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**For Space Technology & Mission Systems Retirees**

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## Annual Meeting Set for Friday, June 10

### HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

#### Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

► LOS ANGELES, Calif. – NG announced that it has completed the previously announced spin-off of the NG Shipbuilding Sector as Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. (HII). NG stockholders of record at the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange on March 30, 2011, received one share of HII common stock for every six shares of NG common stock held. Stockholders will receive cash in lieu of fractional shares of HII. As a result of the spin-off, NG will report Shipbuilding financial results as discontinued operations for the 2011



By Frank Warren

first quarter and all prior periods. NG will now be focused on its core markets of aerospace systems, electronic systems, information systems and technical services. The distribution of HII shares will be made in book entry form and no action or payment by Northrop Grumman stockholders of record is required to receive HII shares. No physical share certificates of HII will be issued. An information statement containing details of the spin-off and important information about HII was mailed to NG stockholders. The HII spin-off has been structured to qualify as a tax-free distribution to NG stockholders for U.S. Federal tax purposes, except for the cash received in lieu of fractional shares. NG stockholders should consult their advisors with respect to U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the HII spin-off.

#### Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

► EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The U.S. Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) Space Tracking and Surveillance System (STSS) Demonstration satellites kept an unblinking watch on a boosting missile during an Airborne Laser Test Bed (ALTB) exercise off

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TRA's big Summer Annual Meeting will be Friday, June 10, 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. Our speaker will be Stephen Hixson, VP, Advanced Concepts-Space and Directed Energy Systems.

In addition to Hixson's update on Advanced Programs and Technology, meet old friends, have a fine lunch, and take in the Arts and Crafts show. Information tables from Northrop Grumman Benefits, Western Federal Credit Union, and TRA Membership will be available. And bring money. The Company Store will be selling See's Candy coupons (17% off) and other NG mementos.

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 their 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](mailto: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 10 from 11 to 3 in the S Building Forum at Space Park. Reservation deadline is June 3.

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 Northrop Grumman and TRW. The No Name Gazette is our official publication.

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[TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto: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](http://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 310-833-5827.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S/Cafeteria, Space Park	3rd Thurs. Monthly	Business Meeting 2:00 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, Calif.	1st Monday in Nov. 11:30 a.m.	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Taylor 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, N.C.	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
NW Riverside County, Hemet	The Church of the Good Shephard Hemet, Calif.	4th Thursday 11:00 - 2:00	Social	Rosalie Moyer 951-925-1214 Glenn Ortiz 951-679-1015
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 Dependnt	3rd Tuesday Alternate Months	Social or Board Meeting <a href="http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org">http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org</a>	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
Temecula Valley	Crivello's Restaurant Wildomar, Calif.	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, Calif.	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, Calif.	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia <a href="http://trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com">trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com</a>	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@dc.rr.com
The Ventura County Romeos	Mimi's Thousand Oaks, Calif.	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com

**New Members in March/April**

We welcome the following new members who have joined TRA since the last newsletter.

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Lee Archer        | Redondo Beach, Calif. |
| Bernard Bronstein | Culver City, Calif.   |
| Robert Gose       | Denton, Texas         |
| Catherine Hohman  | Torrance, Calif.      |
| Billie Kimble     | Harbor City, Calif.   |
| Gertraud Rodner   | Priest River, Idaho   |
| Steven V. Russell | Torrance, Calif.      |
| Lorraine Rychil   | Toprock, Ariz.        |
| Jerry T. Sayas    | Temecula, Calif.      |
| Patrick Shea      | Torrance, Calif.      |
| Susan Sturgill    | La Palma, Calif.      |
| Sheri Templin     | Hawthorne, Calif.     |

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](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org) or to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

**Important Contacts for Retirees**

**Northrop Grumman Benefits Center**

[www.benefits.northropgrumman.com](http://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](http://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

**MEMORIES: It's Hard to Forget**

The NNG continues *Memories: It's Hard to Forget* with a memory from John Sellars. 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](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org) or to TRA, Attn NNG, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

