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HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

➤ LOS ANGELES — In a blow to Southern California, Northrop Grumman Corporation said it would relocate its corporate staff from Los Angeles to the Washington, D.C., area by summer 2011 to be closer to its key customer, the U.S. government. This move leaves the region that gave birth to the aerospace industry without a single major military contractor based here. Maryland, Virginia and the District are all vying to host NG. The new location is expected to be announced in April of this year. The new corporate office will include about 300 people. Although the company is moving the corporate staff, California remains a significant location for Northrop's research, development and manufacturing, the company said, noting that it still will have about 30,000 employees, a quarter of Northrop's worldwide employment, working in the state.



By Frank Warren

➤ LOS ANGELES — NG chairman emeritus Ronald D. Sugar has received the prestigious Laureate Award from *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine, the aerospace industry's premier news publication. The award was bestowed at a black-tie event March 17, 2010 at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Laureate awards recognize individuals and teams for their extraordinary accomplishments that embody the spirit of exploration, innovation and vision. Sugar was named the first Workforce Laureate, a newly created category. He was honored for his actions in support of attracting young people to aerospace careers, developing young professionals, and retaining the talent needed for a healthy, vibrant aerospace industry. *Aviation Week and Space Technology* cited his work addressing critical workforce issues in four fundamental ways: creation

TRA's big Summer Annual Meeting will be Friday, June 11, at the S Building Forum and Patio Cafe, from 11 to 3. Space Park employees are on a 9/80 Work Schedule, which means they get every other Friday off. TRA is taking advantage of the empty campus for our annual meeting. The president of NG's Aerospace Systems Sector, Gary Ervin, will update us on the major projects in the sector, including Space Park, Palmdale, El Segundo, San Diego, and Bethpage NY.

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 Art and Craft folks (see sign-up form on Page 3) 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. 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 an ID and identify that need on their reservation form.

It takes 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 email. Send email reservations to summer@tra-spacepark.org and include name, full address, membership number (from mailing label), number attending, and elevator access info if needed.

Reservation Form — TRA's Annual Meeting

Friday, June 11 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

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TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

TRA (The Retirees Association) welcomes the retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW. The No Name Gazette is our official publication. Our offices are in Building E2 at Space Park

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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 Email:

TRA@tra-spacepark.org Your emails will be routed to the appropriate source. And, if we have your e-mail address on file, we send out special alerts to TRA members at infrequent intervals. To get on the TRA email list, just send us a brief email 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. Log on and browse.

For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to all Northrop Grumman and TRW legacy retirees at \$7 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call 310-813-7745 and leave a message.

NG/TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S/1275b, Space Park	3rd Thurs. Monthly	Business Meeting 1:30 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	11:40 a.m. 1st Monday in November	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Taylor 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 Connarn 828-884-4993 aconnarn@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	Various days: call Zaiser for details	Social	George Zaiser 805-343-2631 gzais@msn.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	JR's Stockyard Inn, McLean, 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
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	Crivello's Restaurant Wildomar, CA	Third Wednesday Lunch	Social	Maureen Locken 951-244-7654 maureen_locken@yahoo.com
The Mountain Folks	Various Locations in the Denver Area	First week of each quarter	"We do have fun!"	Carl Wikelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Community Room, WFCU Western Way, Torrance, CA	2nd Thursday 1:00 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	Mimi's Thousand Oaks, CA	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com

New Members in March

We welcome the following new members who have joined TRA in March

Edward F. Arney	Torrance, CA
Charles Buckey	Las Vegas, NV
Carla Duncan	Redondo Beach, CA
Robert Esposito	Los Alamito, CA
Joe (E.J.) Gearhart	Oak Harbor, WA
Ril Knablein	Hermosa Beach, CA
Rocco Mondello	Manhattan Beach, CA
William R. Netro	North Tustin, CA

We hope these new members will send a note to us for the Mail Pouch, telling us a little about themselves and where they worked at Northrop Grumman. Send to tra@tra-spacepark.org or to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach,

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 or 800-655-1971

Northrop Grumman Benefits Services

(Space Park) 800-537-7694 or
 One Space Park, S/2451, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

16th Art & Craft Show June 11

Show your fellow retirees your long; hidden artistic talent. 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 Friday, June 11. 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 310-545-2669 to make sure your space is reserved.

