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For Northrop Grumman & TRW legacy Retirees

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HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

➤ ABU DHABI, UAE, July 14, 2010) -- With the support of the United States Navy, NGAS and its industry partners



(Sikorsky/Schweizer, Rolls-Royce, Raytheon, FLIR Systems, Cubic, Kearfott, Rockwell-Collins, General Electric, Sierra Nevada, Telephonics, and L-3 Communications) today successfully completed a rigorous set of flight demonstrations of the MQ-8B Fire Scout vertical unmanned aerial system (VUAS) in the United Arab Emirates under extreme environmental conditions. The

test flights were conducted in early July over a tenday period. They validated Fire Scout's steady system maturation and helped signal its readiness for the U.S. Navy's upcoming Operational Evaluation of the system, planned for late 2010 aboard the USS Halyburton.

Information Systems Sector (NGIS)

➤ SAN PEDRO, CA — NGIS has received an indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (ID/IQ) award from the U.S. Air Force to provide mission planning software systems and tools so that warfighters can quickly and effectively plan missions and transfer required data to aircraft avionics. NGIS is one of five companies that received an award under the Mission Planning Enterprise Contract II from the Electronic Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. The companies will compete for delivery orders with a potential value of \$919 million collectively over a five-year base period and five-year optional terms, making the potential period of performance 10 years.

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

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

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

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

Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

► CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — NGES has been selected to supply the bridge navigation systems for three new bulk carriers being built in China for Italian ship-owner Deiulemar Shipping. Each of the ships is to be fitted with the company's Sperry Marine VisionMaster FT[™] S- and X-band radars, gyro-compass, autopilot, steering control, speed log, echosounder, voyage data recorder, and other navigation systems. The equipment is being supplied through Telemar, the sales and service representative for Northrop Grumman Sperry Marine products and systems in Italy. Telemar will oversee the installations and provide technical support and service for the shipboard navigation systems. The 176,000 deadweight ton ships are on order from New Century Shipbuilding Company's New Times Shipbuilding yard in Jiangsu, China. They are due for delivery to Deiulemar in 2010/2011.

TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

TRA (<u>The Retirees Association</u>) 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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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 \$10 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 monthy newsletter reviews	Mike Pauls 310-379-2707 Imikep@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

Northrop Grumman Picks Falls Church, Va For Hq

Northrop Grumman announced it will move its headquarters to Falls Church, Va, just minutes outside the nation's capital. Northrop has purchased an existing building in Falls Church that will become its corporate headquarters next summer. Los Angeles-based Northrop announced plans earlier this year to relocate to the Washington area.

The company's soon-to-be new headquarters is located at 2980 Fairview Park Drive in the busy Northern Virginia town, about 10 miles from downtown Washington. Analysts like Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute said the company's move to the Washington area makes strategic sense. "Northrop Grumman's move to the Washington area was long overdue. A third of its workers are already here, and it is probably the largest private-sector employer in the state of Virginia. More importantly, its only real customer, the federal government, is here," Thompson wrote. "Trying to shape that customer's thinking from 3,000 miles away is a losing proposition when most competitors have long since located to D.C. and its environs."

With the low cost of borrowing money and new accounting standards, buying rather than leasing makes sense, some analysts state. For about 20 years, the company's corporate office has been in leased office space in a tower at Century City. Current accounting rules allow companies to show their cost of leasing real estate as an expense, not a liability. The proposed standards, effective in 2013, would require leases to be shown as liabilities.



Northrop Grumman's new Headquarters

It is reported that Northrop will pay between \$78.6 M and \$105 M, with some brokers speculating that the final price could be as low as \$90 M. Northrop will pay cash for the property, and declined to comment on the costs of the upgrades. But Mr. Gaston Kent, Northrop VP of finance, added that they won't be lavish.

An incentive package of at least \$16 M from Virginia and Falls Church also help motivate the move.

Northrop Grumman To Close Avondale Shipbuilding Facility

Northrop Grumman (NG) has announced further consolidation of its Shipbuilding Sector. The consolidation of Gulf Coast ship construction is the next step in the company's efforts to improve performance and efficiency at its Gulf Coast shipyards, which began with the integration of its shipbuilding operations in early 2008. Since that time, Gulf Coast organization and leadership, operating systems, program execution, risk management, engineering, and quality have been the focus of intense improvement efforts.

The NG Shipbuilding Sector has facilities in Newport News, Va; Avondale, La; Pescagoula, Miss; Tallulah, La; and Waggaman, La. Ship construction at Avondale will wind down in 2013. Future LPD-class ships will be built in a single production line at the company's Pascagoula facility. The company anticipates some opportunities in Pascagoula for Avondale shipbuilders who wish to relocate. The plans also call for closing the smaller facilities at Tallulah and Waggaman.

