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Summer Annual Meeting — Sat. June 7

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Frank Warren

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NG)

- ▶ LOS ANGELES — NG recently launched the website www.americasnewtanker.com to inform the general public about the facts surrounding the U.S. Air Force's selection of Northrop Grumman to deliver the KC-45 aerial refueling tanker aircraft. "Following the Feb. 29 Air Force announcement that it had selected Northrop Grumman to build and deliver the new fleet of KC-45 aerial refueling tankers, supporters of the losing bidder spread misinformation about the basis for the Air Force's decision," Randy Belote, NG vice president of corporate and international communications, stated. The KC-45 Tanker aircraft will create 48,000 new American jobs at 230 companies in 49 states. The aircraft will be assembled and modified at new, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Mobile, AL, while the KC-45's refueling systems will be built at new facilities in Bridgeport, WV. The KC-45 industrial team will be led by Northrop Grumman, and includes EADS North America, GE Aviation, Sargent Fletcher, Honeywell, Parker, Goodrich, AAR Cargo Systems, Telephonics, Knight Aerospace, Astronics and Aircraft Safety.
- ▶ LOS ANGELES — NG announced that it has completed the previously announced redemption of its Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. In total, the company issued approximately 6,368,300 shares of Common Stock as a result of the redemption and conversion. The effect of these shares has previously been included in the company's weighted average shares used for the calculation of fully diluted earnings per share.

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June is almost here, and with it comes our Annual Meeting and Reunion on Saturday, June 7, 2008. Our speaker will be Dr. Thomas Romesser, Space Technology vice president and manager, of the Technology and Emerging Systems Division. His intriguing topic will be *Continued Evolution of Space Park*.

And there is more: meet old friends, have a fine lunch, and reminisce over photos from the past from the TRA Archives. As in the past, there will be the Arts and Crafts folks (see sign-up form on Page 5) and information tables from Northrop Grumman Benefits, TRA Travel Committee, Western Federal Credit Union, TRA Archives, and TRA Membership.

Members of TRA may bring a spouse or one other guest. As in the past, the meeting will be held at the S Building Forum and Patio Cafe, from 11 to 3. Meal tickets will be issued when you sign in at the door. No one will be served without a ticket.

Attendees unable to negotiate the stairs down to the patio level may use the elevator access through the East entrance to the building if they bring a valid ID and identify that need on their reservation form.

Although there is no charge for this event, it does take a lot of planning to provide all this. So PLEASE send in your reservation form now. You can either mail it in or register by e-mail. Send e-mail reservations to summer@tra-spacepark.org and provide name, full address, membership number (from mailing label), number attending, and elevator access info if needed.

Thanks,

Alice Lord, Activities Coordinator

Reservation Form — TRA's Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 11 to 3 in the S Building Forum at Space Park

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Membership No. (from mailing label on back page): _____

Number attending: (limit 2 adults): _____

Yes, I will need elevator access to the patio

Detach and mail 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

NG/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	11:40 a.m. 1st Friday in November	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Traylor 310-541-1917 or sandj1@aol.com
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-884-4993 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
Huntsville Chapter	Call for Location (It's Complicated!)	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 803-648-3142 barisr@bellsouth.net
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Meeting http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@sbcglobal.net
Temecula Valley	Currently Inactive Call Judy to get it going again		Social	Judy Lebovitz 951-461-0065 jlebo6720@aol.com
TRIN	Bldg E2, Room 1200 Space Park	2nd or 3rd Friday 2:00 p.m.	Investment Info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Mike Pauls 310-379-2707 lmikep@earthlink.net
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Sloan'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

June 17 2008

CAMP PENDLETON TOUR AND LUNCH

See two 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. \$32 per person. Jim and Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

August 1-8, 2008

7 DAY ALASKA CRUISE TOUR

Board Holland American Amsterdam in Seattle on Friday, visit Juneau (Sun), cruise Tracy Arm (Mon), visit Sitka (Tue), Visit Ketchikan (Wed), visit Victoria (Thu). Debarck Seattle (Fri). Veranda Suites at \$2149.00 ppdo (this is about a \$750.00 group discount). Taxes and fees are \$150.18 additional. Optional R/T LAX is currently \$349.80. Deposit of \$350.00 pp ASAP, full payment by 15 May, and fully refundable until 10 May. Other cabins available, but not at group discount. Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

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.

