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HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

- ▶ **ROLLING MEADOWS, IL** — NGAS has announced the development and demonstration of a new aircraft self-protection system processor that is specifically designed to meet the rigors of the military rotary-wing environment. This miniaturized processor identifies, tracks and defeats the threat of infrared missiles launched against rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft. Part of the company's U.S. Army Common Infrared Countermeasures self-protection system offering, this modular processor uses a commercially available operating system, is one-third lighter in weight, requires one-fourth the electrical input power, and is both more reliable and less costly to manufacture than the currently produced directional infrared countermeasures processors. The successful demonstration, where identification, tracking, and acquisition of multiple missiles were verified, took place at Northrop Grumman's Rolling Meadows facility and was witnessed by Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, a division of the U.S. Navy.



By Frank Warren

- ▶ **REDONDO BEACH** — NGAS recently completed a Systems Requirement Review (SRR), the first of several important steps to design, build, and deliver a new spacecraft bus to reduce costs of space operations. Under the Modular Space Vehicle (MSV) program, the successful SRR and future preliminary design reviews and system implementation are part of a contract with National Aeronautics and Space Administration Ames in support of the Department of Defense Operationally Responsive Space office at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- ▶ **REDONDO BEACH** — A giant structural steel frame used to assemble the eye of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has been completed by NGAS teammate ITT Corp. at a facility in Syracuse, N.Y. NGAS is leading the

Your Ballot is Inside Please Vote!

Annually the TRA Board nominates its Officers and Members-at-Large for the coming year. These names are then submitted to the members to either ratify 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 Directors-at-Large are elected for two years. These longer terms for the latter group help bring continuity to the management and daily operation of the 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.

design and development effort for the space agency's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. With this milestone, NGAS and ITT have completed each of the major elements of equipment required to complete the assembly of the optical flight telescope. In addition to completing the assembly stand, ITT has spent the last 12 months incrementally building and demonstrating the mirror installation equipment. The 139,000 pound, U-shaped assembly stand is built to support the weight of the entire optical telescope — a load of more than 3.7 metric tons. The platform is 24 feet high, 52 feet wide, and 41 feet long. The robotic arm, mounted on a track above the face-up mirror, extends to 12 feet and moves up and down and side to side over a 30 foot x 30 foot area, installing the 18 mirror segments with micro-positioning capability.

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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.

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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 310-833-5827.

NG/TRW Retirees Meetings Around the U.S.

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 Wed. 8 a.m. 3rd Wed. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connam 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	Barnhill's Buffet University Blvd., Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 256-534-7136 troys@comcast.net
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 fiftysumthn301@yahoo.com
Northern Virginia	Old Brogue Pub, Great Falls, 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 Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday Alternate Months	Social or Board Meeting http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org	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 trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com	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 May/June

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

- Linda Lee McConnell Long Beach, Calif.
- Beth V. O’Gorman Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
- Norm Hill Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
- Birdie G. Martin Carson, Calif.
- Soen-Hian Tjia Garden Grove, 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 or to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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

MEMORIES: It’s Hard to Forget

The NNG continues *Memories: It’s Hard to Forget* with a memory from Bob Jackson. 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.

You’ll Never Make it Out the Door, Pal

It was the last working day before Christmas/New Year’s break and, to the displeasure of my wife, I was still at work at ~3:00 p.m. I was working in one of the rooms and was unseen at my computer terminal when a LOUD voice shouted, “BLUE!” (looking for my Lab Director, Dick Blue). Unknown to me was that the voice belonged to the Division Director, Bob Walquist.

I said, “He isn’t here.”

Mr. Walquist then stated, “Then I’m taking these Secret documents and leaving.” I was sure there were no documents out, and even though we still hadn’t seen one another, I retorted, “You’ll never make it out the door, pal!” There was silence and a moment later Bob peeked his head in my office door to see who had brazenly challenged him. He was at least 6’ 5” and had a square, fixed jaw. My first thought was, “Giants!” I then explained that Dick was at an offsite meeting (which was true). He accepted that and said, “Then I’m leaving a note on his desk,” which he did and left.

About half an hour later, Dick called to see how things were going. I related the incident and told him Bob said he was leaving a note. He said, “Go in my office and read it to me.”

I found the note, and read, “You sure have a messy desk! — Walquist.”

Dick told me to go home. In retrospect, I believe the challenge was the best response I could have made. I’m also glad there were no documents out as my weight of 140 lb. might have been insufficient to thwart his imminent departure!

