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For Space Technology & Mission Systems Retirees

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Wednesday April 11 — At the Proud Bird

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Frank Warren

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NG)

- LOS ANGELES — NG reported that fourth quarter 2006 income from continuing operations rose 37% to \$457 million, or \$1.29 per diluted share from \$334 million, or \$0.93 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2005. Sales for the 2006 fourth quarter increased 5 percent to \$8 billion from \$7.7 billion in the 2005 fourth quarter.

Mission Systems Sector (NGMS)

- CLEARFIELD, UT — The USAF awarded NGMS a \$98.7 million contract to complete the full-rate production phase of the ICBM Guidance Replacement Program (GRP). The GRP program is aimed at upgrading the guidance system electronics in the Minuteman III ICBM to extend the missile's service life through 2020. The total nine-year GRP effort is valued at \$1.5 billion for NGMS and will be completed in February 2009.

- FAIRLAKES, VA & HUNTSVILLE, AL — The Kinetic Energy Interceptor program, under development by NGMS, is on schedule to meet the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) objective of a 2008 booster flight. As conceived, the MDA, KEI will be a mobile missile-defense system with the capability to destroy a hostile missile during its boost, ascent, or midcourse phase of flight.

Space Technology Sector (NGST)

- REDONDO BEACH — A prototype structure that holds the primary mirrors for the optical element of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has undergone and passed a series of cryogenic tests at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. Test results verified that the Backplane Stability Test Article (BSTA) has met Technology Level 6. This means that a representative model has been successfully tested in simulated space and is ready to move into the final design phase.

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TRA's Spring Fling, our sixth, will again be at the Proud Bird Restaurant, immediately adjacent to the landing path at LAX. The restaurant is themed after the era surrounding World War II, and even before you go through its doors you will feel as if you have stepped back in time. The Red Baron room is spacious, with views through the windows of some of their collection of WWII fighter planes. Their buffet spreads are outstanding.

To make the event even more memorable, Alice Lord, our Activities Chair, has brought back Jim Wilson, that clever magician who entertained us several years ago. Alice has selected the American selection of food, which includes a great variety of choices. The deserts are wonderful. Come meet your friends, enjoy a great buffet meal, see a little magic, all for just \$15 per person. Your dues money subsidizes the rest.

Please reserve promptly; this is bound to be a sell-out. It's Wednesday, April 11, from 11:00 to 3:00, at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Boulevard, Los Angeles.

SPRING FLING RESERVATION FORM Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 11:00 - 3:00

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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 offices are in Building E2 at Space Park

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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. 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 Connarn 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 wgehrke@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	Clarion Hotel KSC, Merritt Island, FL	April 22-25, 2007	Social/Tours	Robert Baris 803-648-3142 sailwithme@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

Beautiful Aquarius Resort. \$77 dbl. \$97 sgl. Deluxe coach, 2 breakfast buffets. Coffee and rolls prior to departure, refreshments en route. Ddl April 1. Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

MESQUITE, ZION & BRYCE

May 6-10

\$492 dbl. \$597 sgl. 3 nts at deluxe Oasis (in Mesquite), 1 nt West Western in Zion. 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners including BBQ and hayride. See the fabulous show, "Twisting the Night Away." R/T deluxe motor coach. Ddl April 6. Betty Addis 310-379-6988

PALA CASINO

May 16

\$15 pp. Includes R/T deluxe motor coach, driver's tip, snacks, water, and \$5 gambling card. Lunch buffet available. Deadline May 1, 2007 Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316

MOZART'S MUSICAL CITIES

June 6-16

11 day tour of Salzburg, Vienna and Prague. 15 meals (9 Br and 6 D). \$3899 ppdo and includes R/T air (LAX), land tour and insurance. Extra nights available in Prague. Hy Chase, 310-274-1548, Echase2734@aol.com

PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO

June 15

\$4.00 pp. Includes R/T motor coach, driver tip, snack and water, and \$5.00 gambling card. Lunch buffet available. Ddl June 1. Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