Our future plans include the following:

July 17 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.

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
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

KC-45A Tanker Program

Northrop Grumman (NGC) has sent a letter to all their retirees regarding the recent USAF contract award for the KC-45A tanker. The award is being protested by Boeing. NGC is soliciting retirees' support for the award in the form of letters from you to your Congressional Representatives and Senators. The background and facts of the award are well detailed in the letter from NGC. Your response is completely voluntary, but we urge you not to ignore this opportunity to make your views known.

Budd Cohen, President of TRA

TRW Sunnyvale Lab Alumni

The TRW Sunnyvale Lab Alumni group is planning a reunion on June 28th. For more info contact Don Jones: donrmjones@msn.com or 253-858-2460

HAPPENINGS

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Space Technology Sector (NGST)

- REDONDO BEACH — NGST is a partner on five contracts awarded by NASA to investigate concepts for next-generation space telescopes. The concepts include a powerful successor to the Hubble Space Telescope, three planet finding missions, and a futuristic x-ray space telescope. The study results will be submitted for consideration to the scientific community during the upcoming National Academy of Science's Astronomy and Astrophysics Decadal Survey, which sets priorities for future astrophysics missions.

Information Technology Sector (NGIT)

- MCLEAN, VA — NGIT has been awarded a contract by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to maintain and enhance the National Airspace System Resource (NASR) and Electronic NASR (eNASR) systems, collectively known as the NASR II system. NASR II provides systems operation, maintenance and system enhancements in support of the FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation System, which provides added technological capability to meet future demands in air travel. Under the terms of the contract, Northrop Grumman will provide systems operation, maintenance and enhancement to NASR II. The company will also modify NASR II to adopt the use of the aeronautical information exchange model and support management and technical data portals. Work on the contract will be conducted in various Washington, D.C., FAA facilities over one year with four one-year options.

Integrated Systems Sector (NGIS)

- PALMDALE, CA — NGIS has begun assembling the center fuselage for the first production Lightning II jet, a weight-optimized, U.S. Air Force F-35A conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) variant designated AF-6. The center fuselage is the core structure around which the F-35 aircraft is built.
- SAN DIEGO — RQ-4 Global Hawk set an endurance record for a full-scale, operational unmanned aircraft on Saturday, March 22, 2008, when it completed a flight of 33.1 hours at altitudes up to 60,000 feet over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Designated AF-8, the first Global Hawk Block 20, tail no. 04-2015, surpassed both the offi-

cial and unofficial world un-refueled endurance records for operational unmanned airplanes previously held by the Block 10 variant. To date, three Global Hawks are deployed in support of the global war on terrorism (GWOT), logging more than 15,700 combat hours with more than 21,000 total program flight hours and 95 percent mission effectiveness. As the world's first fully autonomous High Altitude, Long Endurance (HALE) unmanned aerial system providing persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to warfighters, the Global Hawk is designed to fly up to 65,000 feet for more than 35 hours and see through any inclement weather at any time. Global Hawks are flown in four locations across the globe: Beale Air Force Base, home of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing and the RQ-4's main operating base, near Sacramento, Calif.; Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California; Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland; and in support of the GWOT.

Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

- CINCINNATI, OH — NGES has received a contract from the U.S. Army to provide soldiers with additional SCORPION unattended ground sensor (UGS) system spares and technical support. The primary function of the SCORPION system is to provide long- and short-range target recognition for situational awareness, border and perimeter security and persistent surveillance. The contract, valued at \$2.4 million, is a follow-on contract to the recently completed CENTCOM UGS program for which Northrop Grumman delivered more than 600 SCORPION systems to the U.S. Army and over 900 worldwide.

