

My first TWA Reunion on 24th June 1995 at Newbury Racecourse - Joe Kinson

Having joined TWA in July 1994, I offered to help Liz Bird by trying to locate people from the Services, which gave me a great interest, and I was pleased to have some success and I located quite a few ex-service personnel from each Branch of the Services, plus others that I had some information on. The highlight of 1995, was attending that first big reunion, and meeting some friends for the first time in some cases of over 45 to 47 years, some still recognisable even after all those years. With around 750 in attendance, it was inevitable that some friends present, I just did not meet up with, but certainly have done so since then.

What more can one say, the organization was a masterpiece of organisation and planning, and we all owe Liz a great debt of thanks for such a great function, and also for founding our wonderful Association. Needless to say I have attended every TWA reunion, and will continue to do so while health permits. I look forward to our next TWA Reunion in May next year in Blackpool to celebrate the 10 years of the existence of TWA. I doubt that Liz realised what a task she was undertaking in 1993, when she founded TWA, let alone think it might still be functioning so strongly some 10 years later.

I left that first TWA reunion determined that never would I let friendships lapse for so long again, and I like to think that I regularly keep in touch with probably more people than anyone else in TWA, as I act as the focal point for all who were at PRS from 1947-1949, with a few from later years, and am in touch with people all around the globe.

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