Robert (still 140 lb.) Jackson

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date
Jack T. Bales	May 2, 2011
Richard V. Bennit	June 7, 2010
Richard B. Birch	May 3, 2011
Bill J. Burnett	January 10, 2011
Kenneth Byrd	June 3, 2011
Gerald Caillier	April 8, 2010
Arthur J. Carlson	December 8, 2009
Richard G. Carlton	March 26, 2011
Robert Irwin Cooper	May 12, 2011
Thomas Donnelly	September 6, 2010
E. Joseph Gearhart	December 4, 2010
Lewis K. Jensen	May 15, 2011
Jacque L. Johnson	Mary 9, 2011
Don E. Kennedy	November 5, 2009
Irving G. Schnirman	July 27, 2009
Richard Sloway	October 28, 2010
Duane R. Spencer	March 7, 2011
Gary Stevens	April, 2011
Ted T. Tanaka	May 27, 2009
Linda Jeanne Webb	June 13, 2011
Marion Ruth Weibel	May 24, 2011
Thomas A. Wickes	October 18, 2010
Richard Woods	May 13, 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.

THE ALICE LORD SPRING FLING

April 14, 2011



Tim & Marlene Galvin

The Proud Bird Restaurant was again the site of TRA's Alice Lord Spring Fling. These photos by Mary Holcomb show a few of the attendees at the annual event. To see all the photos, visit our web page at www.tra-spacepark.org.



Joyce, John & Janet Roberts



Sharon Cavin



Jean McIver



Rich & Kathy Downey, Cathy Hohman



Bruce Giles & Linda Lee McConnell



Jeanine & Randy Rawls



Don & Wilma Andree



Joyce Jones (Peyton)



Bobi Harp



Eugene Friedman



Trish Lange & Bud Orlando

Candidate Biographies

BOB BEACH: Bob retired in Aug. 1991 after 36+ years of service. He has been active with TRA since his retirement. He is an avid hiker, backpacker and peak climber and actively works with the Boy Scouts and the Sierra Club. Bob has served previously as Secretary of TRA.

DENA BOUSKOS: Dena retired from Aerospace Systems Sector in January of this year after almost 38 years of service. During her career in Human Resources she held a number of senior HR positions supporting Program, Functional and Sector staff organizations. While she served as the Space Technology Sector Director of Compensation, Benefits and HRIS, the TRA organization reported to her for five years which gave her an understanding of the benefits that retirees bring to the company. As a new retiree she is enjoying the freedom of retirement, travelling, catching up with friends, and on projects around the house!

ROBERT DOLL: Bob has spent most of his 30 years at TRW/NGC in the Grounds Systems Department of the Hardness and Survivability Laboratory. More recently he has supported cryocooler flight vibration testing and dynamic loads analysis for Titan IV and Delta IV boost vehicles for Launch Systems Integration. He obtained his BSME from CSULA, MSME from USC, and PhD from UC Berkeley. He retired in 2004 and has served 2 terms as President of TRA and is currently serving his first term as treasurer.

IRA GREEN: Ira began work in the Space Sciences Lab in STL in 1964 in Space Physics. Forty years later in 2004 found Ira managing the group providing Network security and computer networking and busy integrating that function into the Northrop Grumman infrastructure and 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 President of the NGRC Video Association. Ira is currently finishing his second year as secretary for TRA. He travels a lot spending much of his travel time with his girl friend and her family.

ROSE MARIE A. KEIDEL: Born in Buffalo, New York, and raised in Los Angeles. Joined STL in 1961 and left in 1965 for her first baby. Worked at raising five children with Richard Keidel. Returned to TRW in 1979 and put in 18 more years. Retired in 1997. Worked with the Archive Committee because of all the "Wow!" stuff being handled. Currently a Director.

MARCY MORRISON: Retired in 1998 (kind of); still working as editor/coordinator on proposals. Member of Activities committee for TRA helping make the Holiday party, Spring Fling. and Summer Reunion enjoyable gatherings for our retirees. Helped form the fund raising arm of 1736 House. Was 1 of 5 winners for Woman of the Year award. Active in garden club, square dancing, traveling, hiking, plays.

CAROL SCHAMP: Carol has been a TRA member since retiring 13 year ago, after 28 years at Aerojet ElectroSystems (DSP sensors), Northrop Electronics (CCD arrays) and TRW (FleetSatCom, TDRSS, M4/R5). She held various technical and management positions in hardware development and systems engineering & test, including those of Director and Program Manager. Carol has a B.S. in mathematics/physics and a MSEE in solid state electronics and communications; she was a member of IEEE, Tau Beta Pi (President), IAE (Fellow) and SWE (President and still active). Carol serves on the board of the Peninsula Symphony Association.

JAY SEIDMAN: Jay retired from TRW in 1982 after 19+ years. He has been active in TRA as Vice President, as a director, as a member of the TRA Travel Committee, and as the health editor for the NNG. He also has been instrumental in initiating and continuing TRA's investigations into Long Term Care.

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 the 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 as a past President, Secretary, Treasurer and 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 a ski club. They enjoy traveling and gardening, as time permits.