MEMORIES: It's Hard to Forget

The NNG continues *Memories: It's Hard to Forget* with a memory from Sandy Friedfeld. What unusual or surprising event happened during your career at TRW/NG that other retirees might enjoy? Write it up and sent it to our editor at tra@tra-spacepark.org or to TRA, Attn NNG, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

With the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 13 flight coming up in April, I can still remember watching the launch in person. TRW sent me to Florida to "monitor" the Lunar Module Decent Engine (LMDE)/lander interface. Sitting on the barge which brought up the large propellant tanks, I was about a quarter of a mile closer than the VIP's sitting in the grandstands. What a beautiful launch. Then those famous words, "Houston, we have a problem."

My 3 day planned sight-seeing trip was quickly brought to a halt as I came right back to Space Park and became part of the team working to see if the LMDE could be used to get the astronauts home. Could it survive the requirements to fire and get them around the moon and head for earth?

The rest is history. The astronauts then came to Space Park to thank TRW for our effort in getting them home. When a question was asked of them if they had any concerns, their answer was, "Yes, that TRW was the low bidder."

Sandy Friedfeld Class of 92

Artist-Exhibitor Application

I would like to exhibit my work at the Art & Craft Exhibition in conjunction with the TRA Annual Meeting on June 11, 2010

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.

Clip and mail to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 or email the same information to Bob Rupkey at rrupkey@flash.net

Letter to the Editor

Fellow TRA'ers,

The Western Museum of Flight (WMOF), located at the Torrance airport is a continuation of the Northrop Grumman museum previously located at the Hawthorne airport. This activity is being led by some of our fellow retirees and is in need of some assistance. The museum is dedicated to capturing and displaying the achievements of the Southern California aerospace industry and has a relatively extensive collection of aircraft, aircraft history and flying memorabilia. A group of volunteers, led by Dale Hoffman, Mac Morrison, Herc Smith and Mort Sogaard, have undertaken the task of developing a display that will include coverage of the spaceflight segment of the industry.

We have collected an extensive amount of graphic artwork and visual displays that depict the primary launch vehicle families and an array of satellite vehicles thanks to donations from Northrop Grumman (Phil Weisgerber and Frank Warren) and the Los Angeles Air Force base. However, we have not been very successful in obtaining models of launch vehicles or satellites.

If any of you would consider lending or donating any interesting models or space memorabilia to the WMOF for a special display depicting the Southern California contribution to spaceflight, it would be greatly appreciated. Specifically, we are in need of:

- models of either manned or unmanned launch vehicles of the Titan, Atlas, Delta, and Space Shuttle,
- models of spacecraft having flown on any of these vehicles,
- art and graphics illustrating any of these vehicles,
- a 17 or 19 inch flat screen TV and DVD player.

We are hoping to open the display at the museum in mid-June. Any contributions that could be made to the display would be greatly appreciated (and are tax deductible). We would also love to see any TRA members that could attend. Any response could be sent to myself, Dale, Mac or Herc. Thanks for your consideration.

Mort Sogaard
msogaard@cox.net
310-377-1137

Speaker Programs

By Budd Cohen

TRA has not scheduled any speaker programs for quite a while. That is because we had such a poor attendance at such events in the past. We want to repeat the offer that we are willing and able to arrange programs — depending on your interest.

