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### **Election Time at TRA! Please Vote**

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Andrew W. Bairden

### **NORTHROP GRUMMAN (NG)**

NG reported that second quarter 2005 income from continuing operations rose 23 percent to \$366 million, or \$1.00 per diluted share, from \$298 million, or \$0.82 per diluted share, for the same period of 2004. Sales for the second quarter of 2005 increased 7 percent to \$8.0 billion from \$7.4 billion for the same period of 2004. Previously reported second quarter 2004 sales increased \$61 million as a result of the reclassification of certain operations from discontinued to continuing operations.

### **SPACE TECHNOLOGY (NGST)**

- The team developing the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has successfully tested software that will be used to bring the space observatory's 18 mirror segments into alignment following launch. The test is a key step in verifying that the mirrors will produce clear images of the first stars and galaxies formed in the universe following the rough vibrations and disturbances during launch.
- NGST has delivered the fluid-transfer and propulsion systems to Boeing Phantom Works in Seal Beach, California, for the Orbital Express mission, which is designed to demonstrate the various technologies required for autonomous satellite servicing while on orbit.
- NASA's Aura Earth Observing System (EOS) satellite, built by NGST, has successfully completed its first year on orbit. Aura was launched on July 15, 2004 from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on a mission to study the Earth's ozone, air quality and climate.
- NG has named David L.Ryan vice president of payloads and sensors for its NGST sector. In this role, he will be responsible for all of the sector's subcontracting activities and will lead strategy development and implementation for payloads and sensors. Ryan will report to Alexis Livanos, president of NGST.
- NG has promoted Paul Gregory to vice president of human resources, from his previous position as controller at NGST. He reports to Alexis Livanos.

Each August the TRA nominates its Officers and Membersat-Large for the coming year. Then it's your responsibility as members to ratify these nominations or nominate other candidates. By nominating just one candidate for each position, we avoid the disappointment that can happen when a person agrees to run, then does not win the election.

Officers serve a one-year term, while the Members-at-Large are elected for two years. These longer terms for the latter group help bring continuity to the management and daily operation of the TRA. Members-at-Large are limited to six successive years (three terms) while Officers may serve two consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may serve up to five terms.

Please take the time to vote. Your votes show that you support the nominating committee and those other hardworking individuals that help make the TRA strong.

You can vote by e-mail or by completing the enclosed ballot and mailing it in. Voting instructions are on the ballot.

# Identity Theft It Can Happen to You!

Our September Forum speaker will be an identity theft specialist from the Western Federal Credit Union (Formerly TRW Federal Credit Union). Her presentation will discuss both aspects of identity theft:

- 1) How to avoid it
- What steps to take if it does happen to you.
   How do thieves get the information on their victims?

How do thieves get the information on their victims? It is not only from our computer files, but also from the paper trail we all leave as we go about our daily lives. Learn how to make the theft of personal information much more difficult.

If you become a victim, what should you do? Act quickly and contact the many organizations that fight this crime.

Come to our Forum on Thursday, September 15, from 2:15 to 3:30 in the Park Patio Café in Space Park's Building S to learn how to cope with this serious problem.

### TRA-FOR SPACE TECHNOLOGY AND MISSION SYSTEMS RETIREES

### **Contacting Us**

#### By Mail:

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

#### By Phone:

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

#### By E-mail:

TRA@trwretirees.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 <a href="www.trwretirees.org">www.trwretirees.org</a>. 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.

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

### **Important Phone Numbers for Retirees**

#### **Northrop Grumman Benefits Center**

www.benefits.northropgrumman.com Select "Retiree Connection"

#### Or by phone:

800-894-4194

Options:

- 1) Open Enrollment
- 2) Survivor Advocate Team
- 3) Health & Welfare Benefits
- 4) Pensions
- 5) Benefits Service Representative
- 6) Other Items

#### Caremark

1-800-407-9435

### **Savings Account Line**

800-676-7211

#### Northrop Grumman Benefits Services(Space Park)

800-537-7694

One Space Park, S/2451 Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S Park Patio Cafe, Space Park	See notice else- where in NNG	Business Meeting 1:00 p.m. fol- lowed by Forum at 2:15 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	Nov. 1, 11:30 a.m.	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 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 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	Savannah, GA	Fall, 2005	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 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 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