Wes Bush, NG chief executive officer and president, said, "The consolidation will reduce future costs, increase efficiency, and address shipbuilding overcapacity. The performance improvement initiatives underway in our Gulf Coast operations will be further enhanced by the facilities consolidation. Recognizing our company's long-term strate-

gic priorities, we foresee little synergy between Shipbuilding and our other businesses. It is now appropriate to explore separating Shipbuilding from Northrop Grumman."

The company will evaluate whether a separation of Shipbuilding would be in the best interests of shareholders, customers, and employees by allowing both the company and Shipbuilding to more effectively pursue their respective opportunities to maximize long-term value.

Miss Those Discount Tickets to the Theme Parks?

Discount tickets to all of Southern California's major theme parks are still available at the Northrop Grumman (NG) Company Store. Even though NG no longer allows unbadged personnel into the main floor of its Building S, you can access the Company Store which is adjacent to the Bldg S cafeteria. They even offer discount fares on the Catalina Express. The catch? You must make the purchase on site; no mail orders can be accepted. How big are the discounts? Call the Company Store at 310-812-0308. Their hours are 10 to 4, weekdays, except for the "Off Fridays."

Summer Annual Meeting June 11, 2010

Our speaker was Gary Ervin, the President of Northrop Grumman's Aerospace Systems Sector. He reviewed the organizational structure, some of the history and major product lines of Sector, which was formed by the merger of the Space Systems Division and the Integrated Systems Sector. Since most of the attendees were from the Space Systems organization, information about the aircraft products was of particular interest to them. This included the Global Hawk unmanned reconnaissance system, the B2 Stealth Bomber, the F/A-18 Super Hornet strike fighter, the RQ-8 Fire Scout Vertical Takeoff and Landing tactical UAV, and other advanced development programs. The presentation was interesting, informative, and very personable. The high audience interest resulted in many questions and the frank responses at the conclusion of the speech.

These photos are by Mary Holcomb. To see all her fine photos of this event, visit our web page at www.tra-spacepark.org.

























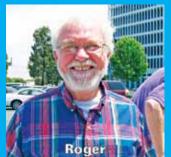






































CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

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

BUDD COHEN: Budd retired 23 years ago as Director of Technology for TRW Systems & Energy Sector. During his over 30 plus years in a series of management positions, he served as Director of ECHO, directed the Forum Colloquia Series, and was Editorial Director of *Quest*. He was a founder of the TRA Archives, served as Chair for three years, and is currently Director-at-Large. He obtained a BAE and MAE at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an MA and Ph.D. at Princeton University. He is a Fellow of the AAIA, and was a Director of the King Harbor Yacht Club. He volunteers for the Los Angeles Maritime Institute TopSail Program, and is a member of the U.S. Navy League.

ROBERT DOLL: Bob has spent most of his 30 years at TRW/NGC in the Grounds Systems Department of the Hardness and Survivability Laboratory. He has supported cryocooler flight vibration testing and dynamic loads analysis for Titan IV and Delta IV boost vehicles for Launch Systems Integration. Retired in 2004, he currently is president of TRA, and produced the TRW-NGSSD history CD for TRA Archives Committee. He obtained his BSME from CSULA, MSME from USC, and PhD from UC Berkeley.

IRA GREEN: In 1964 Ira began work in STL's Space Sciences Lab in Space Physics and was involved with numerous spacecraft launches and experiment data analysis. Forty years later in 2004, Ira was managing the group providing Network security and computer networking and was busy integrating that function into the Northrop Grumman infrastructure, and then retiring. He is active on the finance committee of the Palm Springs Tennis Club, Treasurer and Manager of the Tract 2578 Condominium Association, Vice President of the Surfside III Condominium Association, and Treasurer of the Northrop SPSC Video Association. He also stays busy by being secretary for two Czech Organizations, American Sokol Los Angeles and American Czech Association. He loves to travel. Ira is currently the TRA Secretary

GEORGE LEE: George joined R-W in 1956 at the Arbor Vitae facility and transferred to STL in early 1959. An early assignment was working on the Able program overseas. He retired in 1988 after working on a program for about 10 years. In 1992 George was honored as one of the four founders of TRA. Currently, he enjoys playing with his grandchildren and his ham radio activities.

JACK TROST: Jack retired from TRW in 1995 after serving 34 years with the company. In addition to his systems engineering contributions to the ballistic missile and spacecraft programs, Jack developed the Fluid Mechanics Laboratory (Building 67) where he directed experiments in many of the company's first high energy chemical lasers. He received a BS in General Engineering from UCLA and an MS in Aerospace Engineering from USC. He was president of the TRW/SEA square dance club, Pioneer 8's. Jack is a docent at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and he serves on the board of the Peninsula Symphony Association. Jack is currently TRA membership chairman and Vice President of TRA.

