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# **Summer Annual Meeting Draws 450**

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Andrew W. Bairden

## **NORTHROP GRUMMAN (NG)**

NG's Sperry Marine business unit completed a major upgrade of the Integrated Bridge System (IBS) aboard the U.S. Coast Guard's icebreaker USCGC Healy (WAGB 20). The upgrade included replacing the IBS computers with high-speed processors, installation of large highresolution flat-screen consoles and a new version of Sperry Marine's Voyage Management System (VMS) software.

## SPACE TECHNOLOGY (NGST)

▶ NG is the corporate sponsor for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' (AIAA) SPACE 2004 Conference and Exposition set for Sept. 28-30, 2004, at the San Diego Convention Center. Wes Bush, president of NGST, will chair the event, which has the theme of *Realizing the Potential of Space*. Space 2004, AIAA's premier annual space conference, serves as a venue for senior government and industry leaders to address critical space issues. More than 1,000 attendees are expected to participate.

▶ NGST moved the Aura satellite to Space Launch Complex 2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, bringing NASA's third major Earth Observing System spacecraft one step closer to its launch no earlier than July 10. The threeminute launch window opens at 3:01 a.m. The Space Technology sector-built Aura satellite will be integrated onto a Delta II rocket built by The Boeing Company. Aura's four instruments will monitor the Earth's ozone, air quality and climate, taking comprehensive measurements of the composition, chemistry and dynamics of the Earth's upper and lower atmosphere. The satellite will help reveal the processes that connect local and global air quality, and will also track the extent to which Earth's protective ozone layer is recovering. About 450 retirees and their guests attended TRA's Summer Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 5 It was a beautiful sunny day, and the newly remodeled cafeteria helped make the meeting even more festive.

Dr. John S. Foster, Jr. was our management speaker. He retired from TRW as Vice President, Science & Technology in 1988, and is currently a consultant to Northrop Grumman. His inspiring and informative talk covered the changing technology needs of our government, citing the change from major wars to regional conflicts and defense against terrorism. The U.S. has an overwhelming war machine, but a shortage of the necessary tools to win the peace, such as improved pre-conflict intelligence, many more linguists, and capability to adapt to the enemy's "asymmetrical" warfare. We need to do better planning on the transition from warfare (DOD) to the State Department. Not only do we need to stockpile more of our precision weapons, but also we need to develop new tools to police the post-war period.

With this introduction, Dr. Foster quickly listed many high-tech devices that could be used to deter terrorism. Some of these were: national sensors in space, improved capability for the B-2 bomber, greatly increased use (and range) of unmanned aircraft (UAV's), special radars, armor vehicle protection, remote sensing and protection of pipelines and power lines, devices to remotely explode Improvised Explosive Devices, and rockets to intercept mortar shells.

He urged that these tools be developed immediately. "We should be grateful that Northrop Grumman has both the leadership and capabilities to provide what this country needs!"

Following the speech, the cafeteria served a fine lunch, complete with choice of carrot or chocolate cake. Tables had been set up outside on the patio as well as in the dining room to serve the overflow crowd. Also on the patio were booths for showing the Arts and Crafts of some of the TRA members. Inside were tables where questions about membership and retiree benefits could be answered. TRA Archives had a huge display featuring photos from the past. And, of course, many attendees went to the See's Candy booth to get bargain rates on their products.

The hard preparatory work of our Activities Committee, chaired by Alice Lord, made the entire event function smoothly. And the extensive layout of photos from the past was due to the diligent work of our Archives Chair, Darrell Ausherman.

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#### By Web Page:

Our web page is at <u>www.trwretirees.org</u>. 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.