Are there too many other available or conflicting speaker programs? Or, perhaps we have not offered the right selection? To help us resolve this dilemma, would you be interested in attending a program on any of the following subjects:

- Arthritis variations and treatments
- Audiology: new developments
- Cardiac disease: latest treatments
- Dementia: senile or Alzheimer's?
- Identity theft protection
- Scam avoidance
- Survivor help and documentation
- The future of health care
- Technical (spacecraft or other)

Please tell us your degree of interest {1= Very (would attend), 2=Somewhat (might attend), 3= Little or None} in any of these subjects. We would also like to know your preference for time-of-day, day-of-the-week, etc. You can contact me by email (c.budcohen@verizon.net) or mail at TRA, Attn: Budd Cohen, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

News From TRA's Huntsville Chapter

Reported by Jim Troy

We are the Huntsville Chapter of the national TRA group (The Retirees Association). We are actively supported by Northrop Grumman and Huntsville TEMPO. We may be the main NG retirement chapter in the U.S. south with the recent termination of the Southern Regional Chapter. We shall be eight years old this fall. We meet the second Tuesday of every month, 11:30 at Barnhill's Buffet. About 10 to 15 come for lunch among about 30 semi-regular attendees. We are emailing to 75 mostly retirees and some current NG employees.

PASSING: We were saddened by the sudden passing on February 25 of Lieutenant General Larry Dodgen, 60, who in October had replaced Brigadier General Dan Montgomery at Northrop Grumman as the Huntsville corporate lead executive. General Dodgen formerly held many leadership positions including Commander of Redstone Arsenal. Apparently this was a heart attack.

TRAVel News

September 18, 2010

7 Day Canada and New England Discovery on ms Maasdam.

Boston, Bar Harbor, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, cruise Gulf of St. Lawrence, Quebec City, Montreal. From \$1,099 (inside) to \$1,349 (outside) to \$2,349 (veranda suite) ppdo. Other costs: fuel surcharge of up to \$9/day, taxes up to \$93.43, insurance and air. \$400 deposit per person ASAP. Refund ability varies. Please contact **Jay Seidman, (818-343-5171) for more information.** *For comments and/or suggestions, including specific destination, events or information, please contact Jay Seidman at 818-343-5171 or at jayandgerry@sbcglobal.net*

HAPPENINGS

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of cooperative work spaces and incorporation of new technologies and tools enhancing communication and teaming to align with changing workforce demographics; capture and retention of company knowledge and expertise; preservation of professional development and learning in one of the most difficult business climates; and employee transitions.

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

- ▶ EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CA. — NGAS technicians here have begun installing the first set of hardware for a B-2 stealth bomber upgrade that will eventually allow the jet to send and receive battlefield information up to 100 times faster than its current satellite communications system. The work is being done as part of Increment 1 of the U.S. Air Force's B-2 extremely high frequency (EHF) satellite communications program. NGAS is the Air Force's prime contractor for the B-2 Spirit, the flagship of the nation's long range strike arsenal, and one of the world's most survivable aircraft systems. The B-2 is the only combat-proven stealth platform in the current U.S. inventory.

Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

- ▶ APOPKA, FL — NGES has received a delivery order award from the U.S. Army valued at \$142.7M to provide over 500 Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinders (LLDR) under a five-year indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract.

Information Systems Sector (NGIS)

- ▶ RESTON, VA — NGIS has successfully installed a demonstration Real-Time Electronic Flight Data System (REFS) for the U.S. Air Force that will create a more efficient flight information system for air traffic controllers. REFS is a Terminal Flight Data Management (TFDM) system comprising several modules including the electronic flight strip module that automates the production, distribution and administrative management of flight plan information and other air traffic control data. This is the first operational TFDM system installed in the U.S. at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. The system facilitates inter- and intra-facility coordination within and between the FAA En Route Air Traffic Control Center in Fort Worth, Texas, and various facilities at Sheppard Air Force Base including radar approach, control, air traffic control tower, base operations and emergency response services. The FAA certified REFS for operation in the National Airspace System on June 24, 2009. The Air Force is currently testing and validating the technology as an alternative to the paper-based system.
- ▶ SAN DIEGO — The U.S. Navy has selected NGIS for the development phase of the U.S. Navy's Consolidated Afloat Networks and Enterprise Services (CANES) program. CANES will streamline and update ship-board network systems to improve interoperability and affordability across the fleet. A team led by NGIS received a \$17.4 million indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity, cost-plus-incentive-fee, cost-plus-fixed-fee and firm-fixed-price contract, one of two CANES Common Computing Environment system development contracts awarded by the Program Executive Office C4I, Tactical Networks Program Manager (PMW-160) in San Diego on March 4, 2010. Work under the contract is expected to be complete in April 2011. If all options are exercised, the contract will include system production through September 2014 and be valued at \$775 million.