**Another Jimmy Doolittle Memory**

When they dedicated Space Park they had a ceremony in the plaza where Jerry Kirk's large mobile sculpture is now. As part of the ceremony they set up a big tent and served lunch and I was invited. General Doolittle, who was Chairman of the Board, gave a speech at the end of lunch. He talked about his long association with Thompson Products who sponsored the Thompson Trophy Races in Cleveland. These were races in small, overpowered planes which raced around pylons at an altitude of just a couple of hundred feet off the ground. Doolittle won several of them. After Charles Thompson died, his widow asked Doolittle to take up his ashes and scatter them over the city of Cleveland. Doolittle took the ashes in his open cockpit plane and set out to carry out the widow's request. All of this Jimmy Doolittle related very solemnly as befitted the subject. Then he added, "When I got over the city, I opened the urn and reached out of the cockpit and emptied it. And old Charlie blew back mostly in my face." Needless to say this brought down the house, or should I say, tent.

*John Sellars*

**IN MEMORIAM**

Name	Date
L.A. Bruno	December 6, 2010
Harrison G. Frasier	September 19, 2010
Fred Nels Holmquist, Jr.	March 3, 2011
Donald A. Leavitt	December 11, 2010
Richard Manuel	April 6, 2011
Hector Nadal	March 4, 2011
Alice Rose Novick	February 28, 2011
Freda M. Schweitzer	January 10, 2011
William Hideyo A. Shiozaki	February 6, 2011
Norma Jean Silva	March 24, 2011
Victor A. Sturgill	March 13, 2011
Haley Ann Rider Thomas	March 2, 2011
John H. Walker, III	March 6, 2011
Ralph Paul Weber	January 29, 2011
Stanley Elbert Wilker	March 26, 2011

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. The Benefits Center does NOT notify TRA of the death due to privacy laws.

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 email to the TRA office: name of the deceased; date of death; and the name of the person submitting the information.

## Selecting a Retirement Facility Part III

By Jay Seidman, Health Editor for the NNG

*Parts I and II of this series were published in the previous two issues of this newsletter. Part III covers topics H through M.*

There are many questions that one should address prior to making the big decision; moving from the family home into a retirement facility. Among these are:

- In  
Previous  
Issues**
- A Are you (and your spouse) in relatively good health?
  - B Do you have enough money?
  - C Do you want to live with your kids (or someone)?
  - D Do you want to live in the same geographic area?
  - E Can you drive?
  - F Do you have any biases (religion, political, color, food, etc.)?
  - G What kind of group do you want to be with?
  - H Why are you thinking about assisted, or senior, living?
  - I Do you have a time schedule, or requirement?
  - J Where do your family and friends live?
  - K Have you accepted or even considered the problems associated with “downsizing”?
  - L Have you considered that you may have to “progress” to a higher level of “assistance”?
  - M Do you have the necessary documents?

I discuss each of these, and point out the pros and cons that I have considered, as well as some opinions from others. Also, none of these criteria are entirely independent of the others so it's not a clean black and white set of decisions — it's not easy and it is easy to procrastinate. We are getting older, and time moves on.

### **H — Why are you thinking about assisted, or senior living?**

Be honest. This is a serious question and has significant results on your life. Is it age, physical condition, loneliness, boredom, continual homeowner responsibilities, fear of death, incapacitation of a spouse, change in life-style or capability, planning, etc? What do you think you want and what are you willing to accept? What do the people you know have to say about the fact that they are now living in an assisted living or senior facility? What are the “good” and “bad” opinions and how would they impact your decision?

### **I — Do you have a time schedule, or requirement?**

Why now? And if not now, when? It ain't going to go away. It's like a toothache. It has to be fixed, or at least, addressed. Not all of us are going to get hit by a semi on the freeway or have a heart attack while we are playing tennis or golf. Again, we are talking “insurance.”

