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Please Renew Your Membership

This is a reminder that your membership will expire this year unless you have already sent in your renewal.

Due to the newsletter production lead time, for the January newsletter, we pull the mailing list from the membership database the last week of December. If you have already sent in your renewal, thank you and don't worry. We will get your membership information updated in time for the next newsletter.

TRA membership is a real bargain at just \$10.00 per year. The No Name Gazette newsletter provides you with happenings at Northrop Grumman, the Mail Pouch, special articles with information about our members, and sign-ups for and articles on special events for our members. Your dues also support the operation of our web site with its articles, news, and member forums.

For 2022 we plan to start having in-person gatherings again. Your membership will be a way to reconnect with your former co-workers.

You have two choices on how to renew: online or by mail. To renew online, go to our web site, www.tra-spacepark.org, and follow the prompts. We process your renewal dues securely through Paypal. You do not need a Paypal account - you can pay your dues online with a credit card.

To renew by mail, please cut out or copy the form below, fill out the requested information, and mail to TRA with your check.

Finally, renewals for more than one year are welcome because they reduce our in-house paper shuffle. So, consider renewing for four years to save time and stamps.

Please include a note for the Mail Pouch about what you are doing. And don't forget to spread the word about TRA to new retirees and encourage them to join. Thank you for your support!

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New TRA Members

Chris Hanson	Torrance, CA
Karen Hunter	Harbor City, CA
Bill Maltarich	Lexington, SC
Deborah Plante	Torrance, CA
Dean Richards	Huntington Beach, CA

We hope these new members will send a note to us at mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org telling us a little about themselves and where they worked at Northrop Grumman/TRW.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Member Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Check if new address

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership No. (from mailing label): _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Check if new address

Annual dues are \$10 per year. I would like to renew for:

\$10 for one year \$20 for two years \$30 for three years \$40 for four years

Mail with a check payable to "TRA" to the following address: TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

And, please, include a note for the Mail Pouch about yourself, your family, and your doings!

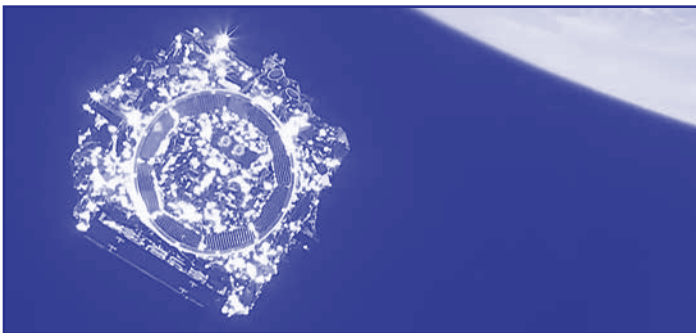
JWST Successfully Launched

After a launch on Christmas Day, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has begun its mission to image the birth of the universe. JWST blasted off from French Guiana at 12:20 GMT on 25 December on top of an Ariane 5 rocket. Around 27 minutes later, it separated from the rocket and deployed its solar array, which powers its propulsion and communication systems, as well as scientific instruments.

"I don't expect any drama," said JWST project manager Bill Ochs during a press conference on 3 January. "The best thing for operations is 'boring'. And that's what we anticipate over the next three days – to be boring."

As of press date, JWST has successfully performed two maneuvering burns and deployed the sunshield and secondary mirror. First images are expected in several months after final deployments and alignment and calibration of the instruments.

NASA has been routinely posting JWST status on the web site webb.nasa.gov. Congratulations to the JWST team!



A last view of JWST as it heads towards L2

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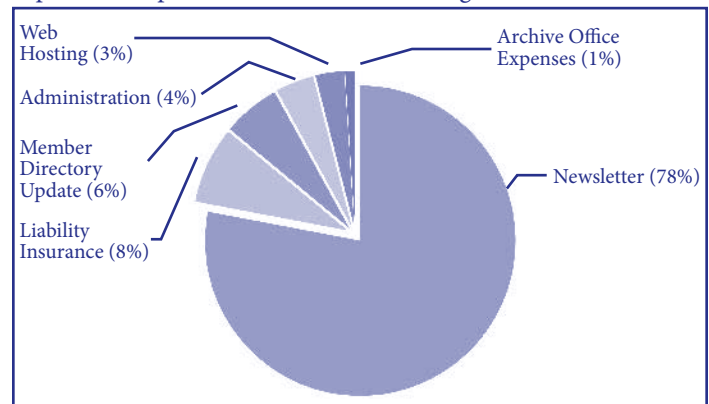
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2021 TRA Expenses