Abner Kaplan 1923 — 2010



Abner, with sons Eric and Michael, and grandson Jason at a Dodger game.

Abner was born in New York City June 21, 1923, the son of George and Hannah Kaplan. His father worked in the family milk business. Growing up, he developed a passion for flying model airplanes and attending air shows, which laid the foundation for his eventual studies in Aeronautical Engineering. He also grew up as a New York Giants baseball fan.

Abner chose Cal Tech for college. His education there was interrupted by WWII when he joined the Army. Because of his eyesight he was not eligible for Officer Training School and became a sergeant in the 1263rd Engineering Combat Battalion. It was the duty of this battalion to keep the roads passable and install Bailey Bridges across the rivers. He had one note worthy adventure fighting the Germans. He was riding in a truck in the woods in Germany and was with a group of army cooks. All were busy cleaning their rifles when one of the rifles discharged. A group of German soldiers suddenly appeared out of the woods with their hands up. Abner and the cooks had prisoners!

After the war Abner returned to Cal Tech and received his BS and, in 1949, his Master's Degree. While at Cal Tech, Abner met Marie Ellen Henschel and they married in September of 1950. He received his PhD in Aeronautical Engineering in 1954.

Abner's first job after college was at Northrop Aircraft, Inc. in Inglewood. One year later he was offered an engineering position in the Aeromechanics Group of the Guided Missile Research Division as one of the first (Badge No. 213) employees of Ramo Wooldridge Corp, which later became TRW.

He was a Life Member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and was an active participant in the Applied Mechanics Division of that group.

After the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles in 1958, Abner became a fan and annually attended games with his children.

Abner retired from TRW in January, 1992, after 37 years with the company. During his retirement years he and Marie traveled to Canada, the Galapagos Islands, France, and Alaska.

He has been an active volunteer with the TRA, working arduously with the group of retirees that maintain the TRW and Northrop Grumman Archives.

The Kaplans had three children, Eric, Ellen, and Michael.

Abner had a fall on March 31, resulting in a broken femur. He survived the surgery, but died on April 2, 2010. Abner is survived by his wife, Marie, and three children, his brother, Jerry, his sister, Meta and his three grandchildren, Sean Julius Dreusike, 28, Wesley Michael Dreusike, 25, and Jason Abner Kaplan, 7.

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death
Thomas Hill	March 3, 2010
Abner Kaplan	April 2, 2010
Betty Keating	February 1, 2010
Thomas Raymond James	March 18, 2010.
Charles F. Mead	March 8, 2010
Hans F. Meissinger	February 12, 2008
Herbert Okamura	January 28, 2010
Vince Raleigh	January 20, 2009
Howard Schellhase	April 6, 2010
Lionel G. (Leo) Trujillo	November 29, 2009
Eugene G Walsh	January 21, 2010
Francis Yockey	February 17, 2010

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 of the death.

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.

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area, after calling the South Bay home for 45 years. What's in Santa Cruz? Their kids and g'kids♦♦♦♦Do you have a list of must adventures before you kick the bucket? **Linda and John Lipscomb** had a great *Bucket List* trip last Oct/Nov. They flew to South Africa and cruised up the east coast of Africa, visiting Oman, Dubai, India, Myanmar, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore. Then air, via Tokyo, to complete the world loop. The wicked jet lag back in El Segundo was worth it♦♦♦♦Outdoing the

