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Northrop Grumman Income Grows

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Frank Warren

Northrop Grumman Corp (NG)

- ▶ LOS ANGELES — NG third quarter 2006 income from continuing operations rose 5 percent to \$306 million from \$291 million in the third quarter of 2005. Third quarter sales increased 2 percent to \$7.4 billion from \$7.3 billion in the third quarter of 2005.
- ▶ LOS ANGELES — NG has signed on as a major sponsor of *Cyberchase*, the only animated television series for school-age children dedicated to building an understanding of math as a useful everyday tool. Since 2002 the award winning math mystery cartoon has used humor, action and adventure to get children excited—and confident—about math and problem solving activities. The fifth season of *Cyberspace* began on Tuesday, Oct 31st on PBS KIDS GO!

Space Technology Sector (NGST)

- ▶ REDONDO BEACH — NG is conducting tests on a newly constructed full-scale evolutionary pathfinder of the James Webb Space telescope's (JWST) sunshield to verify its design concept and deployment techniques. Testing, including folding and deployment trials, will continue through next year. The five layer sunshield is designed to block solar light and keep the Observatory operating at cryogenic temperatures.
- ▶ REDONDO BEACH — *Vesta*, a company-funded high-power laser weapon, powerful enough to perform many basic military missions, is getting closer to accompanying U.S. troops wherever they go, due to rapid advancements NG is making in high-energy solid state lasers featuring excellent beam quality, i.e. how well the beam can be focused and ultimately defining how much of the beam can be projected onto a target.
- ▶ REDONDO BEACH — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will evaluate the capabilities of Skyguard, a high-energy laser proposed by NG to defeat the man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) threat to commercial aviation under a newly awarded 18-month DHS contract for \$1.9 million.

Integrated Systems Sector (NGIS)

- ▶ BETHPAGE, NY — NG has received a delivery order from the U.S. Navy to produce spares for the Improved Capability (ICAP) III airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) System on the EA-6B Prowler. This \$22 million firm-fixed-price order is in addition to a \$73 million purchase earlier this year for four complete systems plus another partial system and spares. Prowler aircraft are used heavily in the global war on terror.

Information Technology Sector (NGIT)

- ▶ MCLEAN, VA — New York City's Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications has awarded a five-year \$500 million contract to provide the city's broadband public-safety wireless network, the most comprehensive network of its kind. This effort will enhance the city's existing mobile wireless applications to support first responders and transportation personnel.
- ▶ ORLANDO, FL — NG announced a partnership agreement with the University of Central Florida, Orlando, to collaborate on a study that examines the effects of physiological stress on warfighters. The first phase of the project will examine research of similar analyses for results and lessons learned. Additional phases will include studies of rigorous exercises on military personnel to assess human performance under realistic physically and mentally demanding environments.

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 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	See notice elsewhere in NNG	Business Meeting 1:00 p.m. followed by Forum at 2:15 p.m.	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	Savannah, GA	May 5-7, 2006	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 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

Las Vegas (at the Mirage)

November 26-28, 2006

R/T coach, 2 nights at the hotel, 2 buffet breakfasts, driver's tip, tax and baggage handling. \$214 p/p dbl, \$294 sgl. \$50.00 deposit now. Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

Mesquite, Zion & Bryce

May 6-10, 2007

3 nights Mesquite, 1 night Zion, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners. R/T coach, baggage handling and driver tip. \$492 dbl, \$597 sgl Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

Mammoth Lakes, Lake Tahoe & Reno

1 night Mammoth, 3 nights Reno, 1 night Bishop. 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners. Lake Tahoe cruise, Virginia City/Manzanar/Mammoth Lakes/Alabama Hills tours. Virginia and Truckee railroad ride. Donner Museum. R/T coach, baggage handling and driver tip. \$699 dbl, \$899 sgl. \$50 deposit to hold space. Final due May 8, 2007 (refundable until May 8) Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

Our plans for 2007 include the following. Contact the identified coordinator for more information. For comments and/or suggestions, please contact **Jay Seidman at 818-343-5171 or jayandgerry@sbcglobal.net.**