Here is how your dues were spent in 2021. About three fourths of TRA funds were used for printing and mailing the newsletter. Printing and mailing member directory updates and renewal postcards accounted for an additional several percent. Because of COVID-19, we did not host any in-person events in 2021.

Otherwise, the balance of your dues goes toward running the organization, with insurance, office expenses, and administrative expenses like post office boxes and banking fees.



Election Results for 2022 Officers

Thanks to all of our members who took the time to vote. The 2022 Officers are Dena Bouskos, President; Mary Ann Chory, Vice President; Pam Overton, Secretary; and Joyce Komatsu, Treasurer.

Newly elected Directors are Charles Clendening, Bob Doll, Marcy Morrison, Michael Narigon, and Steve Smith. Carry-over Directors from 2021 are Jim Nelson, Carol Schamp, Stephanie Sundius, and Jack Trost.

Ballots were received from 19% of our members; 58% by mail and the remainder from online voting. We are always looking for volunteers to help run the organization. If interested, contact TRA using the information on Page 2.

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TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

The Retirees Association (TRA) welcomes the retirees and the spouses of retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW.

2022 Officers

Dena Bouskos	President
Mary Ann Chory	Vice President
Pam Overton	Secretary
Joyce Komatsu	Treasurer

2022 Directors-at-Large

Charles Clendening, Bob Doll, Marcy Morrison,
Michael Narigon, Jim Nelson, Carol Schamp,
Steve Smith, Stephanie Sundius, Jack Trost

Archives Coordinator: Robert Doll

Facebook Coordinator: Stephanie Sundius

Membership Coordinator: Stephanie Sundius

Website Coordinator: Steve Smith

The No Name Gazette is the official publication of TRA. It is published six times a year.

Publication Staff

Editor: Michael Narigon

Contributor: Pam Overton

Copy Editors: Kim Lewis, Carol Schamp

Contacting TRA

By Email:

TRA@tra-spacepark.org - Your email questions will be routed to the appropriate source. Also, if we have your e-mail address, we can notify you of information of interest to our TRA members. Send us an email to get added to the TRA email list.

By Web:

Our website is at www.tra-spacepark.org. It is an excellent source for the latest news, lists of the new retirees, travel details, party photos (more than get into the NNG), forms of all sorts, personal photographs, and much more.

By Mail:

TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

By Phone:

The pandemic has limited our office hours and email is the best way to reach us. If you need to phone, call 310-813-7745 to reach our voice mail.

For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. The application is available on the website.

TRW/NG Retirees Meetings Around the U.S.

As everyone knows by now, Covid-19 protection protocols have affected in-person meetings. E-mail or call the contact to make sure the event is occurring before you go. Changes from last issue are marked in **bold**.

If you have a group that you would like to have listed here, please contact us by email at tra@tra-spacepark.org.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	DATE & TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA Board Meeting	Zoom	3rd Wednesday, 9:30 AM, Monthly except December	Decisions, planning and actions on archives, events, NNG, coordination with NG	All members welcome. Contact TRA to receive meeting link
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Send ideas for meeting location	1 November 2022, 11:00 AM	Social, Nostalgia, Lunch	Jack Trost, Dena Bouskos, Cindy McCully 310-377-2194 cschamp@aol.com
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant, 1501 N Sepulveda Blvd, MB, CA	Last Monday, Even months, 11 AM to 2 PM	Social	Allen Parker 310-780-0712 777allendsp@gmail.com
Brevard Retirees	On hold due to Covid-19		Social	Tom and Vicki Moore 828-808-0457 seneca75@verizon.net, thistle33@verizon.net
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	Various days: contact Zaiser for details	Social	George Zaiser 805-473-2105 gzais34@icloud.com
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy, Friendswood, TX	3rd Tuesday, 8:30 AM	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Red Lobster	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy28x@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Zoom	3rd Friday, 11:30 AM	Social	Jim Miller 703-483-5448 jmiller158@gmail.com
Utah	Layton Cracker Barrel	1st Thursday, 8:30 AM	Breakfast Social	Charles Vono 801-745-5879 charlesvono@comcast.net
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday, Alternate Months	Social or Board Meeting	http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
Temecula Valley	On hold due to Covid-19		Social	Maureen Locken 951-818-6811 Maureen_Locken@yahoo.com
The Mountain Folks	On hold due to Covid-19		"We do have fun!"	Carl Winkelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Zoom	2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM, Optional lunch at 12:30	Investment info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Bob Eshbaugh 310-376-5880 eshonnet@yahoo.com
Ventura Romeos	Mimi's Cafe Thousand Oaks	1st Tuesday, Lunch	Social	Frank Yunger 805-444-1541, Harry Stroud 805-653-5117