Lipscombs, **Lyle and Marjorie Nelson** have spent 1200 days on cruise ships since his retirement, including a 118 day world cruise last year. They have two cruises booked for 2010, including a 54 day Mediterranean and Black Sea trip♦♦♦♦**Steve Schloss** says he learned lots during his 20 years at TRW. **Dr. Myron Kayton**, European Space Lab, taught him to keep a daily journal, with an index of names and topics. Since '92, as a financial services advisor, he has filled 61 spiral notebooks with his daily journals, 18,300 pages and 610 pages of indices♦♦♦♦In January, we received a very optimistic note from **Tracy Arbaugh**. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2000, spent a year in a convalescent home, and survived that. Last year he fell and spent a month in the hospital with his arm in a cast. His ambition was to get well enough to attend TRA's Spring Fling. Today (March 22) we learn that Tracy is back in the hospital, with cancer throughout his body. Very sad♦♦♦♦Another cruiser, **James Janis**, sailed by Haiti on the Norwegian Pearl just two days before the Big One. Great cruise, he reports♦♦♦♦Hear that mellow trumpet out Riverside CA way? It's **Ed Webster**, still playing with local swing and jazz groups♦♦♦♦*Not too much to tell about myself*, modestly says **Clarice Grotty**, as she fills a full sheet of paper; small trips, 3 g'g'kids, volunteer work twice a week, and exercise class♦♦♦♦**Rod Brown** thinks he's being optimistic by renewing for 5 years, when he will reach 82. ROD, AT 82 YOU WILL JUST BE A YOUNGSTER AMONG THE TRA MEMBERS♦♦♦♦For instance, **Alan Stayer** is now 84, and he renewed through 2014♦♦♦♦Another happy couple, **Carol and Hans Hennecke**, can't stand the terrible winters in Cypress, CA (just 24 miles from Space Park), so they head to Marco Island, FL for February where they gather with snowbird friends from Ohio and Michigan♦♦♦♦Since retiring from the purchasing department at Dominguez Hills in '07, **Kristy Ackerman Ruhs** finds every day provides a wonderful new experience♦♦♦♦TRA is still receiving updates from retirees on TRW note paper. The latest: from Gail and Al Key, now of Lake Havasu City, AZ. Al finally clipped his wings and is ground bound, but they do travel in their R.V.♦♦♦♦**Sandra** sent us a message that her last name is now **Taber**, not Esquivel, her address is not TX but CA, Whittier to be specific, where she bought a house. Loves being back in CA, with friends and family nearby♦♦♦♦The January NNG's Happenings caught the eye of **Ray Renken**,

when it mentioned Bethpage, NY. That was the home of Grumman Aircraft when Ray began his aerospace career over 52 years ago. Ray and **Barbara** are Oregonites, living happily near 5 of their 7 g'kids♦♦♦♦Talk about an easy job! **Don and Ann Lee** live on Whidbey Island, WA, and he is chair of the Island County Water Resources Board. How hard is it to manage water when you are surrounded by it? He reports that **Joe (E.J.) Gearhart** (from TRW Reliability Dept.) also lives on the island in a

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retirement home♦♦♦♦Another travelling couple, **Bob and Helen Noble**, stay quite busy with kids, g'kids, and 19 years of world travel. To get the details, email them at rsnoble34@aol.com♦♦♦♦**Bonnie Gill**, now 6 years into her enjoyable retirement, which includes get togethers with friends and family (this includes a 3 yr old g'son), and camping and travelling with her husband♦♦♦♦Caretakeers of Pine Needle Ranch in northern San Diego County, **Herb and Diane Spencer**, have called this place home for 26 years. They report that **Ralph and Mary Osborne** live in Bakersfield, CA, but that Ralph has serious health problems. A few emails from their friends to rosborne@bak.rr.com might cheer them up♦♦♦♦Golfers **Bill and Esther McCulley** write from Hemet, CA, and, with a bit of deserved bragging, tell of their kids in law, medical, teaching, and theater, while their g'kids are getting good grades on their way to adult-hood♦♦♦♦It's tough duty, but someone has to do it. **Chuck and Liz Monnich** have a timeshare on Moorea, Tahiti, where they have spent 2 weeks for the past 20 years♦♦♦♦With the shortest note of all, **Jim and Dorith Grimm** admit to still enjoying beautiful Lake Tahoe♦♦♦♦When we last heard from **Sharon Cavin** (See April '08 NNG) she had just finished walking across the top of the Sydney bridge. Since then, she still did not let any dust get on her travel bags. First, it was a truck/bus tour through 5 African countries for a month with **Marcy Morrison**, camping in 2 girl tents. Then in '09, she did a 10 day tour of Florida with her Orlando daughter. To round out that year, she added a 3 week tour of Italy plus a 12 day Mediterranean cruise. Her February '10 letter mentions monthly camping in her RV, but makes no mention of foreign travel. Is she slowing down or just holding back from us? To contact her, try Facebook♦♦♦♦Winter Haven FL resident, **Betty Horn**, brags that her home town is getting a Legoland where Cypress Gardens had been. She misses So Cal, and her many work friends, but now has *no time cards of any kind to fill out*♦♦♦♦Does a computer geek get out of shape, just pounding the keyboard as a Senior Programmer/Analyst at Starcrest Products in Perris CA? Not **Larry Lakamp**. For the past 8 years he has been hiking to tops of mountains spring through fall: San Bernardino Range, Mammoth Lakes, Yosemite, and Mt. Whitney. During the winter he skis. Then there is travel. With kids and g'kids in GA, MN, and Northern CA, he just can't stay home♦♦♦♦