January, 2007

Chinese New Year (Hong Kong)–Hy Chase, 310-274-1548

February, 2007

Pachanga–Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

March, 2007

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

April, 2007

Paula Casino–Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316

June, 2007

Laughlin–Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

July, 2007

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

September 10-23, 2007

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

October, 2007

Redwoods with Skunk Train–Tom Tucknott, 310-30-4992

November, 2007

Las Vegas–Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

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 Boys and Girls of ATD

The 2006 ATD retirees reunion and lunch at the Alpine Village on Monday, November 6 in at the Alpine Village in Torrance was a big success. About 70 individuals from the past showed up to renew old friendships. The conversations included memories of spacecraft propulsion systems, Lunar Module rocket engines, space instruments and chemical lasers. Other more updated topics included health insurance, investments and travel. This year we allowed more time for interfacing with individuals before lunch, which turned out to be a good idea. The last of the crew left about 3:00 p.m. Bob Traylor, Don Brown and Sandy Friedfeld once again put together a very popular event.

MORE MAIL POUCH

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he thinks of him often and really enjoyed the days when Bob was his manager. Rudolph's new phone number is 801-963-6963♦♦♦♦**Al Gumb** sends a real vote of confidence by sending a "check for No Name Gazette renewal..."Al is retired in Laguna Beach but spends his leisure time working in Costa Mesa as a Certified Financial Planner." With the exception of course for the time spent in Maui each Christmas and New Years in the Gumb condo. You can reach Al at algumb@earthlink.net♦♦♦♦

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IN MEMORIAM

Retiree Name	Date of Death
Edwin Fine	October 14, 2006
Donald L. Muscoe	October 12, 2006
Walter H. Musser	June 12, 2006
Harold Thom, Jr.	October 8, 2007
Kathy Wengert	September 26, 2006

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.

Address Service Requested

The next NNG will be published in mid-January. It will contain the membership renewal notices for those whose membership expired in 2006, as well as color photos of the Holiday Party

THE MAIL POUCH — Sorted and Delivered by Bob Crowe

◆◆◆**Al Connarn** adds his input to those who missed the “W”s in the latest directory. He noted his friend John Wiles was missing and asked “Is this a political ploy to wipe out even the mention of ‘Dubbya?’” Al, who lives in North Carolina didn’t mention his political affiliation◆◆◆**Tom State** finally tracked down his former M-4 mentor in the late 60’s, **Hal Frasier**, who has been living with spouse, **Sue Solomon**, in the Tahoe/Reno area since retirement. Hal has had some health problems but Tom reports the former three year U.S. Navy football letterman prior to switching to the Marine Corps is hanging in there◆◆◆**Lee** and **Susan Prentice** finally agreed with their son and switched homes from Grass Valley, CA to Wilsonville, OR. Lee said they were a bit reluctant to move but finally decided that family, including three grandchildren, was more important at this time of their lives.. You can reach them at lee@prenticenet.com◆◆◆In addition to three years dues, **Walt Sterling** sends a couple of great suggestions from Oceanside, CA for seniors who might have automotive repair or insurance problems in California. These are based on his own personal experiences. First, if you feel an automotive repair shop is “doing you in” after several attempts to repair a “repair”, call the Bureau of Automotive Repair at 760-439-0942 and explain the problem you’re having. Walt’s second suggestion came as the result of some



medical bills incurred while on a cruise. He had a month of back and forth phone calls and letters and finally requested help from the California Department of Insurance at 213-897-8921. He provided them with the necessary information and they took over◆◆◆**Rogene Shirley** sends two years dues and “Thanks” to TRA’s volunteers from Stanwood, WA. She enjoys the NNG and admits to sometimes wanting to be back in Torrance, CA. “some of the trips look very inviting and the parties look as if everyone is having a great time.”◆◆◆**Wally** and **Vivian Wannlund** are still trying to adjust to being “flatlanders” after moving from their home in Frazier at 6000 feet to Hemet at a much lower altitude. They find that with golf very available they are surviving nicely. You can reach them at waviwann.netzero.net or 951-927-1632. And, as far as the missing “w”s in the new directory, “hey, all of us “w”s are used to that!”◆◆◆**Fred Blaich** sends a brief note of remembrance from Newbury Park, CA regarding recently deceased **Ed Fine** and **Harold Thom**. “I worked with Hal and Ed on M-35 and FLTSAT in the late 60’s and early 70’s. They were fine men and contributed greatly to TRW.”◆◆◆**Rudolph Stodola** has moved from Chino, CA to Taylorsville, UT to live with his younger daughter “now that I am approaching 90 years of age.” He reports his health is good with some slight decline in hearing and vision. And he wants **Bob Rupkey** to know

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