WestWind Engineering — Extending Your Career

Thinking of doing some consulting work to supplement your retirement income? Want to keep your professional skills up to date? Want to keep your DoD clearances active? In these changing times it's wise to remember that your professional earning ability is one of your greatest assets – and WestWind Engineering, owned and staffed by NGC retirees, can help! If you want to keep active and involved in our fascinating world of aerospace and defense, give us a call at 310-356-7340.

MEMORIES

The No Name Gazette introduces a new feature in this issue that we hope will induce others to submit copy. It's called Memories: It's Hard to Forget. Our president, Budd Cohen, initiates the series in this issue with a unforgettable memory of General Doolittle.

What career related event is fixed in your memory that others might enjoy? Write it up and send it to our editor at al.h@tra-spacepark.org or TRA, Attn NNG, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

Since NNG space is limited the editor depends on an informal editorial board to review such suggestions for possible inclusion in future editions. Only "Memories" of 300 words or less will be considered for publication.

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***We are born naked, wet and hungry.
 Then things get worse.***

MEMORIES
IT'S HARD TO FORGET!

The Rooster

General Doolittle, most famous for his daring flight to bomb Tokyo in April 1942, was also a famous civil aviator and a Ph D Aeronautical Engineer. He resigned from the Air Force in 1959 and became Chairman of the Board of Space Technology Labs (STL) until 1963. He was also a gutsy and crusty individual (a rooster) as this anecdote reveals.

While he was serving at Space Technology Labs, I had a chance to spend an hour with him, giving a briefing to him on one of our projects. At the conclusion of the briefing, after thanking me, he approached me and pointed out a lapel pin which he was wearing, and asked, "Do you know what this is, Sonny." (He used this name on many young men.)

I replied "No, Sir."

He said, "It's a rooster. Do you know why I'm wearing it?"

No, Sir," I said.

"Yesterday I was visiting GE. They were demonstrating the urine-recycling system they were building for the astronauts to use in space travel. After the demo they invited the attendees to sample (taste) the output. I was the only one who did. I got the rooster. The others got the chicken!"

I'll never forget that incident, and the pleasure I got from spending over an hour with the General on a one-to-one basis. He was a hero and a famous man to thousands of people for many deserved reasons; but, for me, his friendliness with an underling will be a hallmark of his humanity.

Budd Cohen

14th Art & Craft Show June 7

Show your fellow retirees your long hidden artistic talent. BR (Before Retirement) you were too busy earning a living to follow your artistic pursuits, but look what you have accomplished since you retired. Come share it with us at the very popular Art & Craft Show, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 7th. This exhibition and sale provides a venue for TRA's talented to showcase their creations.

Easels and display tables will be available to satisfy display requirements. As usual, there will be no cost to the exhibitor.

If you plan to exhibit your work, please return the application form. Artist-Exhibitors must be paid-up TRA members or their spouses, and may exhibit only their own work. No third party exhibitions or sales, please. Once your application form is received, you will be contacted for information on your needs for display space or other special requirements. June is right around the corner so call Bob Rupkey at 310-515 2669 to make sure your space is reserved.

Artist-Exhibitor Application

I would like to exhibit my work at the Art & Craft Exhibition in conjunction with the TRA Annual Meeting on June 7, 2008.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Membership No. (From Mailing Label): _____

Please attach a brief description of the material you would like to display.

Detach and mail to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA or e-mail the same information to Bob Rupkey at rrupkey@flash.net.

NG/TRW Retiree Meetings around the U.S.

A survey of the 14 groups listed in the table on Page 2 shows that as a whole they remain very active. Here are some of the messages we received.

ATD Boys and Girls

They meet annually on the first Friday of November at Alpine Village in Torrance with a huge turnout of 70-90 retirees. The significance of the date is that is when Sandy Friedfeld and a bunch of other ATD "boys" retired. Word spread of their annual reunion and the anniversary lunch has grown to its present size.