Lots more Mail Pouch in the next NNG. We've had more mail than we can cover this issue.

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THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆**Fay Samulon** is *still around* and still (50 years) at the same address in Pacific Palisades, CA. Though she misses her late husband, **Henry**, *she loves her 2 sons, 5 g'kids, and 2 g'g'sons*◆◆◆Still leisurely living in Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA, **Virginia Bolten** is taking a leisurely memory class (16 weeks) at a nearby college. Her plans for '10 include more travel◆◆◆What a party it must have been! **Jerry and Jo Slee** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last summer with the whole family (20) for a fantastic week on the beach at Duck on the Outer Banks of NC◆◆◆Our ace copy editor, **Lee Rathbone**, made these pages in January with a report of her mini stroke. Now more bad news. She is just home recovering from a heart attack, double bypass, and a heart valve replacement. We all wish her a speedy recovery◆◆◆**Ann and Louie Jensen** (El Segundo, CA) have reduced their travelling to just their vacation rental houses on Kauai and their small wilderness cabin in Sequoia National Park and are impatiently awaiting the arrival of their third g'g'child◆◆◆At last, a retiree who admits to slowing down. **Eileen Lang**, formerly with the Credit Union, tells of playing Bingo, travelling, and *sleeping late* in the mornings, along with her poodle named Abbie. But she also plays golf 3 x each week, so she's still no couch potato◆◆◆Then there's the Hell's Angel reject, **Bob Brownell**, 79. Still a kid at heart, though 19 years into his retirement, he's planning his 8th solo motorcycle trip from Garden Grove, CA to upstate



By Al Hausrath

New York in July◆◆◆With 11 g'kids and 11 g'g'kids, and woodworking and stained glass hobbies, **Virgil and Doris Albertson** report in from Escondido, CA that they are looking forward to their 59th wedding anniversary◆◆◆**Olive Bryant**, widow of **John**, says hello to **Art Williams**, a good friend of John's. She enjoys the NNG and recognizes some of the "Space Park" names she sees in it◆◆◆Remember all the TRW organizations with "Systems" in their names? One of those Systems guys, **Carl Hastings**, retired 2002, is on the Board of Directors for the Nevada chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering. He also can be seen Corvetteing around Las Vegas in his '90 'Vette, often with wife **Judy** riding shotgun◆◆◆TRW also trained **Bill Busch** well for retirement activities. Then he was in communications, now he is very active in the Long Beach/Lakewood chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America where he serves as Hearing Assistive Technology Chairman. Bill and **Barbara** still live in R.B., & love retirement◆◆◆'89 retiree **Gloria Lee**, formerly with HR Affirmative Action Dept, is still kicking and enjoying life *in So Calif, the best place in the world*◆◆◆Ouch! **Ralph Iwens** was recovering from prophylactic colon surgery in January. Otherwise, he and **Joanne** travel frequently, mostly to Europe, but also save some time for skiing the slopes in Mammoth◆◆◆The magnetic attraction of the g'kids. **Frank and Sonya Mullin** moved to the Santa Cruz

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