### **2005-6 TRIPS AND EVENTS**

### LAS VEGAS - MIRAGE

December 4-7, 2005

Deluxe motor coach 4 day, 3 night trip includes \$35 Mirage food vouchers plus one breakfast, fun day backstage tour, Neon museum and the Fremont Experience. \$284 ppdo; \$374 sgl. Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

### PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

January 25, 2006

Featuring The Four Coins from "Shangri-La." Deluxe motor coach. Coffee and rolls before departure. Refreshments en route. Lunch on your own in Palm Springs. \$65.00 pp. Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

### PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

October 4-8, 200

Deluxe motorcoach. 5 days and 4 or ats accommodations with 10 meals. Experience the Eastern Nevada of the 1860s. Visit Eureka and Tly Nevada, the Great Basin National Park, and the the Northern Railroad Excursion. Guides will lead as back in time to the exciting frontier and the contribution of the Pony Express. \$589 ppdo, \$699 sgl. Jim Addis, 310-379-6988

### **Future Travel Opportunities**

Other travel plans for 2006 include the following exciting trips. Please contact the identified coordinator if you are interested.

**April** 

French/Italian Riviera Hy Chase, 310-274-1548 Huntington Library & Rose Garden Sue Anderson, 310-371-5318

May

Laughlin Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

June

Betty Addis, 310-379-6988 **Pachanga** Yosemite Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

Harrah Rincon Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316

July

San Luis Obispo (train) Hearst Castle Tom Tucknott,

310-530-4992

Los Angeles tour and lunch Betty Addis, 310-379-

6988

August

Seafarer Mediterranean Cruise Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

September

Reno/Balloon Festival Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316

Jim Addis, 310-379-6988

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

November

Las Vegas Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

Sedona/Oak Creek Canyon Jim Addis, 310-379-

5988

#### **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.

The No Name Gazette is published seven times a year, and is the official publication of the TRA, with offices in Bldg. E2, Room B114.

No Name Gazette Staff Al Hausrath, Editor Bob Crowe, Andrew Bairden, Contributing Editors Athena Christe, Karin Petersen and Lee Rathbone, Copy Editors

### **Upcoming TRA Meetings**

Thursday, Sept. 15 TRA Board meeting (1-2 p.m.) Bldg. S Park Patio Café,

> followed by a Forum program on Identity Theft by a specialist from the Western Federal Credit Union.

(2:15-3:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 20 TRA Board meeting (1-2 p.m.) Bldg. S Park Patio

Café, followed by a Forum program. Speaker to be

announced.

### **CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

**DARRELL AUSHERMAN:** Darrell was born and raised in Columbia, Missouri. He joined TRW's Aerosciences Lab in 1969 with a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Missouri. He worked in the Applied Technology Division for both the Hardness and Survivability, and Fluid Physics Labs. Darrell retired in 1998 and volunteers for several community organizations including the TopSail Youth Program which provides character-building sail-training for youths not coping well with the demands of society. He Chairs the TRA Archives Committee. He is currently Vice President of TRA.

**DICK CROXALL:** Dick joined TRW in 1966, and during his 39-year career has held a number of key systems engineering and project management positions at Space Park. He was most recently deputy general manager in the Defense Systems Division, and vice president for Mission Assurance and Chief Engineer. In that role, he was responsible for engineering and operations, leading and supporting development of system of systems architectures, concept of operations, and key technologies for advanced space systems. Dick retired in 2005, and joined TRA soon thereafter. He is an alumnus of Cal Poly (BSME) and the UCLA Executive Management program. He has served on El Segundo's Parks & Recreation Commission, Board of Education, and Chamber of Commerce.

**BOB CROWE:** Bob retired at 55 from the Space and Technology Group in 1987 to pursue his long time goal of perfecting the art of doing nothing. TRA cofounder and first president. Originator and first editor of the No Name Gazette and the TRA Retiree Directory. Currently Mail Pouch columnist for the NNG while still energetically pursuing above goal.

**ROSE MARIE A. KEIDEL:** Rose Marie was born in Buffalo, New York, and raised in Los Angeles. She earned an AA in General Engineering at LACC. Joined STL in 1961 and left in 1965 for her first baby. Worked at raising five children with Richard Keidel. Returned to TRW in 1979 as a Math Analyst and put in 18 more years. Retired in 1997. Currently working with the Archive Committee because of all the "Wow!" stuff being handled.