Brevard Retirees

Brevard is a charming town in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Nearby is the Rosman Tracking Station, where TRW had a contract for about five years. The Rosman Tracking Station is located in a natural amphitheater atop a mountain. This location is ideal for satellite tracking both for its distance from any cities and because there are no regular airline routes over it. It is no longer a government facility, but is now run by PARI, a not-for-profit public foundation dedicated to providing hands-on educational and research opportunities for a broad cross-section of users in science, technology, engineering and math disciplines. When the TRW contract ended, most of the employees left, but some have drifted back in retirement. The Brevard Retirees are quite active, meet twice a month, with 6-11 attending.

Central Coast

Paul Melancon writes from Solvang that their retirees group is "fairly active." He recommends that anyone who is considering retiring to the Santa Ynez Valley should connect with their members at one of their monthly meetings for the straight facts on this nice area.

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville TRA Chapter started in September of 2002 continues its luncheons the second Tuesday of every month at Huntsville, Alabama. Members participate in TEMPO community activities and various Northrop-Grumman special events. Retirees, employees and friends who visit Huntsville are always welcome – contact Jim Troy at 850-797-0044 or jtroy@troysig.com for details.

They are currently trying out the company cafeteria at the huge ADTRAN lakeside plush corporate facility but it's not simple to explain that or where it is. This is an unclassified open facility near NG which itself has no cafeteria.

Jim Troy writes, "We're doing well, running around 19 attendees out of 70 mailees which is way up for us, I think our growth is due to more company support now in our 6th year. They invite us to all TEMPO and retirement activities and they seem to refer retirees to us."

Las Vegas

The once-a-month meetings continue. Las Vegas has a wealth of good eating places, so they visit a different restaurant each month, Carol Noblet reports. Typically 10 to 15 retirees attend.

Northern Virginia

From Bill Gehrke: "Yes we still are meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Squire Rockwell's Restaurant in Annandale, VA, on the third Friday of the month. I am maintaining an email list of Washington xTRW types. There are now 177 people on this list. Actually most have left the area. We have typically 15-18 people that show up for the luncheon. In addition to the monthly luncheon reminder I pass along an occasional news item to the group. Unfortunately they typically are obituaries. If I get any pictures I will send them on to you."

Ogden

They are still meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Layton, Utah. They have promised the NNG a report.

San Bernardino

Joe Daruty emailed that they are still meeting at the San Bernardino golf club and their next luncheon/meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, starting at 11:00 a.m. The speaker is yet to be confirmed.

San Diego Chapter

Gene Sloane has established a very nice website for the San Diego Chapter, accessible at: <http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org/>. Thereon is a lot of information about their activities and operations. They try to meet on the third Tuesday of each month but vary it based on their activities. It is a very active group.

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Retiree Meetings

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SE Chapter

The SE Chapter of TRA represents retirees in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. Since their start in 1995 they have been publishing a newsletter "six times per year, on the Ides of the odd months." They plan two big outings each year, with the Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show their pick for April 2008.

Temecula Valley

The Temecula Valley retirees have not met for quite some time. Judy Lebovitz writes that she has been busy with both her health problems, her husband's health problems and her volunteer work and, thus, too busy to try to organize anything. With no one else stepping up to help the group, they are at least temporarily not meeting.

TRIN: The Retirees Investment Network

TRIN is a new listing in the NNG, but not new to Space Park. They have met regularly to review investment information for many years. Mike Pauls, the contact for the group, writes that TRIN Newsletter Group is available as a potential investment information source primarily focused on monthly newsletter reviews. NG/Space Park is on a 9/80 work schedule whereby they work 80 hours, spread over 9 working days, giving the employees every other Friday off. For this reason, E2 is closed every other Friday and TRIN coordinates its meetings with NG work calendar. They meet on the second or third Friday of each month, depending on the Space Park schedule. Contact Mike at 310-379-2707 or Lmikep@earthlink.net for details.

