

**TRA's**  
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# GAZETTE

**For Space Technology & Mission Systems Retirees**

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## It's Membership Renewal Time

### How Much Would You Bid For "Who Is She" Photo?

*By Bob Crowe*

It all started in late November with a simple e-mail request for information to Richard Bent, NG Space Technology Communications. The note came from Jay McCaffrey at Mission Systems who passed on a number of "forwards" in the hope that Richard might find the answer.

The gist of the request was a note from a Tony Quine who gave his address as the Isle of Man, UK.

"I am an avid collector of early spacecraft memorabilia and I wonder if you may be able to help with a mystery which is confounding myself and many other spacecraft flight enthusiasts."



Attached were copies of a pair of photographs that had recently been offered for auction on eBay that were produced in 1965 at TRW Space Technology Laboratories Still Photo. Quine went on to say that "I understand that TRW/STL is now a part of Goodrich. These photos show a woman posing in the space suit of famed Mercury astro-

naut Virgil Grissom who was the second American in space in 1961."

"These photos have never surfaced before and are the source of a great deal of debate on well respected Spaceflight forums, raising the questions, who is she and why were the photos taken? I do appreciate that it is a very long time ago and few companies keep records for 40 plus years but I wondered if you could help throw any light on this curious matter."

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TRA membership is a real bargain at just \$7.00 per year! The NNG will keep you informed about news from Northrop Grumman, Space Technology, and Mission Systems; Medical Information updates; the informative and humorous Mail Pouch with information about our members; Travel Club activities; the Spring Fling; the Annual Membership Meeting (June); the Holiday Party (December), and findings from the Archives. Special announcements go out via our internet newsletter, the No Name Ezine.

This special edition of the NNG is being sent just to those whose membership expired in 2006.

To renew, please submit the attached form with your check. The renewal form can also be downloaded from our web page: [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org). If you have e-mail and would like to be included in our e-mail database, which we carefully guard against spammers, please include that address. One year renewals are welcome as are renewals for more than one year, which reduces our in-house paper shuffle. **(Warning: when you date your check, it's now 2007. Each year our banker bounces a few checks because of the previous year's date!)**

### Membership Renewal 2007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

From mailing label on back page

Annual dues are \$ 7.00 per year. I would like to renew for:

☐ \$7 for 1 yr. ☐ \$14 for 2 yrs. ☐ \$21 for 3 yrs. ☐ \$28 for 4 yrs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail with your check to:

TRA PO Box 1276 Redondo Beach, CA 90278

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

TRA (The Retirees Association) welcomes the retirees of both the Space Technology and the Mission Systems Sectors of Northrop Grumman, as well as the Heritage TRW retirees. The No Name Gazette is our official publication. Our office is in Building E2 at Space Park

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310-813-7745 (Our office is staffed only a few days a week. Please leave a message and we will get back to you.)

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[TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:TRA@tra-spacepark.org) Your e-mails will be routed to the appropriate source. And, if we have your e-mail address on file, we send out special alerts at infrequent intervals. To get on the TRA e-mail list, just send us a brief e-mail requesting to be added to it.

### By Web Page:

Our web page is at [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://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. Come in and browse.

### For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to all NGST & NGMS retirees at \$7 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call Betty Stover: 310- 370-0109

# TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S Park Patio Cafe, Space Park	3rd Thurs. Monthly	Business Meeting 1:30 p.m. E2, Rm 1200.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	November, 2007.	Social and Nostalgia	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Traylor 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retards	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connard 828-554-4993 aconnard@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	2nd Monday Various times	Social	George Zaiser 805-929-6672 geohnip@aol.com
D.C.	Frederick MD		Sporting Events	Lew Schneider 301-984-0977 scribblew@verizon.net
Huntsville Chapter	Barnhill's Buffet University Drive, Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 256-534-7136 troys@comcast.net
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 fiftysumthn@aol.com
Northern Virginia	Squire Rockwell Restaurant Fairfax, VA	3rd Friday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wghehrke@att.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant Layton, UT	1st Thursday Breakfast	Social	Fred Zeuthen 801-476-0656 fzeuthen@earthlink.net
San Bernardino	Norton AFB Golf Club	October	Social plus programs of interest	Joe Daruty 909-792-8022 jdaruty@aol.com
SE Chapter	Cocca Beach, FL	Spring, 2007	Social	Robert Baris 803-648-3142 sirabb2@peoplepc.com
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Meeting	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@sbcglobal.net
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in Area	Quarterly for Lunch	Social	Judy Lebovitz 951-461-0065 jlebo6720@aol.com
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Elmer's Steak House Indio, CA	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@dc.rr.com
The Ventura County Romeos	Du-Pars Thousand Oaks, CA	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com