IN MEMORIAM

- Charles Anderson**, October 31, 2021.
- Elbert Kent Averett**, December 20, 2021.
- Paal Jonn Bakstad**, 86, November 5, 2021. Paal worked for 25 years at TRW where he supported many programs where his expertise in math was invaluable. After retiring from TRW, Paal returned to school to earn a teaching credential and spent 10 years working in the Palos Verdes Peninsula School District, proudly sharing his love of math with his students.
- Bob Button**, August 10, 2019.
- Richard Davidson**, December 26, 2021.
- George H. Dinsmore**, 88, November 17, 2021. George had a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Princeton and worked in design, development, and systems engineering for 28 years at TRW. Before joining TRW, he had design and development responsibility in the Apollo and Polaris programs.
- Dannie Gardner**, 70, August 31, 2021. Dannie was employed by Northrop Grumman for approximately 30 years. He retired as a data analyst in 2016.
- James E. Grimm**, December 2021.
- Richard Leite**, 2011, was an aeronautical engineer that worked on many satellite programs at TRW.
- Carlos H. Reynales**, 99, August 31, 2021. Carlos worked in the aerospace industry for three decades, retiring from TRW as a systems safety engineer. Born in Bogota, Colombia, he made his home in Long Beach, California for 60 years.
- Axel Frederick "Fred" Zeuthen**, October 30, 2021. Fred worked at TRW in the Ogden, UT office.

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center. If the deceased was a member of TRA, please notify TRA whether you want the NNG continued or you want to be removed from future mailings.

If you know of a person that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column, please inform us by either email or mail to the TRA office. As a minimum, we request the name of the deceased, date of death, and the name of the person submitting the information. If more information is available and desired, include age, position and years at NG/TRW, any notable programs, and special skills.

Looking Back (2021) and Looking Ahead (2022)

Dena Bouskos, Incoming TRA President

It's hard to believe that 2022 has arrived! 2021 was another challenging year for many of us with COVID restrictions on travel, restrictions on in-person gatherings with family and friends, or perhaps the loss of someone close to you. Hopefully, you and your loved ones continue to be happy and healthy.

Thank you to those members who voted in our recent election of TRA officers. I want to thank Mary Ann Chory for her leadership of TRA for the past two years and Charlie Clendening for serving as Treasurer for the last six years. Joyce Komatsu will be succeeding Charlie as Treasurer going forward and we thank her for her work as Membership Chair prior to this new position.

Bob Doll and his archive team have had many challenges in 2021. Per COVID restrictions at Northrop Grumman we have not been able to work in the archives or go into our TRA office. We're looking forward to returning this year.

Although we did not sponsor any in-person events in 2021, TRA began using Zoom for a terrific series of interesting and informative talks. They were: February - Scott Willoughby, VP/program manager on JWST; April - Arnie Strelan on US Space Force & Missile Systems Center; June - Dale Hoffman & Jack Trost on the Western Museum of Flight; and November - Steve Lunny, VP/program manager on the new GBSD program. We received great feedback from members and it was an opportunity for TRA members outside of southern California to participate. We plan to do more talks this year so please send us ideas on whom you would like to hear and on what subjects!