TRW Retirees of the Desert

While not all desert retirees attend all Tuesday meetings, there are always at least 6 or 7 present. In addition to their weekly meeting they also have an annual holiday get together dinner party in December at one of the excellent restaurants in this area. This gives them a chance to dress up a little (always casual) and celebrate one more year here in paradise. They have a fine website: trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com that is worth a visit.

The Ventura County Romeos

This is our smallest group, with just four members: Fred Blaich, Harrison Stroud, Allan Strayer, and Bill Scheppers. They are expecting a 25% growth, however; Stu Pearson is moving to Thousand Oaks.

D.C.

The only organization we were unable to reach was the D.C. group with Lew Schneider as contact. If this group is still active please update your information by sending a message to al.h@tra-spacepark.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death
L. Catherine Bales	February 6, 2008
Merle H Berndt	January 4, 2008
Neville Barter*	March 21, 2008
Margery Bacon Blondefield	February 27, 2008
Mary Anne Camez	March 5, 2008
Charles L Daily*	March 25, 2008
A. N. (Nick) Del Pesco	March 13, 2008
Lilia Dubyn	April 6, 2007
Richard C. Eatough III	April 6, 2008
George B. Gallagher*	February 28, 2008
Victor L. Hetzel	March 7, 2008
Gordon K. Mastick	November 2, 2007
Arturo Munoz-Mellows	September 7, 2007
Ivan Joseph Mihaljevich	March 5, 2008
Virginia Perkins	February, 2008
Florence Ann Peralta	March 7, 2008
James A. Ramsay	March 19, 2008
James J. Sevik	May 8, 2005
Dan S. Sugimoto	March 16, 2007
William J. Tallon	July 8, 2007
Nassar S. Waian	March 15, 2008

*Check TRA's web page (www.tra-spacepark.org) for obituaries of these individuals. Scroll down to near the bottom and you will find "In Memoriam." Inside this section are the obituaries.

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.

TRA's Web Page "In Memoriam" Updated

TRA has updated its alphabetized master listing of the "In Memoriam" names that have been included in the NNG. The list now includes all the names since the June 95 issue of the NNG through this issue. It is planned to further add to this list until all such notices since our beginnings as a retiree organization have been included.

Also new with this issue is the inclusion of full obituaries of NG/TRW deceased retirees in an adjacent section of our web page.

To see these listings, go to www.tra-spacepark.org, scroll down to near the bottom, where you will see the "In Memoriam" button. Clicking on this will take you to both new features.

Able Program Reunion Lunch



Reported by Dick Whilden

Gordon Reiter recently organized a luncheon get together for some of the individuals who worked on one of STL's/TRW's earliest space efforts, the Able series of spacecraft. This program started in late 1957 and was completed in 1959. It's most well known spacecraft was Pioneer 5.

The individuals shown in the picture (starting from the front, left to right,) are Budd Cohen, John Sellars, Laurel (Frankie) Van der Wal Roennau, (and in the rear) Gordon Reiter, Paul Glaser, George Gleghorn, Emery Reeves, John Taber and Dick Whilden. Also attending but not in the picture were Paul Coleman, Paul Degarabedian Jr., and Gideon Marcus, who is writing a history of the Able series. It was a most enjoyable chance to reminisce about the really early days of space.

Bob Crowe Recognition

The Board of Directors of TRA proclaimed May 9, 2008 to be BOB CROWE DAY as a recognition of his many years of service and support for TRA. In 1989 Bob was one of the founders of TRA and its first President. He served as a Director for nine years, and started and edited the *No-Name-Gazette* and *The Mail Pouch*, both considered mainstays of communication for TRA. He was awarded a plaque and a lifetime free pass to all TRA social functions.