MAMMOTH LAKES, LAKE TAHOE & RENO

June 24-29

1 nt Mammoth Lakes Holiday Inn, 3 nts Silver Legacy (Reno). 1 nt Bishop. Cruise Lake Tahoe, Virginia & Truckee Railroad ride, tour Virginia City/Mammoth Lakes/Manzanar/Alabama Hills. Visit Donner Museum. 4 Breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. R/T motor coach, baggage handling and driver tip. \$699 dbl. \$899 sgl. \$50 deposit to hold space. Refundable until May 8. Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

July 2007

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

September 10-23, 2007

Alaska Cruise/Tour-14 day, \$2244-3194, — Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

October 2007

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

November 2007

Las Vegas — Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

We would appreciate it if you would contact the identified coordinator for more information and /or comments and/or suggestions.

Smoking or alcoholic beverages are not permitted upon our buses.

The Travel Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in E2/1200. Call Betty at 310-379-6988.

Retirement The Williams' Way

Jack Williams has served in a number of TRA positions since he retired in 1991, most recently as Treasurer and active volunteer in the NGST Archives group. Of course he and spouse Ann have three grandchildren but it appears that its a doable and leisurely retirement.

Except, this 30 plus year retiree from RW/STL/TRW has, along with Ann, another volunteer task for their "golden" years. They have just finished their 11th year with the City of Torrance Rose Float Association where he is Vice President and Ann is Volunteers Director. Two very important behind the scenes positions where they and dozens of others take command of the blossoms, petals and leaves to assemble those magnificent floats that roll down Colorado Blvd. in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade every New Years Day.

In the Williams' 11 year tenure the City has won 8 trophies in recognition of the day and night efforts of dozens of volunteers to assemble a float that will draw world-wide attention and applause.

Not too bad for this couple who were married June 1, 1957, in Torrance and are planning to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in just a few months.

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Housing Assistance Available to Retirees

Western Federal Credit Union has announced the Northrop Grumman Space Technology (NGST) Housing Assistance Program. Whether you are buying or selling a home, as an employee or retiree of NGST you are eligible to participate in this program and receive benefits and discounts such as, A Licensed Realtor to Help You Buy or Sell Your Home. 50 Basis Points Off Any Points on a Western Mortgage Loan, No Cost for Your Credit Report or Appraisal, 25% Rebate on Realtor Commission, 20% Discount on Title Insurance, 20% Discount on Escrow, and 15% Discount on Home Warranty Insurance. For more information call Western at 877-254-9328, option 3; visit the NGST Housing Assistance Program web site at www.ngsthousing.western.org, or call Western's Real Estate Partner, Home Benefits Plus®, at 888-603-9563.

IN MEMORIAM

Retiree Name	Date of Death
Joe Frichteniicht	January 31, 2007
John O. Gutknecht	June 7, 2006
William H. Harrison	January 9, 2007
Louis V. Hoffman	January 19, 2007
Bernard J. O'Brien	February 15, 2007

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to 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.

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.

2006 TDOT Cruise

(TDOT = Thermal Department Old Timers; guys and girls who worked in the one of the spacecraft thermal departments in the 1960-70s.)

Condensed from a report by Dennis Rhoads

The TDOT Cruise was their 9th reunion and first cruise. They sailed out of San Pedro on the Monarch of Seas, carrying 2400 passengers, on November 6th for San Diego, Avalon, and Ensenada. All 28 got together for a photo session on the ship, as shown in the adjacent photo. They are, as identified by the numbers, Wil Luecke, 1; Joan Liu, 2; Dee Wallig, 3; Ken Wallig, 4; Shirlene Conklin, 5; Sandy Luecke, 6; Karin Petersen, 7; Sylvia Munoz-Mellowes, 8; Steve Liu, 9; John Vehrencamp, 10; Arturo Munoz-Mellowes, 11; Millie Engle, 12; Donna Pattinson, 13; Linda Rhoads, 14; Barbara Herold, 15; Leroy Herold, 16; Maureen Kelley, 17; Jerry Brown, 18; Dennis Rhoads, 19; George Engle, 20; Sonya Moses, 21; Larry Kelley, 22; Ed Luedke, 23; John McKeegan, 24; Irene McKeegan, 25; Jim Moses, 26; Mary Franz, 27; Russ Rankin, 28.