#### Important Phone Numbers for Retirees

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Medical Insurance

Aetna U.S. Healthcare 800-468-4522

Merck-Medco Rx Service 800-841-3398

Northrop Grumman (TRW) Retiree Relations Administrator One Space Park, S/1480 Redondo Beach, CA 90278 800-537-7694

Northrop Grumman Employee (and Reitree too) Benefits Services 800-859-4567 Menu Option 1 — Stock Savings Menu Option 2 — Medical

Mellon Trust Bank For lost 1099's and/or lost or late Annuity Checks: 800-854-9349

# **TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.**

GROUP	<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>	TIME & DATE	PROGRAM	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg.S Park Patio Cafe, Space Park	See notices on pages 1 & 6.	Business Meeting followed by Forum (2:00 p.m.)	All Members Welcome
ATD Boys of '92	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	First Monday in November	Social and Nostalgia	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Traylor 310-541-1917 sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retards	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-884-4993 fingers5555@hotmail.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	2nd Monday 10 a.m.	Social	John Mason 805-771-9560 jmason@aol.com
D.C.	Frederick, MD		Sporting Events	Lew Schneider 301-984-0977 scribblew@starpower.net
Huntsville	Papa Lovetti's Buffet, Sparkman & University	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 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	Howard Setzer, 703-830-1358 hsetzer@cox.net
OFC	Various Restaurants in South Bay	2nd Thursday 11:30 a.m	Social	John Lipscomb 310-322-6811 jfl@pcmagic.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant Layton, UT	1st Thursday Breakfast	Social	Fred Zeuthen 801-476-0656 fzeuthen@earthlink.net
San Bernardino	Elks Club, San Bernardino		Social plus programs of interest	Elliot J. Livingston 909-793-5447
SE Chapter	Helen Georgia	Oct. 10-11, 2004	Oktoberfest	Jack Wiles 321-255-1510
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Mtg	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 jandc_denton@msn.com
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in Area	Quarterly for Lunch	Social	Judy Lebovitz 909-461-0065 jlebo6720@aol.com
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Elmer's Steak House Indio, CA	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@aol.com

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## FIVE-DAY BRANSON ADVENTURE

#### October 15-19, 2004

Four-Star Radisson Hotel, breakfasts and dinners, R/T air, transfers and baggage handling. Shows include: Andy Williams, Glenn Campbell, Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Schmirnoff, and Branson Belle Cruise. \$1299 pp dbl, \$1530 pp sgl. Jay Seidman 818-343-5171

#### PACHUNGA CASINO October 6, 2004

R/T deluxe coach, Bingo, Slots, "21" and other table games, dining and snacks available. Includes driver's tip, snacks and water en route. \$5.00 pp, ddl 9/25/04 Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

#### **MAGIC CASTLE**

#### November 14,2004

R/T deluxe coach, champagne brunch, 2 magic shows, tax, gratuity, and driver's tip. \$65pp. Ddl 11/1/04. Sue Anderson 310-371-5316

#### PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

#### November 23, 2004

Matinee performance featuring Buddy Greco. Includes R/T deluxe coach, refreshments on the bus, driver's gratuity. Lunch on your own. \$59 pp. ddl 11/1/04 Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

#### November 28, 29, 30, 2004

Two nights, three days at the Mirage Hotel, includes \$50 in meal coupons, admission to the Dolphin Habitat & Secret Garden, refreshments en route, and driver's tip. \$159 pp dbl. \$219 sgl, refundable in full till 10/11/04. Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

#### HONG KONG AND BEYOND December 1-9, 2004

Eight-day tour of fabulous Hong Kong includes out-ofthe-way sights where most tours don't go, many shopping opportunities. Deluxe Inter-Continental Hotel. \$1428.00 pp dbl, \$2148.00 pp sgl. Bangkok option of 5 days/4 nights at the deluxe Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel. \$799.00 pp dbl, \$1179.00 pp sgl. \$300 deposit required. Hy Chase, 310-274-1548 (phone and fax), echase2734@aol.com

#### **SPECTACULAR BALI & BEYOND** March 6-14, 2005

Eight-day (6 night) tour of Bali visiting many out-of-the-way places. Excellent beach hotel with breakfast and all-day tour. \$1038 pp dbl. Optional tours to Lombok (4-day/3-night) at \$362 pp dbl, and Singapore (4-day/3-night) at \$205 pp dbl. My wife and I have led tours to these islands many times and you are in for a spectacular treat. Hy Chase, 310-274-1548 (phone & fax), echase2734@aol.com

**SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON ANY OF OUR BUSES** Because it is unlawful to furnish alcoholic beverages to bus passengers, we serve only soft drinks. The Travel Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Bldg. E2/1200 . The meeting is open to everyone.

