.00	1,661.03	244.80	266.28	243.47	229.00	1,400.00
4900 Reunion Revenues	43,600.00	37,596.00	9,831.00	27,355.00	410.00	-	83,375.00
TOTAL INCOME	79,950.00	98,355.28	45,808.30	43,113.78	3,680.47	599.75	120,335.00
EXPENSES							
5100 Banking & Audit Fees	1,100.00	1,477.37	229.88	1,115.85	40.00	7.66	3,100.00
5200 Office Expense	1,700.00	252.75	-	-	56.00	6.29	1,660.00
5300 Publications Expense	26,260.00	24,112.45	2,177.09	14,975.49	749.51	50.56	28,400.00
5400 Website Expense	800.00	135.93	-	135.93	-	-	700.00
5500 Travel & Entertainment Expense	5,400.00	2,418.33	-	-	178.89	-	4,100.00
5600 Insurance Expense	2,400.00	-	-	-	-	-	2,400.00
5700 Professional Services Expense	300.00	350.00	-	-	-	-	660.00
5800 ABI Sales Expense	600.00	382.34	-	204.56	107.56	62.09	300.00
5900 Reunion Site Search Expense	1,200.00	429.65	-	-	354.30	75.35	1,500.00
6100 Special Expense	1,550.00	2,245.46	-	1,639.31	50.70	97.90	2,550.00
7100 Reunion Expense	44,925.00	50,309.59	696.00	23,021.40	24,395.58	43.26	83,375.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	86,235.00	82,113.87	3,102.97	41,092.51	25,932.94	343.11	128,745.00
PROFIT / (LOSS)	(6,285.00)	16,241.41	42,705.33	2,021.24	(22,252.47)	256.64	8,410.00
BALANCE SHEET							
Cash Balance from Previous Term	68,056.64	-	-	-	-	-	68,056.64
Cash Balance			104,272.86	106,294.10	84,041.63	84,298.05	
Anticipated Cash Balance - End of Term	61,771.64						61,771.64
Actual Cash Balance - End of Term	84,298.05		Anticipated Cash Balance - End of 2009			75,888.05	84,298.05

2009 AramcoBrat Reunion Committee



Julia Frampton Simms — 2009 ABI Reunion Chair

Julia Frampton Simms grew up in Southern California and married Mike Simms in 1988. They have three kids, daughters in high school and middle school and a son in the first grade. They own an advertising and public relations business in San Diego. Read all about their accomplishments at www.jsimmsagency.com.

Andra (Szentivanyi) St. Ivanyi DH'81

Written Communications

Andra is married with three kids and lives in the Los Angeles area. After leaving Dhahran, she went to college in Houston and then married a classical musician. They lived in New York City and around the U.S. on tour for several years before settling in Southern California. Andra is a writer in the film sales industry and for the 2009 reunion will be in charge of all written communications.



Liz Wood DH'68

Registration Coordinator

Liz has enjoyed a 22-year career in sales in the telecommunications industry and currently works for AT&T. Tennis continues to be her lifelong sport (starting with lessons in Dhahran) and she competes in multiple leagues. Travel is still in her blood and she is able to explore a new country each year. Since 1992, she has been on the Board of Directors of Wescom Credit Union. She spends time with extended family in her spare time, which includes six great nieces and nephews, ranging in age from 3 to 12. Liz will be our reunion's registration coordinator.



Costa Yiannakakis RT'70

Sports Tournaments

Costa did a long stint for Aramco (as an employee), after graduating from Thessalonica International High School and the University of Arizona, and then ended up in California working for the Southern California Electric utility. He is married to a wonderful Greek pistol, Katerini, and says he enjoys everything life has to offer. Costa is in charge of the sports tournaments at the Los Angeles reunion.



Marsha Gallegos-Sullivan RT'62

Finances

Marsha says that one of the highlights of the 45 years since leaving Ras Tanura was returning to Saudi Arabia in 2000 as part of an expatriate reunion. "What a wonderful opportunity to step back in time and see what a few billion dollars can do to a country!" She has attended most of the Brat reunions... missing only the first one and the one in 2005. She has volunteered to oversee the finances for the upcoming reunion.



June Christman RT'72

Teen Canteen

June graduated high school from the American School in Switzerland and received her B.S. in Chemical Engineering from University of Colorado at Boulder. She went to work for Chevron in the San Francisco area right after college and has worked in engineering and environmental positions in the petroleum-refining industry ever since. She currently is the Managing Director of Environmental Affairs for Paramount Petroleum Corp. in the Los Angeles area. She lives in Orange County with her significant other and loves to travel, swim and read in her spare time. June is in charge of the Teen Canteen at the 2009 reunion.



Mimi Howard-Silver DH'74

Banquet and Dance

After returning from Saudi Arabia, Mimi moved to Beaverton, Ore. She graduated from Oregon State in 1982 and subsequently moved to California. She has three children, Gino, 22, Elliot, 20, and Shayna, 17, and currently lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif. With a background in marketing events and promotions, she has had the opportunity to travel and live abroad since Saudi, including Sydney, London and Oslo. Mimi is in charge of the banquet and dance, held Sunday night of the reunion.



Keith Nietupski DH'95

Graphic Design

Keith went to boarding school at Robert Louis Stevenson in Pebble Beach, Calif., and attended the University of Arizona. He's been living in Los Angeles for the last four years, pursuing a career in the film/television industry. He will oversee all graphic design for the reunion including printing, T-shirts and goody bags..



Neomi Tio DH'00

Younger Brat Outreach

Neomi recently graduated from Southern Methodist University with a political science degree. She works as an IT business analyst with Perot Systems and spends a lot of time on the job traveling between Dallas and Los Angeles. As the youngest member of the committee, Neomi will plan outreach strategies to attract Brats from the 1990s to our reunions.



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Hi, my dad's asleep so I thought that I'd write the column and save him some stress. You have to forgive my dad, he was up all night worrying about next year's reunion: "How is he going to be ready in time? How will he contact his friends? How are we going to get to California?" Worry, worry worry."

Well, dad can relax. He hasn't asked me, but I have all the answers. We'll be ready because, unlike the last reunion, we won't wait until the LAST MOMENT to get ready. And I'm already texting all the Brat peeps I know. And despite what my dad says, we won't be traveling by camel, that's for sure. I mean, have you ever smelled



a camel? Think of how you would smell if you traveled across a dozen states by camel...P U. So camel is out. Yep, you guessed it, we're going to fly in comfort, and arrive refreshed and ready to party with our buds. Zain?

As for the rest of you. Well, you must have learned something growing up in Saudi and traveling half-way around the world just to get to school. I'll bet you are ready for



some R & R, and in my book the "R" stands for Reunion, so get out your Brat Directory and IM, text, email, phone, or even use snail mail and get in touch with your old posse so you can start making plans for the best party coming your way. Peace out!

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