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

New TRA Members in June and July

We welcome the following new members who have joined TRA in June and July.

Jo Hall Wyomissing, Pa. May S. Oda Lawndale, Calif. Walt Heeley San Clemente, Calif. Robert S. Ottinger Pawleys Island, S.C. Holly Hill San Clemente, Calif. Stephen S. Wallace San Pedro, Calif.

Barbara Leite Angola, Ind.

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, CA 90278.

MEMORIES:It's Hard to Forget

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

Aerodynamic Analysis Of A Statue

During the summer of 1958 I was summoned to the office of Will Duke, Vice President and Associate Director of the Systems Engineering Division, Space Technology Laboratories. He said that Jimmy Doolittle, the Chairman of the Board of STL, wanted an aerodynamicist to perform a loads analysis of a statue. It seemed that the Order of Daedalians, a group of Air Force officers, all retired and many of General rank, who had been Army Air Corps pilots in the 1920's, wanted to give a gift to the recently established Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. The intended gift was to be a statue of Daedalus, the mythical Greek who fashioned wings of wax for himself and his son, Icarus, to enable them to escape their island imprisonment.

General Doolittle was concerned that high winds (up to 70 mph) sweeping down from the Rocky Mountains toward the Academy might damage the sculpture or tear it off its pedestal.

I visited the sculptor at his studio in Pasadena, where I was shown a one-tenth scale model of the sculpture: a man with arms wide-spread, a wing attached to each arm, and mounted horizontally on a vertical pedestal. When completed at full scale, the pedestal would be 10 feet tall, the wing span about 16 feet, and the man, 6 feet.

Back at STL, I approximated the wing shape, selected a NACA airfoil that nearly matched the wing camber, and estimated the lift and drag coefficients. I then calculated total forces, moments, and load distribution, assuming a 70 mph wind encountering the winged man at a high angle of attack. From these I determined the bending moments at the wing root, the force tending to lift the man off the pedestal, and the force tending to topple the pedestal.

I communicated these results to the sculptor, with some suggestions as **to** what portions of the sculpture needed to be strong enough to sustain the loads. I reported the same to Dr. Duke and gave him my analysis and calculations. I had hoped to be allowed to present the same information to Dr. Doolittle, but Duke reserved that privilege for himself.

About a week later I received a phone call from Dr. Doolittle's secretary. She conveyed his thanks to me for my work and then told me that Gen. Doolittle and Gen. K.B. Wolfe met with the sculptor, viewed the model, and decided it was an inappropriate gift.

Irv Spielberg

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

IN MEMORIAM

Name **Date of Death** John S. Archer **July 25, 2010** Patricia A. Blodgett June 22, 2010 Harold Eugene (Tim) Bray June 19, 2010 Robert E. Coffin **April 30, 2010** Roy E. Enslen, Jr. June 20, 2010 Fred Gedicks, Jr. May 24, 2010 Donald H. Goto October 30, 2009 Lee Ann Greenway February 18, 2010 Elwyn H. (Al) Hill May 26, 2010 **Gordon David Parker** July 11, 2010 Wilbert C. Rice July 24, 2010 **Zygmund Salomon** July 6, 2010 Donald B. Scovill July 8, 2010 **Fred Seelig** June, 2010 **Haywood Shelton** June 18, 2010. James J. Smith **April 10, 2010** Lloyd O. Stuck **February 20, 2010 Wanda Twitchell** May 28, 2010 Cathryn L. Young-Newman June 3, 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 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 the name of the person submitting the information.

TRA's NN **GAZETTE**

THE MAIL POUCH

♦♦♦A 70th Anniversary down in San Jacinto, Calif., for **Bill** and **Mary Morgan.** Mary is a TRW retiree, escaping Space Park back in '76. Bill retired from McDonald Douglas in '82 after 35 years there, and then worked in Tennessee, finally fully retiring in'97. Now the lovers live on a golf course, which Bill tackles three times weekly. They have one son, two g'daughters, and seven g'g'kids♦♦♦Don Andree claims to lead a pretty calm life, and lets his sons do the travelling. His Ph. D. son lives in Spain, but travelled to Hong Kong on business. There he met his brother, a resident of China.

