**Some of our pilots did these types of training exercises!**

Pete once flew an A-4 at night, gear down, and landing light on toward an oncoming train near the Chocolate Mountains. (The Chocolate Mountains of California are located in Imperial and Riverside counties in the Colorado Desert of Southern California.) Pete was only 20' feet or so above the tracks.  The train engineer thought that another train was coming toward him and he stopped the train.  It doesn't take much to entertain your average Marine.  Received from Dave.

Flying the F-8, F-4 and of course the venerable Skyhawk have chased the trains in the desert from front and from the back. Always felt the rush but then again always felt a little stupid for picking on a poor unarmed train. However, it was good training in the event we had to bag some trains. Received from Robert.

Editor’s note: Our squadron pilots are Marines who happen to be Navy Aviators.