



# Billy Bass Bulletin

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## *The Adventures of Airmen Billy Bass and John Pangelinan*

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FAQ: Okay, okay; as more and more people are joining my distribution list, they are requesting an explanation - my name is Airman Billy Bass and I have been activated to serve my country. My GL friends at Intel Corporation introduced me to John and we are deployed together to Al Jaber. I have started this bulletin to keep my friends and family informed as to our well-being and also to share our adventures. Hope you enjoy the trip.

## *The Adventure Continues...*

### **DINING OUT ON THE TOWN:**

This edition will be focused on the local cuisine per reader's request. As most of you know, John and I are quite adventurous when it comes to food – willing to try



anything at least once. In the pictures below, John and I had the opportunity to try out the local restaurants and food vendors. In this picture, Dan, Teresa, Alana and John enjoy a remarkable dinner in a restaurant that is actually located on a ship (dry docked). The hull of the ship was converted into an exclusive restaurant – with prices to go with it. Nonetheless, the food was plentiful and delicious!



John and I went out a few times with different groups and always took the time to try local foods. In Fahaheel, my group enjoys the Tanareen, an American favorite, which offers outdoor seating and the best kabob we have tasted in Kuwait, not to mention the best mango juice John and I EVER tasted.



Another favorite is to try different food vendors we find in the many shopping areas we visit. Here, our friends Selena and Leslie join us for lunch in downtown Kuwait City.

John catches me off guard as I was using the facility in one of the restaurants. I would



have resented John publishing this shot but I have to admit the facility was unusual enough that it was worth showing. Fortunately for me, I have my own built in prop but as for John, it was a real ache on the thighs in this unusual position...

## THE LOCAL TASTE OF THE TOWN:

In my recent adventures with John and our friends, we had a strict code to avoid the “American” restaurants while stationed in Kuwait. It was our goal to try the local cuisines in order to experience the flavors of Kuwait. Not



surprising, Kuwait being a very diverse country, many of the foods we tried are actually familiar in name but unique in flavor. It will be safe to say that the American favorite when it comes to trying the local food is the universal “shish-kabob” dish, which is offered in almost every local food vender. kabobs is DEFINITELY with the distinct flavor of saffron the photos, a typical dish is cucumber, peppers, radishes and currently debating as to its true we also receive a variety of flat is best eaten when dipped in a

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The flavor of the beef, chicken, or lamb Kuwaiti. It is a blend of herbs and spices or curry. Extremely tasty! As you see in always accompanied with pickled olives, some other vegetables that we are still name. Along with the pickled appetizers, breads made of wheat and/or flour which dished called Hummus.



Another favorite are the many “wraps” that can be found in the small venders everywhere. The ingredients of these wraps are only limited to its capacity to hold items. At a corner fast food, my new friends Romer and Tom sit down for a quick lunch. Romer attacks a wrap he had the vender create while out on one of our trips. Believe it or not, Romer had actually tried to get a side of potato fries with his wrap but being unable to speak English, the vender thought Romer wanted fries with his wrap; so the vendor added fries into the wrap. Romer being the adventurer that he is ate it anyway and admitted to it being quite okay!

However, leave it to John to find a dish not commonly found back home – if at all – for him to try for the bragging rights. Indisputably our favorite outdoor / indoor restaurant, the Tanereen in Fahaheel, Kuwait serves a unique salad dish. It is a salad of tomatoes, celery, carrots and other greens soaked in vinegar and topped with slices of brain. I believe it is lamb or goat. Too small to be camel brain I’m sure. The whole dish is then sprinkled with lemon juice. The texture of the brain is quite soft; not unlike TOFU for those of you who have tasted the Japanese dish. The brain is firm and holds well with a fork yet it tends to melt in your mouth. I did find it too lemony but otherwise, a tasty experience. I did find it far more appealing then the tongue dish being offered. For some reason, staring at a whole uncut tongue with its hair-like surface was actually less appetizing then the brain salad. Go figure...



## THE READER'S CONTRIBUTION:

### WORLD FOOD SHORTAGE

The United Nations tried to do a huge survey into "People's opinion of food shortages in the rest of the world".  
It was a disaster.  
The Eastern block countries didn't understand "opinion". African countries didn't understand "food". European countries didn't understand "shortage". And Americans had no idea where the "rest of the world" was.

### 50 STATE MOTTOS (10 per edition)...

(Contributed by my daughter "AngleMoon")

Note: Strictly for laughs. If this insults anyone, just remember, I'm stuck in KUWAIT and I need the laughs!

New Mexico: Lizards Make Excellent pets  
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New York: You Have The Right To Remain Silent. You Have The Right To An Attorney...  
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North Carolina: Tobacco Is A Vegetable  
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North Dakota: We Really Are One Of The 50 States!  
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Ohio: At Least We're Not Michigan  
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Oklahoma: Like The Play, Only No Singing  
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Oregon: Spotted Owl... It's What's For Dinner  
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Pennsylvania: Cook With Coal  
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Rhode Island: We're Not REALLY An Island  
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South Carolina: Remember The Civil War? We Didn't Actually Surrender  
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### IDIOT SIGHTINGS...

(Various Contributors)

#### IDIOT SIGHTING #1:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

#### IDIOT SIGHTING #2:

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing

driving?"

#### IDIOT SIGHTING #3:

At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker who was leaving the company due to "downsizing" our manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often." Not a word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare.

#### IDIOT SIGHTING #4:

I work with an individual who plugged his power strip back into itself and for the life of him couldn't understand why his system would not turn on.

#### IDIOT SIGHTING #5:

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the Technician, "it's open!" To which he replied, "I know, I already got that side."

NOW DON'T YOU FEEL BETTER?

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### WEATHER

17-May-02	OBSERVATION AT: 1055Z
CLEAR SKIES with Blowing Dust during the day WINDS FROM THE NORTHEAST AT 12 GUSTING TO 20 KNOTS HIGH OF 99°F AND LOW OF 75°F	
3 DAY OUTLOOK	
SATURDAY	18 MAY 2002
CLEAR SKIES and a High of 104°F / Low of 77°F WINDS OUT OF THE EAST-NORTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS	
SUNDAY	19 May 2002
CLEAR SKIES and a High of 109°F / Low of 79°F WINDS OUT OF THE EAST-SOUTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS	
MONDAY	20 May 2002
CLEAR SKIES with Blowing Dust and a High of 97°F / Low of 76°F WINDS OUT OF THE NORTHWEST AT 15-20 GUSTING TO 25 KNOTS	

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#### UPCOMING EDITION.

- New Friends I have made.