THE MAIL POUCH

By Al Hausrath

◆◆◆In an upbeat note from **Steve Kerr**, we learned that he and **Jean** celebrated their 62nd Anniversary in February. Between '95 and '06, they 'did' Turkey, China, Japan, England, the Mediterranean (Greek Islands, Israel, Egypt), the Caribbean, Australia/New Zealand, U.S., Canada, and the Baltic Sea. And he proudly reports that daughter **Jane** retired after 30 years with Hughes/GM/Raytheon, and then hired into Northrop Grumman. Now the bad news. Since '09 he has been largely immobile because of multiple fractures of his pelvis attributed to radiation treatment in '92 for prostate cancer. Taxes and medical insurance company goofs now keep him busy◆◆◆Here's news from another TRW group that does not make our Page 2 Table. **Lois Thomas** reports from San Marcos, Calif., that the "Ole Gang" has been meeting monthly for the past 25 years! **Dottie Juszcak** came down from Grants Pass, Or. for the get-together. Other Ole Gangers attending were **Evy Polson, Ana Kelly, Treva Merritt, Linda Pullan-Buehl, Louise Johnson** and **Martha Thom**◆◆◆**Jackie** and **Jim Rozella** are

enjoying good health and leisurely living on the golf course in Evans, Ga. They made it to Las Vegas for **Ken Klinkner's** 80th and hope to get to the 'Left' coast for the TRA Holiday Party◆◆◆At 90, **John B. Gale** suffers from Parkinson's and other maladies. But wife **Brenda** reports that he enjoys the NNG and checking up on all his old TRW friends. She reads it to him as soon as it arrives◆◆◆**Gene Sloane** stays busy. Ten years of retirement, six years of living in Carlsbad, Calif., he's webmaster and event coordinator for the TRA branch there. But best of all, he's over halfway toward his goal of both playing all 100 golf courses within a 50 mile radius and visiting every microbrewery in the 4,200 square miles of San Diego County◆◆◆Do you need a bottle of Pomegranate wine to fill out your cellar collection? **Chuck Anderson**, following a family tradition, has produced this award winning wine in Northern California (Nevada City). He had a 7-way bypass in '08, but now is in good health. It must be the wine◆◆◆

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- SAN DIEGO — The NG Firebird intelligence-gathering air system successfully used three different high-definition video sensors and an electronics support payload all at the same time — a future capability sought by the U.S. military that's available today. Photos and a video accompanying this release are available at http://www.irconnect.com/noc/press/pages/news_releases.html?d=224276. The flight marks the first time three electro-optical, infrared sensors have been used simultaneously with a fourth payload on an aircraft. This capability was proven on May 20 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., with additional missions through June 3 as part of the U.S. Joint Forces Command's Empire Challenge 2011 exercise.
- REDONDO BEACH — Key technologies and hardware developed by NGAS gave the first spacecraft to orbit Mercury a power system that works to its maximum even in the searing heat that surrounds the planet closest to the sun. The solar array on NASA's Mercury Surface, Space ENvironment, GEochemistry, and Ranging (MESSENGER) spacecraft features advanced triple-junction gallium arsenide solar cells and an electrical harness developed and qualified for this mission by NGAS. The company also perfected a fully robotic welding process to assemble the photovoltaic cells before they were bonded to the solar array panel. The work was done under the pressure of meeting a launch window that was so tight that missing it would have meant a year-long wait until the next launch opportunity.

Electronics Systems Sector (NGES)

- CARSON, Calif. — NGES has been awarded a \$19 million contract from the U.S. Air Force to enhance and maintain the Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) Framework. The JMPS Framework comprises the core elements and functions for the JMPS family of scalable, extensible, and configurable tools and decision aids that automate planning for sensor, weapon, or aircraft missions. These missions range from day-to-day training and proficiency flying to peacetime operational/exercise sorties and complex combat scenarios. The delivery order was awarded under the Mission Planning Enterprise Contract II from the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. NGES will update and improve the JMPS Framework by architecting a shared mapping capability to eliminate multiple independent mapping products. The company will modernize the software to optimize computing resources, provide a more enhanced plug-in capability for components and applications and enable modular installations. NGES will also provide lifecycle support for fielded versions of the framework.

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News From TRW Groups Around The Country

TRA's Meetings Editor, Ellen Tessitore, has collected the following information from some of our groups around the country. If you would like information on your gang of retirees included in the NNG send an email to Ellen at et1000@earthlink.net.

Brevard Retirees

Reported by Al & Daughn Connarn

We now meet for breakfast on the first Wednesday of each month and the third Wednesday for dinner, with about 7 retirees at each meeting. Funny after all these years we don't tire of each other.