# **Additional SSBI Job Openings at NGST**

SATCOM SECURITY MANAGER – Thorough knowledge of NISPOM Supplement and a current SSBI Security Clearance.

SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR – Previous experience with COMSEC equipment, devices, and associated aids is required as well as a current SSBI Security Clearance.

CLASSIFIED MATERIAL CONTROLS MANAGER – Thorough knowledge of NISPOM, SAP supplement as applied to launch integration. Strong experience in launch system integration security on a variety of programs, training and education, special programs customer relations. A current SSBI Security Clearance is requirement.

ASSISTANT GROUP SECURITY MANAGER – Candidate must have understanding of networks and computer functionality, knowledge of DCID 6/3 and NISPOM chapter 8. Ensures compliance with Department of Defense, SAP/SAR, and SCI customer AIS security requirements. SSBI required.

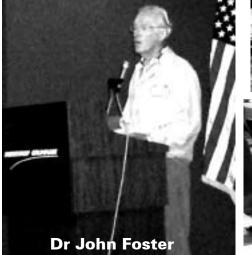
Contact Shelley Myer at Space Park for more details at 310-812-5858.

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# **Photos from our Summer Annual Meeting**

#### All photos by Bob Crowe











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## STL/TRW/NG Reunion Update By Mary Carr, Reunion Organizer

It was wonderful to meet some of the TRW Retirees at TRA's Summer Annual Meeting on June 5th at the S-Patio. Some flyers for the STL/TRW/NG Picnic Reunion for October 10th were handed out toward the end of the lunch. However if I missed you, you may contact me directly at (714) 894-6618 or e-mail me at mary.carr@ngc.com. (I will forward a flyer to all who e-mail me.) I hope to have a webpage soon that will address many frequently asked questions (FAQs) such as: What time does it begin? When does it end? Where is El Dorado Park/How do I get there? Where in El Dorado Park will it be held? Also, if anyone wishes to share some memorable anecdotes I will be happy to collect them and have them available for the picnic.

## Upcoming TRA Meetings

Thursday, July 15:	TRA Board Meeting (1-2 p.m.) and Forum Speaker: TRW Retiree Bill Dean will describe FIRST, a Robot-
	ics competition and demonstra- tion. (2:00 to 3:30 p.m.)
Thursday, August 19:	Summer recess. No Board Meeting
Thursday, September 16:	TRA Board Meeting (1-2 p.m.) and Forum Speaker (2:00-3:30 p.m.) Attorney Fred Corbalis will speak on Wills, Trusts, and Etate Planning.

## **Robotic Forum Location Changed**

The location of the July 15 Forum with Bill Dean and the CAMS students has been changed to the E2 Presentation Room. Come and see what these smart high school kids are doing with robotics. Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

## September Forum: **Estate Planning**

Fred F. Corbalis III, a partner in the law firm of Spierer, Woodward, Corbalis and Goldberg, will speak to us about Estate Planning and Probate Issues. Come and learn about the latest recommendations for wills and trusts. Mark you calendars for Thursday, September 16, at 2 p.m. in the Building S, Park Patio Café.