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It was a great reunion for the brothers and their wives; first time together in 20 years $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow A$ very brief message from **Albert Misenko**, far away in Sault St. Marie, Mich. *My wife and I are enjoying our retirement* $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow A$ ten year survivor of lung cancer, **Larry Lynn** is feeling great enough to renew for 10 more years $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow A$ way to celebrate, dragging through Hemet, Calif. in a '31 Model A Ford coupe, complete with a Just Married

sign, and trailing tin cans and old shoes! It was the 50th for Marylee and Denver Howard. They have 8 g'kids and 3+ g'g'kids**♦♦♦Don Mullins** moved to San Diego to work at TRW/Rancho Carmel 27 years ago, and retired in '90. Now he and **Peggy** are still going strong, although modern medicine has helped them through a couple major illnesses ♦ ♦ ♦ In a report dated January 29, (your editor is BADLY BEHIND SCHEDULE) Mark Levine reports on his tennis with Ron Hren and Phil Brunner, and says the local skiing is great. He finds Flagstaff a great place, where he can intercept the East/West travels of friends like Richard Sugita, **Bob Tomlinson**, and **Harry Schneichel** ★ ◆ Brand new g'parents, Phil and Pat Williams, can't travel from Colorado Springs to Richmond, Va. to enjoy the baby because Pat has been laid low by shingles. Phil urges all to get your shingles vaccine. He is active with the Colorado Archaeology Society and taking courses at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs campus ♦ ♦ ♦ Another working retiree, **Lee Prentice**. He is a part-timer at his son's company, Dr. Bott, LLC. (Markets specialized 3rd party items for the Mac, IPod, IPhone, and IPad.) He and Susan have four g'kids and one g'g'son♦♦♦Another one of those TRW types who plans ahead. **Gary Pariott** renewed his membership to 2015 because that will mark 50 years since that fateful day when I landed a job at STL, and the most exciting part of my life. He welcomes all of his former colleagues to be "My Friend" on FaceBook. He wonders if TRA would consider setting up a presence on FaceBook. He feels it would be a great way to exchange photos and reminisce **\div Vivian** and **Floyd Sadler** have it made, with three dogs, many friends, excellent health, and a home in Las Vegas. Floyd is in his 18th year of retirement; Vivian in her 7th. We hope every retiree is having as much fun as we are ♦ ♦ ♦ The dancing Ayres, Carmel (Lee) and JoAnne, joined a Square Dance Club in '05, which involves them in activities three to four times a week.

Now, to round out their lives, they are in Round Dance Class. They celebrate their clean air (Keizer, OR) and whatever life brings \(\int \int \) Did you hear that beautiful male voice as you drove through Torrance? It could have been **Tak Ishimoto**, who's taking solo singing lessons. *My life has been difficult since Rose died.* They had 53 happy years together \(\int \int \) Do you have farmland good for Upland Game hunting? Would you like a visit from an AKC Master Hunter? **Susan** and **Carl Kennedy** have one Master Hunter, plus two other German Shorthair Pointers, all tugging at their leashes in anticipa-

tion of a fall hunting trip. Contact Susan (not the dogs) at SJKennedy@clearwire.net◆◆◆Another working retiree, **Laura Linfield**, would like to get in touch with some of her old gang on the WDC, ASW project. If any of our readers have info on **Dr. Berry, Dick Willis**, and/or Dick's secretary, **Shirley**, please pass the info on to Laura at reddinglaura@msn.com. Laura now lives in Utah, and is a Customer Service Rep for Henry Schein Practice

Solutions. (They have s/w to help dentists manage their practices.) Laura hopes to move back to So. Cal. when she becomes a retired retiree + Here's something unusual: a retiree that admits to getting old! Bill Shakespeare will be 91 next September! He's still the manager of 160 avocado trees in Fallbrook, Calif., which means he manages to get his wife **Eileen** to irrigate the trees, while he is reduced to just reading and sleeping. His reading includes the NNG, so he renewed his membership for five more years ◆◆◆From Knoxville, Tenn. **Shirley Todd**, 86, writes that renewing her TRA membership is a gamble, but admits to being feisty, so she renewed through '13 \ Found! Another active group of Northrop Grumman retirees. Norm and Lois Stock moved to Hemet, Calif. five years ago, and to their enjoyment, they found this group which meets every 4th Thursday. Send US YOUR CONTACT AND MEETING LOCATION AND WE'LL LIST YOU IN OUR Page 2 Listing. ED♦♦♦Dorothy (LaMare) Balla loves: 1) living in Idaho, and 2) receiving the NNG and trying to recognize names from those projects she was on (TDRSS, GSS) Contact her at flash@hiflash.com◆◆◆Another busy couple, **Gloria** and **Tony La Mantia**. He is active with the Food for Funeral Ministry in Downey, and a seller/dealer at Gum's Mall of Antiques and Collectables. She has 10 miniature container Faerie Gardens filled with plants, arbors, bird baths, and houses, and patio chairs. In their 22 years of marriage they have traveled to 10 countries via tours and cruises, and hit 12 states while RVing. They claim they also have time to stay home and enjoy their resort style home \ Out doing the La Mantias, **Peg** and **Phil Bemis** have RVed coast to coast, covering 26 states and numerous National Parks. Leaving their RV behind, they also made three trips to Hawaii and have another trip there planned. They also spend many weekends camping with their daughters and their families at "The River" or at "The Desert"◆◆◆