# TRAVel News

## **LAUGHLIN**

**April 16-18, 2007**

Beautiful Aquarius Resort. \$77. Double, \$97 single. Deluxe motor coach, 2 breakfast buffets, coffee and rolls prior to departure, refreshments en route. Deadline April 1. Betty Addis 310-379-6988.

## **MESQUITE, ZION & BRYCE**

**May 6-10, 2007**

\$492 double, single \$597. 3 nights at deluxe Oasis in Mesquite, 1 night in Zion at Best Western Inn. 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners including BBQ and hayride. See the fabulous show "Twisting The Night Away". R/T deluxe motor coach. Deadline April 6. Betty Addis 310-379-6988.

## **MAMMOTH LAKES, LAKE TAHOE & RENO**

**June 24-29, 2007**

1 night Mammoth Lakes Holiday Inn, 3 nights at the Silver Legacy in Reno, 1 night Bishop. 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners. Cruise Lake Tahoe; Virginia and Truckee Railroad ride; Virginia City/ Mammoth Lakes/ Manzanar/Alabama Hills Tours; Donner Museum. R/T motor coach, baggage handling, and driver tip. \$699 double, \$899 single. \$50 deposit to hold space, Refundable to May 8, 2007 Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992.

Our future plans include the following. We would appreciate it if you would contact the identified coordinator for more information. For comments and/or suggestions, please contact Jay Seidman at 818-343-5171 or jayandgerry@sbcglobal.net.

**March, 2007**

Bali and Beyond—Hy Chase, 310-274-1548

**April 2007**

Pala Casino—Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316

**August, 2007**

Dead Sea Scrolls (San Diego)—Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

**September 10-23, 2007**

Alaska Cruise/Tour—Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

**September 2007**

Redwoods with Skunk Train—Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

**November, 2007**

Las Vegas—Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

Smoking or Alcoholic beverages are not permitted upon our busses.

The Travel Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at 11AM in E2/1200. Call Betty at 310-379-6988.

## **Holiday Party "Best Ever"**

A sell-out crowd of almost 300 TRA members and guests filled the two upstairs meeting rooms at the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro on Wednesday, December 8, 2006. The music was very danceable, and the food delicious, with a choice of Chicken, King Salmon, or Sirloin Steak. The weather was perfect, making our views of the activity on the San Pedro Shipping Channel even more spectacular. This event is sure to be a repeat again in December of '07.

In response to repeated requests, we have attempted to name the members who appear in the photos in our center spread. This data was taken from your name tags. Since all the nametags are not visible in the photos, we have been only partially successful in identifying who's who. For those unnamed, we apologize.

For all the photos Tom Carroll took at our party, go to our website: [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Retiree Name**

### **Date of Death**

Gene L. Armstrong	November 27, 2006
Robert H. Douglass, Jr.	November 17, 2006
Arnold E. Galef	October 16, 2006
Arthur R. Gold	December 15, 2006
James A. Kewin	November 18, 2006
Harry John Schmidt, Jr.	February 28, 2006
Edward C. Rea	November 21, 2006
Edward Shimko	December 28, 2006
Norma K. Tuttle	December 22, 2006
Fran Harding Williams	November 4, 2006

Northrop Grumman must be notified of a retiree's death by a member of the family. Call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194, Option 1. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death. Northrop Grumman does not provide death information to TRA due to privacy standards.

The above names were submitted by TRA members. If you know of a deceased retiree that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column in future NNGs, please submit the following by mail or e-mail to the TRA office: name of the deceased; date of death; and name of person submitting the information.