## IN MEMORIA **Retiree Name** Date of Death

Glenn S. Allen	April 16, 2004
Susan A. Baca	March 22, 2003
Jack E. Brooks	May 6, 2004
America M. Buracchio	April 16, 2004
Ruth A. Clarke	January 2, 2004
Harry Derderian	May 14, 2004
Robert E. Gelinas	March 30, 2004
Eileen Germano	April 23, 2004
Arnold C. Greene	February 10, 2003
Bernard T. Haffey	May 20, 2004
Harry Low	March 9, 2004
R. B. Lowry	May 13, 2004
Jerry S. Townsend	January 26, 2003

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-859-4567. For many retirees, there is a life insurance policy which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death. Listed deaths are from official records.

### **HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

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## MISSION SYSTEMS (NGMS)

▶ NGMS formed a new relationship with Omaha-based Client/Server Software Solution.NET (CSSS.NET) to participate in the Department of Defense's mentorprotégé program. NGMS will mentor CSSS.NET for a period of two years.

- The Defense Travel System (DTS), designed and developed by NG, has been enhanced with new tools to make implementing the system easier and quicker for travel administrators at hundreds of military sites. NGMS released the Site Set-Up Tool and Self-Registration Tool in a recent software upgrade.
- The U.S. Treasury selected NGMS to provide its eTravel Service (eTS), an end-to-end, online travel management service for federal government agencies. The U.S. General Services Administration expects eTS to save taxpayers up to 50 percent in federal travel management costs over 10 years
- NGMS has received additional funding to a 17 year ongoing contract that supports the transformation of Army intelligence systems and capabilities for future operations. Under these contracts NGMS is studying ground sensors on the future battlefield, an integrated broadcast system, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance integration.

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# **THE MAIL POUCH — Sorted and Delivered by Bob Crowe**

They are still at it! Fred Blaich reminds us that the Ventura County Romeos are still meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Du-Pars, Thousand Oaks. They assemble at high noon at 75 West Thousand Oaks Blvd., which is reached by taking the Moorpark Blvd. off-ramp on the Ventura Freeway. The core group consists of Fred, Harry Stroud, Dick Mulligan, Allan Strayer, Bill Scheppers, and Emil Gaynor. Care to join the Romeos? Which incidentally stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out. Call Blaich at 805-499-0012**++Russ Goff** was the recipient of a TRW lapel pin lately and then noticed what appeared to be a "black ribbon" across the badge. Not connecting it with the former TRW signs at Space Park where the "ribbon" was in reality a bit of artistic license, Russ surmised it was to commemorate TRW's passing. Regardless, he wears the badge "with honor!" **\*\*\*** Marjorie and Wilford Winter

admit to being 80 plus but are still interested in the happenings at their former employer, now Northrop Grumman. In their note from Rogers, AR, home base of Wal-Mart, they renewed for another year of the NNG and "will continue as long as we are able." **\*\*\*Joe Larkin** has confessed, finally! For those who know him, some will say it's about time, while others will say, he's wonderful. It turns out that Joe has been paying **Don Lynch**'s TRA membership since TRA's beginning, and Don didn't know who his benefactor was! Joe only admits "that I'm paying off an old gambling debt by continuing to pay Lynch's TRA membership." Also, in another gesture of good will, Larkin coordinated a recent visit by TRA San Diego members to **Bob North**'s Arabian horse ranch in Ramona, CA **A A A Sharon Garda** sends best regards to all her TRW retired coworkers from Chino Valley,



AZ where "five years ago it was a nice little rural community but is now being inundated by those darn retiring Californians." ◆◆◆No, he didn't fall off the edge of the Earth, Almost but not quite! In a welcome note from TRA stalwart
Bob Petrauschke, he reports that he and Diana have relocated to a new home in a Del Webb community in Lincoln, CA about 30 miles NE of Sacramento. Great place in most regards except for the summer heat. So, in July, they are temporarily re-relocating to Anacortes,

WA to build a summer home next to Flounder Bay on the West side of Fidalgo Island. Once completed, their retirement time will be divided between the two homes. If you are in or know of the "P's" two new areas, you can reach them at rpetra@earthlink.net (*Editor's Note: Bob was beavily involved in TRA's development with particular interest in providing medical information and speakers for our members.*)  $\blacklozenge$