The major consideration for moving to a retirement facility is often the advent of physical deterioration. Generally, this is slow, and allows some time in the consideration of a facility. But when this occurs, the urgency of the decision becomes accelerated. This is a life-style changing decision, and probably, is irrevocable. It should not be done in haste.

### **J — Where do your family and friends live?**

Unfortunately, as we grow older, many of our friends die. Our children grow up, have family and interests of their own, and, in a sense, move out of our circle, sometimes far away. It takes a long time to make friends. Most of us have moved to areas quite distant from where we were born and raised.

But many of us have lived in the same general area for quite some time, and as discussed previously, it's comfortable to know the area. Usually, there still will be a group of friends, and if we are lucky, even some family in the area. So, as one of the selection criteria, location becomes significant.

### **K — Have you accepted, or even considered, the problems associated with downsizing?**

Most of our adult life we have moved from place to place, gradually to larger or plusher homes. In this process, most of us have accumulated masses of “stuff.” When you downsize, you reverse the process and have to get rid of a lot of the stuff that you have accumulated — even the stuff that you like. Where is it going to go? Who are you going to give it to? Who wants it? What do you want to keep? Why do you want to keep it? Will you ever use it again? Is it sellable, and to whom and how and when and for how much? Even after you downsize, you will have too much. You are changing your life-style. Even before you make a decision to move to a senior facility, start getting rid of “stuff,” but this probably won't even make much

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of a dent in the “stuff.” Find out where you can donate the stuff. There are some places that will give you receipts so you can take a tax deduction. There are various criteria that recipients have with regard to the quality of the items, the size, and kind, and the condition. It’s a major job to downsize!

### **L — Have you considered that you may have to progress to a higher level of assistance?**

Your insurance will have an impact on this. Some of the facilities are configured so that this occurrence is included. It is an important consideration and must be recognized and included in your investigation and evaluation. Unfortunately, this progression is a highly probable thing. In addition, some facilities include this progression as part of their structure. It should be considered in any evaluation you may make. If it is not included in the basic package, you probably will have to go through this kind of evaluation again, but it will occur on a really short fuse and you will have to make a decision in a very short time (or somebody else will have to do it for you).

### **M — Do you have the necessary documents?**

Do you have a lawyer? Do you have an estate plan? Do you have a Springing Power of Attorney? Do you have documents relative to who can find out about your health status; when and how and if to resuscitate you: and all the details associated with who can get information, who can use it, and who can make decisions? Do you have an Advance Health Care Directive? Have you filled out a POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)? Do it now!

## Si Ramo Awarded Goddard Trophy

Dr. Simon Ramo was awarded the Robert H. Goddard Memorial Trophy, the National Space Club’s most prestigious award. The Goddard Memorial Trophy honors contributions to U.S. leadership in the field of rocketry and astronautics. The National Space Club said Ramo was chosen for his “lifetime of engineering and scientific leadership and achievement that has made an unparalleled impact on our nation’s space programs.”

Among his many achievements are early space programs, including intercontinental ballistic missiles, the Thor, Atlas and Titan rockets, Project Mercury, Pioneer 1, Viking 1 and 2, and the Lunar Excursion Model Descent Engine.

As an author, Ramo has penned books on science, engineering, management and even tennis. His tome on electromagnetic fields and waves has been the leading text for physicists and electrical engineers for more than 50 years.

Ramo’s other accolades include being awarded the National Medal of Science by President Jimmy Carter and receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Ronald Reagan. The recipient of many other awards and honorary university doctorates, he was the youngest founding member of the National Academy of Engineering.

The award was presented at the 54th Annual Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner in Washington, D.C. on April 1, 2011. Gary Ervin, Northrop Grumman corporate vice president and president of Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, accepted the award on Ramo’s behalf.