# TRA'S HOLIDAY

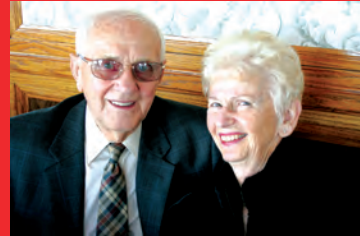
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*Jerry Quintin, Barry Hildebrand*



*Mel & Al Hausrath*



*Rose, Don*



*Bob & Mrs.*



*Harry, Gerry Durry*



*Bob & Hortencia Beck*



*Brian Beckham, Steve Shane*



*Theresa & B.*



*Kathy & Gerald Caillier*



*Jack & Ann Williams, Tom Carroll*



*Abner Kaplan, Budd & Bea Cohen*



*Ginny Bolten, John Coughran*





# Y PARTY 2006

**Tom Carroll**



**Nancy Fredericks**



**Vaca**



**Diane, Bobby Smith**



**Rocky, Don**



**Jeannie & Roger**



**Wooden Russell**



**Bob Brodsky, Bob Walquist**



**Ed & Henriette Burchman**



**Marcy Morrison**



**Dean & Georgette Davisson**



**Teri & Jack Whalen**



**Beba & Lee Leventhal**



**George & Hattie McFarland, Ada Williams**



**Pat & Joe Newman**



**Betty & Bob Taylor, Muriel & Bill Burks, Mickie & Arnie Devine**



**Betty Kay Addis, Elva Reed, Martha Thom, Dee Henderson**

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

*Reported by Frank Warren*

### **Northrop Grumman Corporation (NG)**

- LOS ANGELES — NG's board of directors approved a new \$1 billion share repurchase authorization. This is in addition to \$175 million remaining on the company's most recent share repurchase authorization. In total, the company now has \$1.175 billion authorized for share repurchases. As of Nov 30, 2006, NG had approximately 346 million shares outstanding.

### **Space Technology Sector (NGST)**

- Alexis Livanos, President, NGST, announced that NGST had an excellent year, and as a result all eligible employees received a 3% payout (based on annual pay) in early December. This year's Success Sharing Program, comprised three specific measures based on the sector's performance: 1) Commitments—performed extremely well on all; 2) Indirect Costs—met the wrap rate, and under ran the controllable budget; 3) Capital Expenditures—under budget.
- REDONDO BEACH — NG has completed Phase 1 of a study contract to assist the U.S. Air Force in defining a payload for next-generation polar military satellite communications. The EPS will provide joint, interoperable and protected satellite communications in the northern polar region to user terminals compatible with the Advanced EHF satellite system which is now in flight production. The new system would replace the current interim system which is limited to Milstar-compatible low-data rate service.
- Art Stephenson has transferred back to NGST from NGIS. Art will report to Alexis Livanos and will be on special assignment to the National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) Program as the sector vice president and deputy program manager. Most recently, Art was the sector vice president, Space Exploration Systems for NGIS.
- A Transformational Satellite Communications (TSAT) team led by Lockheed Martin and NGST has applied an integrated payload test bed to demonstrate how TSAT will enable new network-centric missions for the U.S. missions such as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) operations not realizable today. Based on the Milstar satellite communications network currently in operation and the Advanced Extremely High Frequency (EHF) system now in production, TSAT will provide protected mobile broadband internet protocol (IP)-based connectivity to strategic and tactical users around the globe.

### **Mission Systems (NGMS)**

- WASHINGTON and HUNTSVILLE — NGMS debuted its unique approach for an integrated battle command system to the warfighter community at the Association of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Symposium in El Paso, Texas. The company demonstrated a new methodology to link distributed air and missile defense (AMD) systems into one seamless architecture that will give battle commanders the ability to command an integrated force on future battlefields. The roll-out was in support of the U.S. Army's Integrated Air and Missile Defense Battle Command System (IBCS) program competition which Northrop Grumman is bidding on as the prime contractor.

### **Information Technology Sector (NGIT)**

- MCLEAN, VA — NGIT was awarded a task order to help improve information technology management and operations for the Department of Justice. Under the contract, this sector will provide IT and security analysis training, Web content, task and asset management, and applications, operations and help desk support for the Department of Justice's Criminal Division Office.

### **Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)**

- ROLLING MEADOWS, IL — NGES has been awarded a \$104.6 million contract to outfit 17 NATO AWACS aircraft with the company's Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) systems. NGES will commence



system deliveries in 2007, with final deliveries expected in 2009. Integration of the system on the NE-3A aircraft will provide NATO warfighters and high value AWACS aircraft protection against man portable missile threats in operational theaters.