**ALICE LORD:** Alice has been a member of the TRA since 1994, serving first as the membership chair for two years, then from 1996 as TRA's Activities Coordinator, taking on the responsibilities of the Spring Fling, Summer Annual Meeting, and the Holiday Party. She also has served TRA for many years as Director-at-Large.

**PAUL MAYHEW:** Paul, a native of Kentucky, received his BSEE at the University there in 1950. Married his college sweetheart, Imogene, in 1951, served as an Air Force electronic countermeasures officer during the Korean war and then entered R&D work for the AF as a civilian in 1953, eventually becoming the Technical Area Manager for all AF R&D work in electronic warfare. Concurrently he attended Ohio State University earning a MS and PhD in Engineering. In 1962 he joined STL where he eventually became Vice President and Assistant General Manager for Engineering in STG until his 1993 retirement. He was one of 40 people selected as a "Pioneer" by the NRO for his major contributions to overhead surveillance during the 40 years of the office's existence. Not all work! His hobbies include flying planes, coaching with son, Stuart, horseback riding with daughter, Paula, building aircraft (at home), hunting, precision target shooting, wood working and dirt biking, which he finally quit at age 74 after falling down "too much." He is currently a Director-at-Large for TRA.

**BETTY STOVER:** Betty retired June 1991 after almost 27 years in Space & Technology Group starting as a Senior Secretary and ended her career supporting a Vice President. She has been a member of TRA since soon after retiring, has been on the Activities Committee for several years and is in her second year as Membership Chairperson. Betty enjoys flower gardening, keeping friendships active, and has traveled extensively in our fabulous country, Europe, and other places far and wide.

**JACK WILLIAMS:** Jack retired in 1991 after 33 years of service. Most of his years at TRW were spent in Facilities management and as an Executive Administrator in DSG/SIG. He has been active in TRA, serving in many positions, including President. He currently is Secretary, and is a member of the Archives Committee. Jack and his wife Ann are active in church, serve on a City of Torrance Board, and are members of the South Bay Genealogy Society. They enjoy traveling and gardening, when time permits. Jack is currently Treasurer of TRA.

### **MORE MAIL POUCH**

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**Joanie Barousse** are on the mailing list for the next couple of years and report that they are enjoying the Southern California life style living in a golf course community in the Palm Desert area. They can be reached at kenbarousse@verizon.net **♦♦♦Patricia Moreno** notes that she retired from the TRW Dominguez Hills facility and would be interested in hearing from other retirees from that facility. She and Armando live in Redondo Beach and can be reached at morenoa right life additive in Newport News, VA. She reports from sjforrest124@hotmail.com that she is still working for her son at Green Pastures Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance and the labor "keeps me young and active." **\ + \ Sandy Friedfeld** reports a welcome visit from former ATD co-worker **Don** Lee who now calls Whidbey Island, WA his home. As usual, a Chinese lunch was arranged for the visitor which included John Chang, Tommy Thompson, Arvel Witte, and Sandy. Also, a reminder. The 13th ATD yearly reunion is set he was saddened to hear of the passing of good friends Joe Dalrymple and Lee O'Malley. Bill and Holly have taken up permanent residence in Carson City, NV. And, he modestly reports that his latest book published in 2002, "Bye Bye Big Bang" in which he refutes the "Big Bang Theory" is selling quite well **\display \display Steve** and **Mary Anna Goode** are enjoying their retirement in Atascadero on the Central California

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Retiree Name
William P. Ball
Gunther Gronwold
Robert L. Boosman
Peter J. Holloway

Date of Death June 27, 2005 July 20, 2005 April 14, 2005 June 5, 2005

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194, Option 2. 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 retirees 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
- Name of person submitting the information
- Relation of this person to the deceased (family member, or if friend, how you knew the deceased.)
- A printed Funeral Service Announcement, when available, should also be included to help establish the authenticity of the information.