## TRA Again Has an Office Western Federal CU Comes to Our Aid

Jeff Rogers, VP, Corporate Relations & Development, Western Federal Credit Union has provided TRA office space at no cost to TRA. The office is a 12 by 13 ft. cubical situated in the southwest corner on the first floor of the Western Federal Credit Union at 14500 Aviation Boulevard, just south of Rosecrans Avenue. The office is furnished with a small desk, three chairs, and a lockable 3-drawer lateral file. The office has access to the internet. TRA has moved two of its computers there, along with the files that relate to running the retirees association. Since this office will be staffed only a few hours a week, there are no plans to add a phone line.

TRA is awaiting a decision by Northrop Grumman as to the future of the archives that are still housed in TRA’s former office space in the basement of Bldg E2 at Space Park. There are no plans to move the Northrop Grumman Archives to the Western Federal site.

While our office has moved, our addresses are unchanged. To contact us:

By mail: TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

By phone: 310-833-5827.

By email: [TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:TRA@tra-spacepark.org).

## HAPPENINGS

the Central California coast Sept. 1, 2010. The STSS satellites were built by NG and Raytheon Company. The STSS generated a track with the acquisition sensor and autonomously passed the track to the multi-band track sensor for the first time against a missile target. MDA is pursuing the STSS Demonstration program as a space-based sensor component of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). Data from the STSS satellites supports development of a future operational satellite constellation for the BMDS.

- ▶ **SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — Ten years ago, NGAS's Global Hawk unmanned aircraft system (UAS) entered the *Guinness Book of Records* for the longest nonstop unmanned flight when it flew from Edwards Air Force Base in California to RAAF Base Edinburgh in South Australia. A decade on, the long endurance UAS continues to show its strength and versatility in military and civilian tasks in Australia and across the globe. The record-breaking flight in April 2001 by the RQ-4 Global Hawk was the first nonstop crossing of the Pacific Ocean and the longest journey ever undertaken by an unmanned aircraft. Later that year, following September 11, the Global Hawk system was pressed into early operational deployment in the Middle East, thanks, in part, to the mission planning undertaken for the Australian trials. The UAS performed exceptionally well in those early conflicts and since then, and with several generational upgrades in place, Global Hawk has amassed an impressive list of military and civilian applications reinforcing its value as a key national security asset.
- ▶ **REDONDO BEACH, Calif.** — The communications crosslink between the twin Space Tracking and Surveillance System (STSS) Demonstration satellites, built by NGAS and Raytheon Company, has shown its effectiveness in transmitting high-precision, real-time missile tracking data to the Ballistic Missile Defense System. On January 10, the radio frequency crosslink enabled both STSS satellites to simultaneously acquire and track a resident space object (RSO), with only one satellite in communication with the ground. The RSO was a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather satellite that acted as a surrogate for a cold missile against cold space. While one of the satellites was commanded to acquire and track the RSO, the second satellite was commanded to track the RSO via the crosslink. The resulting track data was returned via the crosslink. Track data from both STSS satellites were fused into a 3-D track at the STSS ground station.

## Moving with Help from the U.S. Postal Service

Do you know that if you file a Change of Address Form with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) that TRA is notified of this change when we address our newsletter to you? TRA uses Perry Mailing Services in Torrance, CA. By using their services we save on mailing costs. Presorted mail saves the USPS time, also, by arriving at the Post Office already sorted by zip codes and every address having been checked as deliverable.

The USPS has created a Master List of every mailable address in the United States, no names, just addresses. All bulk mailers are required to check the accuracy of their mailing lists against this master. TRA supplies Perry Mailing with an Excel file of our membership for each mailing. Perry Mailing runs this list against the master list. But the master list has another great feature; it includes the names and addresses of all active Changes of Address (NCOA). Thus the TRA mailing is automatically updated to include any NCOA that relates to our list. Perry gives us a copy of these changes so we can update our membership database.

Is your move permanent or temporary? The NCOA can handle both, with an option for families or individuals. Select Temporary if you plan to move back to your old address within 12 months. Your initial forwarding period will be limited to a maximum of six months, which may be extended to one year. Don't miss out on the NNG. Let the USPS know of your moves ahead of time and your NNG will follow you.