Thanks to Michael Narigon, editor of the NNG newsletter, and Steve Smith, web administrator of TRA's website, we were able to continue to keep members informed. Our Facebook group also grew in membership during 2021. Thanks to Stephanie Sundius for being the administrator.

I still hold out hope that we will be able to gather sometime this year, but until then we are wishing you all of best in 2022!

Affiliate News

Jim Denton - San Diego. We have all been isolating ourselves here in San Diego but have aspirations for a reunion sometime soon. We lost a couple of our members and need to get reacquainted and active together once again. Perhaps at a St. Patrick's Day event or earlier.



The latest annual photo from the monthly Controls breakfast at Mimi's in Torrance, CA. Back row, left to right: Brooks Vogt, Tom Coffey, Dale Hoffman, Mary Ann Chory, Michael Narigon, Bob King, Al Frew, Front row, left to right: Carol Schamp, Emery Reeves, George Reppucci, Fred Koehler.



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THE MAIL POUCH

By Pam Overton

◆◆◆ From **Ernie Ogren** - I have been retired from TRW Manufacturing Div. for 31 years and have never sent in a blurb, but after reading stories online about Northrop Grumman and TRW and TDRSS I have to tell mine! I hired in to Ramo Wooldridge at the El Segundo site in Bldg H, originally in 1958, but left when told I had to move to Bunker Ramo in the valley. But, I was called back a short time later, in time to move into the new Space Park facility as the 1st person in Bldg M3 and was it ever creepy! Lots of lights but not a soul! I was in Tool Engineering and designed and built all the assembly fixtures for all the spacecraft for 30 years. So when they were just talking about TDRSS, if you recall it was boxcar size. It wasn't my last program but was my biggest. If you ever saw the platform in the high bay it was built on you would know what I'm talking about. I've enjoyed retirement staying put in Torrance, in a boat and ski club, motorcycle club, RV club, and as a rock hound I started a lapidary business called the "The Geode Man" and have several thousand geodes I dug to prove it! So now at age 91, I gotta hang it all up but hope there are others out there that still feel as good as I do! ◆◆◆ **Dave Vandervoet** and **Fred Ricker** coordinated a Milstar Flight 1 and 2 Zoom reunion last May. Participating were over 20 people including **Bob Fielding**, **Jeanne Sydenstricker**, **Erwin Hudson**, **Clayton Kau**, **Bob Parkinson**, **Paul Borzcik**, **Jan Ross**, and others. Many memories were shared. Dave is trying to learn to sing so that he can accompany **Stephanie Sundius** when she plays on her ukulele, "It's Aloha Friday, No Work 'Til Monday" but dogs still howl when he practices singing so he will soon quit trying. ◆◆◆ **Joe Gross** and **Kim Keller** are moving

from Franklin, Pennsylvania to Grand Junction, Colorado in January, 2022 to be near family. You can reach Joe at PaJoeGross@gmail.com! (going to have to change that to CoJoeGross!) ◆◆◆ From **Bill Meyers** - I am alive and kicking. Getting slower. No more skiing and the golf ball doesn't go so far anymore. I have 2 of my 30's complete (34 with TRW, 30 with the Air Force and looking to get 30 more on the golf course). 20 years at Space Park, 14 years at San Diego. ◆◆◆ **Mike** and **Marie Cerneck** moved to their new home in Kentucky. Although keeping their home in Naples, Florida, they plan to spend most of their time in the small resort town, Somerset, on Lake Cumberland. Great Harley riding and Bourbon country! ◆◆◆ From **Dale Worth Wilson** - I live alone in Madill, OK. I have always told everyone it's easy to remember the town's name - it means everyone here is Mad or Ill. Now I know it is both. I've had a wonderful life, and my old house and I are deteriorating together. Miss my friends at TRW so much. ◆◆◆ From **Jacqueline Johnson** - I celebrated my 101st birthday last September. I enjoy my friends who are extraordinarily helping and loving. My roses still bloom and a friend takes care of them as I cannot do too much for myself. I thank God to have my mind clear and to enjoy things around me. Merry Christmas to all. You will understand why my membership renewal is for 1 year only. ◆◆◆

Mail Pouch Items

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