Coast. Mary Anna reports that Steve is finally building a '31 Model A hot rod, a very long time dream and has parts spread out everywhere in his shop. She also catches him welding very early in the morning. Also, he is now computer savvy and no longer wants to throw it through a window. You can check on the hot rod progress at wood2scale@thegrid.net **\+++Hans Meissinger** quit working on space missions? No way! He might have retired from TRW but since 1990 Jim Wertz who runs Microcosm Inc. in El Segundo has employed him. First as a part time staff member, later Chief Engineer and now as a consultant. He and Hannah still live in Baldwin Hills and as he puts it, "It would be too much a loss to leave space missions behind after 55 years! Nor have I stopped reading the Gazette with great interest!" **\diamond Richard** and Susan Hussey are grooving in Loudon, TN. As he puts it. "Retirement is fantastic! Spending summers on the Tennessee River and winters in Ft. Meyers, FL. Tough life but someone has to do it!" \* Wesley and Gail Otto are on the NNG mailing list for another year at their home in La Mesa, CA♦♦♦Marion and Owen Weibel are still having fun in retirement. Their home base is in Torrance, CA but in the past few years have cruised to Europe, Mexico, and then Alaska in 2003, for their 50th anniversary celebration. Also bought a home in Bullhead City, AZ for a getaway. They enjoy seeing former TRW employees who have gotaway to the same place **\diamonds Ron Herr** writes from Layton, UT that he has found a golfing paradise for retirees. Some 21 low fee courses within a 20 mile radius, and of course Ron and his friends play in the Northrop Grumman Competitive League and compete on 14 of these courses each year♦♦♦Seems that Clarence Anderson's check for 2005 membership and TRA's needling letter for dues crossed in the mail — and caused a wrong way fur rub for the Riverside, CA retiree. He even sent a copy of his check to prove it. OK Clarence! We got your money and you have your 2005 TRA membership. And sincere hopes for many more years with TRA♦♦♦ Along with his dues, Fred Prior sent a great nostalgic letter from Valley Center, CA where he and Peggy have settled. Too much to condense, but "I think I had the best job a company ever created......from drawing and painting missiles and satellites, architectural renderings and models...put in a ton of cartoons and retirement cards (my favorite subject) and you have the makings of a perfect job." He sadly notes attending his best friend's (Al Scharf) memorial services last February with friends and co-workers Gene Bruno, Bernie Schwab, Adolph Tishler, Gordon Evans, and John Amandola to name just a few.

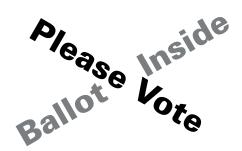
If your note to the Pouch was sent but doesn't appear above, please be patient. It will get top billing next edition!



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The next NNG will be published in October.

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

In a recent message to the Mail Pouch a grievous error occurred. Maria Wilkins had her last name misspelled. And, as a result her email was also goofed up. So, to assure Maria gets her messages please use mariawilkns@ earthlink.net. Sorry Maria. The highly paid proofreader who made the error has been dismissed **\display Lou Garner** probably echoed many readers' thoughts and feelings when he gave his personal comments in the May/June NNG. "Gene **Noneman** was one of those rare people with whom I nearly always managed to disagree, but his accomplishments were 'legendary'." "George Solomon was one of the nicest and most competent people I ever knew." (Editor's Note: Having known and worked with both, Gene much more so than George, I can partially agree with Lou and can personally share Betti Noneman and Karen Solomon's loss.) ♦ ♦ ♦ Gloria La Mantia is staying active in Fullerton, CA. She notes that retirees from Bldg. 110 days, Norma Tuttle, Janice Anderson, Esther Guilfoyle, Joan Atchinson, and Gloria meet at the Tuttle house every few months and go out for lunch to celebrate whatever birthday was nearest **\display Carolyn** and **Robert** Mihara are now non-Californians. They have relocated to Fletcher, NC, where for the time being they reside at 148 Web Place with an email address of logcabinincarolina@aol.com.

Why such an address? Because they are building a custom log

home for their retirement years and plan to be residing there within a year ��� Joe Larkin, in a March email, reports that the "infamous" Space Park Mafia convened in late February at Bally's in Las Vegas. Attending were Joe, Don Lynch, Roger Orman, Chuck Ulrich, Fred Seelig, and Dick Mulligan. (This was Dick's last attendance. On 16 March he passed on and joined Gerry Geismar as a member emeritus of the "Mafia.") ��� Gail Weage wants folks to know that she is still living in the Paso Robles area on the beautiful California Central Coast. In her late,

that he is enjoying retirement but also enjoys working part time for the past two years (it's the mental stimulation, not the money). Still some traveling. Last year he and **Judy** spent a month in India **\* Vern Widerquist** encourages readers to submit names of deceased retiree friends and coworkers. As he puts it in his note from Seabrook, TX. "One value of the NNG is seeing who I outlived." **\* Vern** and

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