Huntsville Retirees Visit NG's New HDQT Building

A group of Huntsville Chapter retirees toured the Grand Opening of Northrop-Grumman's new lakeside headquarters, Building One in Huntsville's Cummins Research Park. The photo was taken of the group overloading an elevator during the grand tour:

Front Row: Pauline Roberson, Linda Drake, Bill Drake, Debbie Teal
 Behind them: Claudia Lawson, Jesse Teal, Jim Lawson, Nancy Bergstresser
 Back Row: Phil Bergstresser, Jim Troy, and Ron Williams



MORE MAIL POUCH

This summer it will be the Northeast ♦♦♦ **Patrice Homan** had a delightful time at TRA's Holiday Party, enjoying both the view and the food. She hopes for a repeat at this location in 2008. (*Yes, Patrice, that's where it will be!*) ♦♦♦ From Rancho Cucamonga we hear that **Rendall McKechnie** had a triple bypass in August '07 followed three months later with a fall, breaking three ribs. All of us at TRA wish him a MUCH better '08 ♦♦♦ **Joan Merritt** has moved back to Redondo Beach from Kauai, where she now has an opportunity to both support some new business and, with a higher priority, enjoy her two grandsons ♦♦♦ A 36 year resident of Palos Verdes Estates, **Dale Hoffman**, writes that he and his wife are both in good health and spirits, and enjoying their retirement routines. He plays regularly in a TRW golf fivesome with **Al Fleming, Joe Payne, Bob Cash,** and **Andy Mactavish** ♦♦♦ John Feneck was 36 years with TRW, then 15 years with the Santa Ana Police Department, and now with his beautiful wife Connie and three dogs, (*and pictures to prove that all five are very happy*) he has settled down in Irving, CA. He's at jarhead111@cox.net ♦♦♦ While shopping in a local Manhattan Beach market recently **Bob Crowe** met **Sam Abrams**. While the two were chatting about the old days a voice said "Hello Sam" and then "Hello Bob." turns out **Dixie Lee Kirby** was also seeing what exotic faire the Trader Joes across the street from space park had to offer (*With so many TRAers shopping there, maybe we should make the M.B. Trader Joes the official market of TRA*) ♦♦♦ **Dave** and **Earline Weir** just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Her employment record has made the full circle: TRW to Raytheon and back to NGST, for total employment years of 57! She followed **Carl Anselmo** back to NGST and sees him often. She also reports on **Donna McKittrick**, Jack Dreyfus' great secretary on Site Defense. Donna's machine gun like typing skills are still fresh in Earline's mind. Her newsy letter continues. **Bill** and **Ann Maybury** have moved to Fearnly, NV. The Mayburys were not affected by the recent break in the levee on the Truckee River because "they looked for high ground before buying." Earline also plugs **Anne Boehmer's** new novel *Laughing Sickness, a Medical Mystery*. (*Go to www.tra-spacepark.org to get a direct link to Anne's website for details.*) ♦♦♦ **Barbara Newman** renews from Carlsbad CA and adds "thanks, especially for the 'newsy' Gazette" ♦♦♦ **Suzie Warren** continues her battle to move the TRA Holiday Party to a place closer to LAX. Then she adds "How about coming to Minnesota? There's Mall of America, lots of Scandinavian celebrations, Santa Lucica during the Christmas season, and Norwegian Independence Day with its lutefisk, lufse, and meatballs." Her collection of