- BALTIMORE — NGES has been awarded a contract from the Boeing Company to upgrade Japan's four E-767 Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft. The total value, if an additional option is exercised, of this Foreign Military sale through the U.S. Air Force Material Command's Electronic Systems Center could be as high as \$73 million to NGES.

### Integrated Systems Sector(NGIS)

- EL SEGUNDO, CA — NG has been recognized by the California Space Authority (CSA) for developing and providing teachers with a unique, "hands free" educational tool designed to motivate the nation's students to seek careers in scientific and technical fields. For teachers, there are science workshops and parabolic "zero-gravity" aircraft flights to help them teach students how math, science and engineering principles apply in microgravity space environments.

## How Much Would You Bid For "Who Is She" Photo?

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Bent rightly assumed the TRA Archives would be a great place to start so he forwarded the request to Jack Williams TRA Treasurer and a mainstay of the E2 Archives office. Using the photo ID numbers Williams contacted Still Photo, where Bob Brown provided the following information. "The images (and there were a lot of them) were shot on June 10, 1965 and the requestors were R. Crowe and J. Riehman with three entries for Project: Sentinel, Advertizing and TRW Advertizing (yes, spelled like that). Another name mentioned was Don Stoehr. Since Williams knew that Bob Crowe was editor of the employee newspaper "SenTinel" back then he immediately went to the Archives files and there in the July 2, 1965 issue were several of the photographs and the mysterious blonde woman was identified as Donna Plotner, executive secretary to Frederick W. Hesse, Vice President of Operations at that time.

Now, some personal observations. As editor of the "SenTinel" some 40 plus years back, I was working with Advertising Manager Jim Riehman on some potential publicity/advertising photographs. The suit that Donna graciously consented to try on was Gus Grissom's but if memory serves (and after nearly 50 years, it might not) it was designed more for publicity shots than space travel. Grissom, like most of the early astronauts was not a large framed man, more small and wiry, and as a result Donna had quite a time, with help from Riehman and me, in getting into the suit. If you look closely at the photograph you can see how short the sleeves are.

Now, to tidy up after 40 plus years of neglect. Don Stoehr, mentioned above, Propulsion SPM for the Vela Program, was an avid collector of weird things. He

was photographed showing Donna an early 16th century armored helmet which he charitably described as a "grotesque thing!" There is no record of how he and the "thing" happened to get into a photo shoot of a 20th century space suit fitting.

We have no record of Donna's whereabouts and if a reader happens to know please tell us.

Fred Hesse passed away at an early age but as many of you probably know, there is a beautiful public park in Rancho Palos Verdes named for him to honor his many civic contributions.

And finally, if someone asks you a seemingly unanswerable question, check with the NG Space Technology and Mission Systems Archives (310-812-8342). They might have the answer.

## THE MAIL POUCH by Bob Crowe



**Bob hasn't heard from you and is out of material. Write him today and make next month's Mail Pouch.**



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**Time to renew your  
membership! Please turn  
to Page 1 for details.**

***The next NNG will  
be published in late  
February.***

## HELP FOR SENIORS

We are hoping to make this a regular feature of the NNG. But that depends on inputs from you. When you discover a service or advice that might be helpful to our members, write it up and send it to us. Walter Sterling of Oceanside, California, is our initial contributor with the following:

### ***Bureau of Automotive Repair***

We seniors are often subjected to unscrupulous services on our automotive repairs. The State of California now actually helps resolve such problems.

My Chrysler was supposedly repaired with a complete brake installation. But the job was faulty in that the cars brakes would lock up when the brakes became hot after about 5 miles of driving, thus becoming undriveable. Three times I had the car towed back to the repair shop, and each time the mechanic claimed it was fixed.

In desperation I took my car to the Chrysler dealer in Carlsbad who checked it and refused to fix it, advising me to take it back to the original repair shop. The car was returned to the repair shop which held it for a week.

I then called the Bureau of Automotive Repair on 760-439-0942 and spoke to Pete Kaliszewski about my repair problem. The next day Pete called me from the repair shop and informed me he had checked the billing statement against the parts and discussed the unwarranted handling of the repair job. The cars brakes were immediately properly repaired and I immediately picked it up. Pete called me the next day and told me to please let him know if I had any more problems.

(The phone number for the Bureau of Automotive Repair in the Orange County Coastal area is 714-961-7940 and 800-952-7940 for other areas.)