A word of caution. This method of notifying us works because we supply our membership mailing list to Perry Mailing. For privacy reasons, Northrop Grumman Benefits does NOT accept address changes from us or forward changes to us. It is important that you notify the NG Benefits Center by either phone (800-894-4194) or at their web site ([www.benefits.northropgrumman.com](http://www.benefits.northropgrumman.com)) if you are moving.

The USPS Master List is available to mailers only as an expensive contract. However, you can check the accuracy of any address (Street, Apt., City, Zip) by going to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and selecting <Find a Zip Code>.

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

Will Rogers

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weekly Easy Reader is Matt Wuerker, son of fellow retiree **Ralph Wuerker**. Check out Matt's work at [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com)◆◆◆**Patricia Acosta** works at two part time jobs — The City of Torrance and Shorewood Realtors. But she keeps a close connection with Northrop Grumman: two sons, Tony and Patrick Acosta, and a g'daughter, Jamie Ogawa are part of the NG Family◆◆◆From the retiree class of '09, **Linda Chan** is enjoying life with husband **David Young**. They love time with their four children and friends, like foreign travel, and attend the Rolling Hills Covenant Church. To learn more, email her at [chanlinda7@gmail.com](mailto:chanlinda7@gmail.com)◆◆◆ After reirement Bob MacIntyre opened a small business called ZAICOM. His wife, **Dr Zaida Cordero-MacIntyre**, does research on obesity, diabetes and osteoporosis and consults on health care issues. Bob runs the proposal activity and currently markets an exercise device called an ARM ENHANCER. Check it out at [www.zaicom.net](http://www.zaicom.net)◆◆◆From the Southern Missouri town of Kimberling City (pop. 4500) came a note from **Norma Bougher**. She loves living there EXCEPT when surrounded by *heavy snow that stays with us two to three weeks*. She's still leading a few tours each year and is off to Mackinac Island in June◆◆◆**Don and Mary Spencer** are finally back home. Their Rancho Bernardo (Calif.) home burned down in the '07 wildfires, and now it is rebuilt. They just returned from Patagonia in South America. He is still an active researcher in Neuroscience at the Salk Institute◆◆◆Nanogenerian **Vincent Neisius** feels like the last leaf on the tree. He wants other retirees of that ilk to make themselves known so he doesn't feel so alone◆◆◆And from Palos Verdes comes a request from **Dick Gloor** that he would like to hear from other TRW low badge numbers (below 1000). Is this the same crowd that Vincent wants to hear from?◆◆◆Do you have a spot in your library for another Bob Brodsky book? He has a new one in work called *Catch a Rocket Plane*. It's a turn of the century look at the aerospace world and his retirement adventures◆◆◆

### *The-You're-Never-Too-Old-to-Learn-Section*

◆◆◆**Stan Staub** retired in '97 and moved to Oregon. In 2005 he took up motorcycling, and now drives a 2009 Harley, with wife **Linda** on the seat behind him. For 2011 he's jogging again, and feeling younger every day◆◆◆**Bill Buck** would also like to slow down TIME. He retired 22 years ago. He was a big computer user in his TRW days, using a Control Data 1604 computer, but resisted computers in his retirement as a waste of time. Then his kids forced a desktop model on him, and he's rejoined the computer age. He's also relearned the guitar, and goes to at least one Bluegrass Jam a week◆◆◆

## Save the Proud Bird

The Proud Bird Restaurant & Air Museum at LAX has been an aviation icon since the 1960s. Its large outdoor collection of original and replica aircraft is enjoyed by all. The hundreds of photographs lining its corridors graphically spell out every aspect of aviation history. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has recently indicated that to extend its lease an increase in rent is intended which may cause this storied establishment to close its doors. The Proud Bird has asked that aviation lovers contact the City to ask that any such increase be moderate enough to permit the restaurant to continue in business while still giving LAWA a fair return on the property. If you agree, please contact the Board of Airport Commissioners at [LAXBOAC@lawa.org](mailto:LAXBOAC@lawa.org) or at 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045 and Council Member Bill Rosendahl at [chad.molnar@lacity.org](mailto:chad.molnar@lacity.org) or 7166 W. Manchester Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

## 17th Annual Art & Craft Show Set for June 10

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 10th. 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 register now. 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. Call Bob Rupkey at 310-545 2669 to make sure your space is reserved. The reservation deadline is June 3, 2011.