memories in photos and artifacts, she says, "could be summed up in Bob Hope's *Thanks for the Memories*" ♦♦♦ Remember **Jean Black**, our company nurse? She writes from Seal Beach, "Have some wonderful memories of my many years at TRW" ♦♦♦ **Suzanne Wheeler** writes that husband **Ed** chose to fly to Florida to attend an EAA Sun 'N Fun instead of attending TRA's Spring Fling at the Proud Bird. What's EAA? It stands for Experimental Amateur-built Aircraft. While attending the EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI, his 1959 Beechcraft V-Tail Bonanza was completely destroyed at the airport by another plane that overturned on top of it during a 50+mph thunderstorm. (*Our Spring Fling would have been safer. None of the WWII classic aircraft that surround the Proud Bird have ever blown loose.*) Ed and Suzanne are planning a summer trip to Alaska and Canada ♦♦♦ Another non-stay-at-home retiree, **Sharon Cavin**, says "Hi to everyone in ATD and elsewhere!" A 14 day Celebrity Cruise took her to New Zealand and Australia. In Sydney she climbed across the bridge. (*The Bridge Climb is the most sought after Sydney attraction. The 3½ hour event takes one along the upper span of the arch on catwalks and ladders all the way to the summit, 134 meters above Sydney Harbor.*) As soon as she catches her breath from that climb, she is leaving on a 22 day camping safari through Africa ♦♦♦

Neville Barter

January 26, 1928 — March 21, 2008

We are saddened to report the death of Neville Barter on March 21, 2008. He had served TRA as chairman of TRA's Docent Committee, where he donated many hours providing orientation lectures and company tours for new employees and visiting VIP's. Neville worked at TRW for 32 years after earlier employment with Northrop on the F-5 fighter program. His assignments at TRW included APM on Intelsat-3; first program manager for TDRS; S&TG Director of Communications, and Editor of the widely distributed Space Data Book. He will be missed by all of us.

For a more complete obituary for Neville Barter go to www.tra-spacepark.org and look under "In Memoriam."

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◆◆◆**Dick Whilden** sends thanks “for your good work helping us all to refresh the fond memories of our TRW compatriots,” as he renews for 4 more years. **Helaine** and he are enjoying their 37th year in Manhattan Beach as they watch their nearby grandsons play basketball◆◆◆**Gary Shier** also renews for 4 more. He’s into his 11th year of retirement “from one of the world’s greatest corporations.” He spends a lot of time visiting with his five children and thirteen grandkids. Having that many kids around might explain the name of his home time: Battle Ground, WA◆◆◆The January NNG *Happenings* mentioned that Space Park had developed the world’s fastest transistor. **Melissa Jalliff** showed the article to her computer nerd grandson, who replied, “Have they finally tapped into alien technology?” “No, just very sharp engineers continuing the legacy we left for them,” his grandmother replied◆◆◆Another of our retirees admits to reading the NNG. The Astronaut Garrett Reisman article in the March issue caused **Kay Arthur Martin** to remember an ex R3 mate whose grandson just returned from the Space Station. She wonders how many other ex Space Park folks have been Space Orbiters◆◆◆**Tom** and **Sharon Garda** send greetings from beautiful Idaho and pats us on the back for a



great job on the NNG. (*Thanks, Tom and Sharon*)◆◆◆**Bob Petrauschke**, formerly from Rancho Palos Verdes and a strong contributor to the NNG on health and medical issues, now hangs his hat in Lincoln CA (winters) and Anacortes WA (summers). Lincoln winters feature lots of cold days, wind, fog, and rain, while summer temperatures along the coast in Anacortes are much like Redondo and PV. He misses the “party animals” at the TRA get-togethers, but the NNG helps to keep him in touch◆◆◆From Sun City West AZ comes a letter from **Wayne** and **Kay Ganzel**. Kay sings with an 85 voice chorus, and Wayne golfs and bowls◆◆◆**Ed Webster**, also musically gifted, plays the trumpet in his *Little Swing Band*, with stationary to match. Then, to keep the music coming, he plays once a week with the Mt. San Jacinto College 16 piece Jazz Ensemble, and occasionally with other bands. Still another venue; mid April at San Bernardino Valley College with a band for a station KVCR-TV Benefit. This show will feature Guy and Ralna from the old Lawrence Welk shows◆◆◆**Rex** and **Cindy Sayles** are full time (10 years) RVers, volunteering with the U.S. Mission America Placement Service (MAPS). Last summer their travels took them to Alaska, but for this winter they headed to AZ.

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