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For Space Technology & Mission Systems Retirees

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Announcing TRA's Spring Fling

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Frank Warren

Space Technology Sector (NGST)

- REDONDO BEACH — NGST has received a Missile Defense Agency (MDA) contract for the second phase of a five-and-a-half year program to develop the Advanced Track Illuminator Laser, or ATILL -- a six-kilowatt-class, solid-state, pulsed laser with excellent beam quality for advanced MDA missions.
- REDONDO BEACH — NGST has demonstrated the interface compatibility of the next-generation Advanced Extremely High Frequency (EHF) military communications satellite with user ground terminals using the new Extended Data Rate (XDR) waveform and protocols.

Mission Systems Sector (NGMS)

- RESTON — NGMS provided technical support, repairs, and service for Remotec-produced robots used to bolster security during the match-up between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants at University of Phoenix Stadium. The company assisted more than 800 officers from numerous agencies in patrolling a two-square mile security zone around the stadium. NGMS provides a variety of hazardous duty robots, including the HD-1, F6A, Mark V-A1, Mini-Andros II, and Wolverine, to detect and defeat a wide array of explosives and other hazardous materials.

Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

- BALTIMORE — NGES and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have created the first fully-functional, all-carbon nanotube transistor radio, demonstrating that carbon nanotubes can be used as high-speed transistors, while consuming only one-thousandth the power required by current transistor technology.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

TRA's Spring Fling, our seventh, 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, we will have back Clem Pennington, our 2006 entertainer, with his beautiful voice and Karaoke machine.

Alice Lord, our activities chair, has selected an American selection of food, which includes a great variety of choices. The deserts are wonderful. Come meet your friends, enjoy a great buffet meal, all for just \$15 per person.

This great lunch will be held Wednesday, April 9, from 11:00 to 3:00, at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Boulevard, Los Angeles. Because we expect a sell-out, all reservations must be in by March 26. Don't procrastinate; send in your reservation now.

SPRING FLING RESERVATION FORM Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 11:00 - 3:00

Retiree Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership No. _____ Phone: _____
(From mailing label)

Total Number Coming _____ at \$15 each = _____

Limit: One guest per member

Mail with a check to:

TRA
P.O. 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 offices are in Building E2 at Space Park

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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@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 Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connam 828-554-4993 aconnarn@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	2nd Monday Various times	Social	George Zaiser 805-343-2631 gzais@msm.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	San Bernardino Golf Club		Social plus programs of interest	Joe Daruty 909-792-8022 jdaruty@aol.com
SE Chapter	Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show	April 25-26, 2008	Social/Tours	Robert Baris 803-648-3141 barisr@bellsouth.net
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

MATINEE THEATRE & LUNCH

March 1, 2008

Candlelight Pavilion matinee in Claremont, CA: "Blame It On The Movies" Includes R/T coach, gratuities, lunch and taxes. \$89.00 pp. Payment deadline February 1. Margaret Krall, 310-325-2951

3 DAY LAUGHLIN TRIP

March 3-5 2008

2 Nts. At Edgewater Hotel, Sedona Towers, voucher for breakfast or lunch, \$5.00 gaming voucher. Driver's tip, baggage handling, coffee and rolls prior to departure and refreshments en route included. \$84.00 ppdo, \$104.00 sgl. Refundable until Feb 1. Jim & Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

Mid-June 2008

CAMP PENDLETON TOUR AND LUNCH

See 2 military museums, K-9 Dog Unit in action, mess hall lunch (maybe a buffet lunch in the Officers Club), tour of the base as you journey through military history. Limited to 37. \$41 per person. Jim Addis, 310-379-6988

July 5-21, 2008

16 DAY ALASKA CRUISE TOUR

Start in Anchorage, then (land portion) Valdez (short cruise on Prince William Sound), Delta Junction/Fairbanks (El Dorado Gold Mine), Fairbanks, Denali (Dinner Theater), Denali (Wilderness Expedition), Anchorage (Iditarod Headquarters), Kenai Fjords Cruise, then transfer to the cruise ship and cruise and visit College Ford, Glacier Bay, Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, Inside Passage, and debark in Vancouver. From \$3529 ppdo (inside cabin on ship) to \$4125 ppdo (outside cabin). Does not include air, port and government taxes (about \$330.00) and insurance. Deposit of \$600 pp, fully refundable until April 15. Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

Our future plans include the following:

June 2008

YOSEMITE & CHUCKCHANSI CASINO, BASS LAKE

Tom Tucknott 310-530-4992

July 2008

PECHANGA

Sue Anderson 310-371-5316

September 2008

BRANSON

Betty Addis 310-379-6988

November 2008

HONG KONG

Hy Chase 310-274-1548

November, 2008

Las Vegas

Tom Tucknott 310-530-4992

We would appreciate it if you would contact the identified coordinator for more information. For comments or suggestions, including specific destinations or events, please contact Jay Seidman at 818-343-5171 or jayandjerry@sbcglobal.net.

Neither smoking nor alcoholic beverages are permitted upon our buses.

The Travel Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in E2/1200.

Important Contacts for Retirees

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

www.benefits.northropgrumman.com

Select "Retiree Connection"

Or by phone: 800-894-4194

Here you can get help on health benefits, pensions, savings, and to report a death. It's all voice activated, so just listen to the instructions and answer the first few questions to reach a representative.

Express Scripts (Rx)

www.express-scripts.com

800-655-1971

Northrop Grumman Benefits Services (Space Park)

800-537-7694

One Space Park, S/2451
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***The next NNG will be mailed
in late April.***

Garrett Reisman, a former TRW Employee, now an Astronaut.

Reported by Les Hromas

Garrett Reisman, formerly a member of the TRW's Controls Department, will be an Astronaut on board NASA's upcoming Shuttle flight STS 123 scheduled to launch on March 11, 2008. STS 123 will ferry Garrett up to the International Space Station where he is scheduled to spend 6 months, together with two Astronauts from Russia. Garrett will return to earth after the six-month mission.

Garrett has kindly invited several from Space Park to attend the March launch as guests of NASA. Space Park personnel gave Garrett a small flag to take with him into space. (He was also given a bit of dirt from the pitcher's mound at Yankee Stadium.) Once the mission is completed, Space Technology management plans to host a special visit by Garrett and duly honor him.

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Dues Renewals

The renewal checks are pouring in so fast that our office staff is running behind schedule in processing them. For this reason, we have eliminated the *PAID THRU* info on your address label. We will add this information back with the April issue.

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Lula C. (Katy) Bales	February 6, 2008
Robert W. Dees	January 26, 2008
William G. Hample	December 23, 2007
Carole A. Roberts	January 21, 2008

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death. However, due to privacy laws, the Benefits Center does NOT notify the TRA. 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.

Where's The Mail Pouch

The Mail Pouch is missing this issue because we are short on material. Please keep the mail coming in with a brief summary of whats on your mind or going on in your life. Thanks
Send it to either TRA Mail Pouch, PO Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 or al.h@tra-spacepark.org.