### Artist-Exhibitor Application

I would like to exhibit my work at the Art & Craft Exhibition in conjunction with the TRA Annual Meeting on Friday, June 10, 2011.

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](mailto:rrupkey@flash.net)



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## Dues Confirmation Notice

The mailing list and membership status used in this mailing has not been updated since April 20 because both our office manager and assistant were on vacation. If you have recently renewed your 2010 membership, it may not have been posted to our database. Please be patient. The mailing of our next issue will be in mid June and will contain the latest dues information.

## THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆**Yvonne Adams**, who worked in Security at TRW, wrote *Boo! Hoo! Hoo!* that her TRW History CD would not play on her CD player. But she has lots of family near her in Trumann, Ark., and they have computers! (The History CD will run only on computers.) We are awaiting word if she finally was able to view this interesting slide history of TRW◆◆◆ From Fairfax, Va., comes praise for the CD: **Jim Boone** hopes it will inspire some others to add to this very well done history◆◆◆TRA's San Diego Chapter is alive and well! Spearheaded by **Jim Denton, Gene Sloane, Paul Jordan, Barbara Newman,** and **Pat Morris**, the chapter draws 40 to 50 retirees at its every-other-month meetings. To join this group, contact Jim Denton at 858-385-0150◆◆◆It pays to know the right people! **Jon** and **Patricia Rowe** attend special events at the Hearst Castle, and even swam in the Neptune Pool, thanks to his sister, a tour guide there. Jon is almost fully retired (a little consulting work), but he's getting there. Lots of travel, and enjoying getting up late and lingering over the morning paper◆◆◆It's 86 and counting for **Al Aul**. He and **Tomi** have 3 dogs and as many cats. Al spent four weeks battling a lung infection, but now is ready for your emails: [albertaul@yahoo.com](mailto:albertaul@yahoo.com)◆◆◆*Born in a Depression, Refuse to die in a Recession.* So writes **Ann O'Hara**, former editor of The Missile at Norton AFB. She would like to stop TIME.



By Al Hausrath

Not only is it a thief, but plays non-humorous tricks with memory and more. [WE ALL AGREE WITH YOU, ANN]◆◆◆For the past 24 years **John** and **Karen Clausen** have gone sport fish in Alaska. Then it's home to Mesa, Ariz., to warm up and attend their winter vegetable garden. John volunteers in the homeless and prison ministries as well as short-term missions to the Dominican Republic◆◆◆**Ralph Tice** is good with numbers. He and **Alice** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December, have lived in Las Vegas for 14 years, and have 5 living children, 12 g'kids, and 9 g'g'kids◆◆◆Would you like to see a live view of **Ken Freeman's** back yard in northern Michigan? Go to [www.kencam.net](http://www.kencam.net). Ken moved from Herron Island, Wash., to a spot on the shore of Lake Michigan four years ago. MAYBE HE DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SNOW ON PUGET SOUND. He's still the Heron Island webmaster, newsletter editor, and map maker◆◆◆**Ed McAuliffe** still lives just a stone's throw from Space Park, and stays healthy with lots of bicycling and great fly-fishing trips◆◆◆A newsy note from **Betty Jackman** reports that she's working 20 hrs/wk, but finds time to sing with the Space Park Choraleers. Mark your calendars, they are having a concert on June 7,8, and 9 in Bldg E2. Added news for all you Beach Cities retirees in Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan Beach: the clever political cartoonist for the local

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