Huntsville

Reported by Jim Troy

The Huntsville TRA Chapter has over 100 members (people actively interested in getting at least our news) and I'd guess the average monthly lunch attendance at around 15 though it varies. The chapter is nine years old. We have no other programs. However we are included in Northrop Grumman employee activities and sometimes we join with them at events.

This April terrible tornados hit the Huntsville area killing ten people and destroying many homes. Among our group of retirees, some slight damage, luckily no terrible stories. The whole area with 500,000 people was out of power for six days and there was almost no gasoline or open businesses. After our power and internet were restored I received many reports from our members and I passed these along in our newsletter. Several in our group went to work helping their neighbors in the destruction areas through various organizations. The recovery continues.

The Mountain Folks

Reported by Carl Winkelman

The Denver area TRW Retirees are an informal group. We generally get together near the first week of each quarter. I act as the coordinator for the group and schedule the luncheon. We try to pick a date to maximize attendance. We have a great time catching up on members' adventures. There are a lot of travelers in the group. We have no formal structure and just have a good time.

Northern Virginia

Reported by Bill Gehrke

We are still holding our third Friday-of-the-month lunches, which gives us a chance to socialize. Unfortunately, the only news items we seem to have these days are death notices.

San Bernardino

Reported by Joe Daruty

The San Bernardino TRW retirees bunch no longer exists. Just not enough attendance or perhaps no interest. However there has been some interest in a gathering of TRW retirees, associate contractor people who worked on the ICBM programs and retired ballistic missile program Air Force personnel in the area. This loose knit group met at the SB Golf club earlier this year and hopes to meet again. When???? This "loose group" leadership is in the hands of a retired AF colonel with some TRW supporters. If we get a date and place for another gathering will try to remember to keep you posted.

San Diego TRA Chapter

Reported by Jim Denton

We've been active for about 10 years. We have an active group of roughly 40 couples; mostly from the Space Park world of STL/TRW. We meet every third Tuesday of each month with the odd months being event driven and the even months dedicated to planning. We have a 5 person steering committee and I act as the lead coordinator. Most valuable to any persons that might be interested in our group is our Web Site (<http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org>), which includes information about our activities, photos from events, and links to other important sites.

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Information Systems Sector (NGIS)

- MCLEAN, Va. — NGIS achieved a second milestone in support of the National Level Repository (NLR) for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). On April 18, CMS opened a secure website through which eligible health care providers can demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology to CMS by attesting to their compliance with program requirements. The first payments under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program were issued May 19. Developed and maintained by NGIS under contract with CMS, the NLR stores the attestation information and determines if the criteria for meaningful use have been met. The system calculates payment amounts for Medicare eligible professionals and tracks and reports on all EHR incentive payments made for Medicare and Medicaid participants. Earlier this year, the NLR passed a first milestone through its support of registration for both the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, which opened on Jan. 3, and the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, which also opened on Jan. 3 in some states. Participants in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program must initiate registration through the NLR before completing the registration process at the state level.

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**The next NNG will be
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Introducing Meetings Editor Ellen Tessitore



TRA is proud to announce that Ellen Tessitore has joined the NNG staff. She will be responsible for the Meetings Table on Page 2 of each newsletter. Her duties are twofold. First, to correspond with each of the contacts listed to solicit news and photos from the group to be passed on to our members via the NNG. And secondly, to assure that the table is current.

Ellen was born and raised in Wiesbaden, Germany, and came to the States in 1964 with her American husband, 2 year old daughter, and pregnant with a son. They were stationed at Vandenberg AFB and lived in Lompoc, population approx 20,000. Moving to such a small military town was a culture shock but it didn't take long before she fell in love with California and its warm climate, friendly people, and the Pacific Ocean. After 3 years in Lompoc they moved around a bit but eventually the kids and she settled back in the South Bay and never left.

In 1974 she was hired by TRW Semiconductors in Redondo Beach as Accounts Payable Supervisor. During the ensuing years she worked for the TRW Electronics Unit Controller, Affiliate & Contract Accounting, and the last 12 years on various Projects, until she retired in 2004. She returned to NG on a part time basis for four more years as Purchased Labor and finally hung it all up early in 2009.

Her favorite activity in retirement is travel, which she tries to do as much as possible. She loved Costa Rica, froze her fanny off on a trip through Northern Mexico and the Copper Canyon last December, joined vacationing German relatives in Florida, and toured Germany last August to get to know her birth country. Driving trips include one up the Western Coast to Washington, another to Tulsa, Oklahoma to see her daughter, and shorter trips to Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Lately she's trying to get more active in Amateur radio again. She got licensed 1989 and has enjoyed the hobby tremendously. For the "Hams" who read this, her call sign is N6XJM.

Ellen agreed to help TRA provided we had a job that would not curtail her love of travelling. We think that we have found the perfect match. Our goal is to include a short report from each of the groups such that we cover all the groups once a year. This issue of the NNG includes reports from some of these.