They had 4 tables reserved for dinner each night and rotated seats to dine with different TDOs each night. The boat docked from 8AM to 5PM at each port, and dinner was the only time all could get together. After returning to San Pedro, the Herolds invited everyone back to their house to continue the reunion. Joining them there were George & Julie Loegering, Ed Glenn and friend Vickie, and Dan and Michelle Wanous.

For more details, contact Dennis Rhoads at drhoads@charter.net.



The "Mystery" Is Now "History"

Reported by Bob Crowe

The "mystery" featured in the last NNG has been solved. A note from Donna (Plotner) Bane who looked so appealing and mysterious in Gus Grissom's space suit cleared it all up. Turns out Donna, who is now living in Oregon, married Don Bane (now deceased), also of TRW and they eventually left and went to JPL. She well remembers the day of the photo shoot and the difficulty she had in fitting her small frame into Gus Grissom's even smaller suit.

There is no record of the name of the person who offered the photos for auction on eBay. He said they were in his father's possessions when he died and that his father was an electrician who worked in California and Oregon and "loved" garage sales. Also, Donna mentioned that she has quite a collection of mementoes that she and Don collected from the early days of space exploration. Perhaps eBay material? Check with her at donnabane@aol.com.

Oh yes, one last piece of information. It appears from the information on eBay that Mr. Tony Quine of the Isle of Man UK was the winning bidder for the two photographs offered at auction, paying some \$200.00 US.

MORE MAIL POUCH

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my game, age is winning."♦♦♦♦**Lyle** and **Marjorie Nelson** are on the NNG mailing list for three more years and they are continuing their epic sea journeys. As of December 2006 they had taken 70 cruises for a total of 981 days adrift. In March they are scheduled to leave on a 56 day journey throughout the Mediterranean round trip from Fort Lauderdale, FL. Lyle is NOT a travel agent but he invites TRA who would like cruise information to feel free to contact him at 1-310-326-2598 or lylenelson@scbglobal.net. If at home, he'll be glad to help♦♦♦♦**John** and **Linda Lipscomb** are also at sea, at least part of the time. Last October they headed south from El Segundo on a 28 day cruise exploring South America, including a 1000 mile cruise up the Amazon River to Manaus, Brazil. In June of this year they will travel to Rome to cruise around the ports of Italy, Montenegro and Croatia, ending in Venice♦♦♦♦**Shirley** and **Ray Swanburg** are other retirees that are keeping busy. Since her 1998 retirement they have driven cross country three times visiting offspring in Georgia and last year including a week in Florida. They travel about three months a year, rest in Hawthorne for about three, another three months at their home in Overton, NV, and the rest of the time with sons and grandkids (seven in all) in Oregon, Washington and Georgia♦♦♦♦**Don Broutt** has come up with three years dues from his home in Brentwood, CA where he is recovering from a broken ankle (sustained he says, by leaping out of bed. No, he didn't say why!) He also just returned from a Danube cruise♦♦♦♦

HAPPENINGS

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- REDONDO BEACH — NG has delivered the payload module for the first Advanced Extremely High Frequency(EHF) military communications satellite ahead of schedule to the Sunnyvale, Calif. facilities of Lockheed Martin, prime contractor for the Advanced EHF program. The payload module consists of the complete set of processing, routing, and control hardware including 20 electronic units and more than 400,000 lines of software code.
- REDONDO BEACH — Launch processing of the 23rd and final NG Defense Support Program (DSP) satellite took a major step forward with the mating of the satellite and the launch vehicle payload adapter. DSP flight 23 will be launched on April 1 by a Delta IV-Heavy from the Canaveral Air Force Station, Launch Complex 37.
- REDONDO BEACH — In early 2007, NGST plans to propose a 9/80 work schedule for its employees. Under a 9/80 work schedule, employees are scheduled to work 80 hours over a nine-day period, as opposed to today's standard schedule of 80 hours over 10 days. The primary benefit of a 9/80 schedule is that it creates additional work/life flexibility for employees by providing the opportunity to take every other Friday off. Approval of a 9/80 schedule is not a foregone conclusion. Per California law, implementation of a 9/80 work schedule for non-exempt employees must be put to a vote and approved by a minimum of 2/3 of the non-exempt population.

Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

- LOS ANGELES — An MD-10 aircraft in commercial revenue service with NG Guardian(tm) system installation left LAX marking the beginning of the operational test and evaluation portion of the Department of Homeland Security's(DHS)Counter-man Portable Air Defense System. The Guardian system will provide defense against shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles.

Integrated Systems Sector (NGIS)

- MELBOURNE, FL — The U.S. Air Force and NGIS have selected a Pratt & Whitney team to provide replacement engines on U.S. Air Force's joint STARS aircraft fleet. The E-8C Joint STARS weapons system is based on Boeing 707-300C aircraft refurbished by NG. Studies show that the new and more powerful engines will dramatically improve operational capability while reducing maintenance costs.

Information Technology Sector (NGIT)

- MCLEAN, VA — The General Services Administration (GSA) has awarded NG a contract valued at \$92 million over 48 months to provide information technology services to support a single, secure communications network for the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

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**The next NNG will be
published in April**

THE MAIL POUCH — Sorted and Delivered by Bob Crowe

◆◆◆**Lee Rathbone** left Playa del Rey for San Diego in 1986. She misses LA but confesses San Diego is much easier living. Ten minutes to a favorite place versus one hour in LA. Travels quite a bit and helps in the editing of the NNG. She'll be going to Cooperstown, NY this year along with **Patty Doyle** and **Diana Neidert** to see some favorite players inducted into the Hall of Fame◆◆◆**Evy Palson** notes from Torrance that she thoroughly enjoyed TRA's holiday celebration at the Ports O' Call in San Pedro. "Beautiful location, good food, great music and terrific people (at least at our table)." She sends a big thanks to those that arranged it and worked so hard to make it such a success◆◆◆**Wayne Ammons** has settled down, again. Turns out he has moved back to Mission Viejo after a short sojourn (five months) in Las Vegas. He blames the LV weather and traffic for the turn around and doesn't even mention unfriendly casinos and stingy one armed bandits. His new email is wammo1@cox.net◆◆◆It was 50 deg and NO SNOW in Williams, Iowa on Christmas Day when **Doris Kornfeld** sent her three year dues. (As of this writing on 7 February a quick check showed a temperature of 5 deg in that prairie village). She is keeping busy as a volunteer seamstress for sewmuchcomfort.org, an organization that provides clothing for military wounded. "These are adaptive garments that can accommodate wounds so they can dress themselves



and have something to wear besides hospital gowns." Her work was featured in a lengthy article in the *Times-Citizen*, a local newspaper. You can reach Doris at dehornfeld@fbx.com◆◆◆**Ron Keele** sends a very colorful holiday greetings card from Apple Valley, CA where he still admits to enjoying retirement. In his note he narrates and illustrates his "trip of a lifetime" journey as sound support for the Jared Rogers Band on the Rolling Thunder ride across America from Victorville, CA to Washington, DC. (*Space prohibits more on this great trip. Check with Ron at rb.keele@verizon.net to see if he might have a spare holiday newsletter.*)◆◆◆The address list is at least three plus inches long and the message is extremely brief. **Boris** and **Judy Dobrotin** send "For those of you who care, our new email address is ourjourney1@sbc-global.net. For those of you who don't care it is still our address."◆◆◆**Clark** and **Dixielee Kirby** send new years greetings from Manhattan Beach, CA. Both are recovering nicely from some health/maintenance care in 2006 and looking forward to a great 2007◆◆◆**Fred Brown** notes that he is only flunking retirement halfway. His teaching position at Loyola Marymount University permits him enough leisure time where at his second home outside of Phoenix he notes: "In the battle between age and more time on the golf course to improve
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