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For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees

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Come to the Summer Reunion on July 18

There is still time to reserve your place for the Summer Reunion at the Toyota USA Auto Museum in Torrance. This may be your last chance to tour the museum because it will relocate to Texas at the end of the year. As part of our event, we will have access to the automobile and museum displays that record the history of Toyota (originally Toyoda) in the United States.

We will have a catered lunch buffet from Snax Superburger Catering. It will include entrées of carved baron of beef, BBQ ribs, and chicken breast, together with vegetable choices of green beans with bacon, and glazed carrots. Lunch includes a mixed green salad, fresh cut vegetable appetizer trays, and dinner rolls with butter. Iced tea and coffee are included.

Our keynote speaker will be **Gabe Watson**, who - until March of this year - was a Vice President in Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. Gabe joined the company in 1981 as a systems engineer and has been responsible for the development of advanced space systems. This included serving as the Program Manager for the Advanced EHF military communications satellite and the Space Tracking and Surveillance System. Gabe recently joined the ranks of the retired, so he can explain to us what's happening at NG Aerospace Systems, and we can school him on the fine art of retirement.

The Summer Reunion will be **Tuesday, July 18, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Toyota USA Automotive Museum, 19600 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501**. Come meet your friends, tour the museum, and enjoy a great meal, all for just \$25 per person (tax and tip included) for reservations made by July 11. Guests are welcome - no limit. (Attendees without advance reservations who opt to pay at the door will be charged \$30 per person.)

Please make your reservations by July 11. You can go to our website to reserve and pay on line. Or, you can leave a message on our phone with your name, phone number, and guest names. We will hold your reservation for you to pay at the door for the \$25 price. Reserve promptly; time is running out. ♦♦♦♦



1967 2000GT Coupe at the Toyota USA Auto Museum

Call for 2018 Officer and Director Candidates

Each summer the TRA Board nominates its Officers and Directors-at-Large for the coming year. These names are then submitted to the members in the fall to ratify or to nominate other candidates.

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

If you have an interest in becoming an Officer or Director-at-Large, please contact us using the information on Page 2. The time requirements are modest and you will help over 1600 retired TRW/NG employees and spouses keep in contact.

Try out the TRA Website

By Mary Ann Chory and Reggie Jue

There is a good chance that when you retired you said the same thing many of us did, "I'll miss the people." That doesn't need to be the case!

Our website at www.tra-spacepark.org makes it easy to connect with your fellow alumni. If you haven't accessed the website recently please take a look. A link on the site front page takes you through a one-time registration process for full website access.

Improved Member Forums - Do you have a question about health care? Have you been on a trip recently? Heard a good joke? Want to share an interesting link? Do you have any interesting hobbies? Go to the Member Forums and start a dialog with your fellow members.

On-line Member Search - This feature allows those of you who have registered on-line to search our database of other registered members. Today, we have over 550 on-line members. Use Member Search to find other members based on their profile. Are you a pilot? Search for members who list "flying" as a hobby and you can connect with (currently 11) other members who list flying as a hobby. Did you work on Milstar? Enter Milstar in the Programs Worked field and scroll through the (currently 46) members who listed that program on their registration.

Messaging - Is there another retiree that you would like to contact but don't have an email address? If they are registered you can message them through the site. If they are not registered, send an email to TRA@tra-spacepark.org and we'll forward it if we have an email address on file.

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TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

The Retirees Association (TRA) welcomes the retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW.

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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 as the need arises. To get on the TRA email list, just send us a brief email requesting to be added to it.

By Web:

Our web site 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. Register, log on, and browse.

For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. The first year is free. The application is available on the website.

TRW/NG Retirees Meetings Around the US

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	DATE & TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. E2/B114, Space Park	3rd Thursday Monthly	Business Meeting 1:30 p.m.	All members welcome, contact TRA prior to attendance to arrange for escort.
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, PVE, CA 90274 310-375-2533	First Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 11AM - 2PM	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Jack Trost, Dena Bouskos, Carol Schamp 310-377-2194 cschamp@aol.com
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant, 1501 N Sepulveda Blvd, MB, CA	Last Monday, Even months 11 AM to 2 PM	Social	Allen Parker 310-780-0712 777allendsp@gmail.com
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Wednesday 8 AM, 3rd Wed 5 PM	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-884-4993 aconnarn@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	Various days: contact Zaiser for details	Social	George Zaiser 805-473-2105 gzais34@icloud.com
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy, Friendswood, TX	3rd Tuesday, 8:30 AM	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Various Locations in Huntsville, AL	2nd and 4th Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy@troysig.com
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 cannob70@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Old Brogue Pub, Great Falls, VA	3rd Friday, 11:30 AM	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgehrke@att.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Layton, UT	1st Thursday, Breakfast	Social	Charles Vono 801-745-5879 charlesvono@comcast.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	J. Carters Grill, 40365 Murrietta Hot Springs Rd, Murrietta, CA	2nd 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 Winkelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Holy Family House, American Martyrs Church, MB, CA	2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM	Investment Info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Bob Eshbaugh 310-376-5880 eshonnet@yahoo.com
Ventura Romeos	Mimi's Cafe Thousand Oaks	1st Tuesday, Lunch	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012, Harry Stroud 805-653-5117

James Webb Space Telescope Update

By Rob Gutro, edited by Michael Narigon

TRA is in progress of scheduling tours for our members with the Northrop Grumman JWST Program Office. We are investigating the possibility of two tours, one this fall of the bus and sunshield and one early in the spring of 2018 of the integrated system. Signups will be advertised once we have final information.

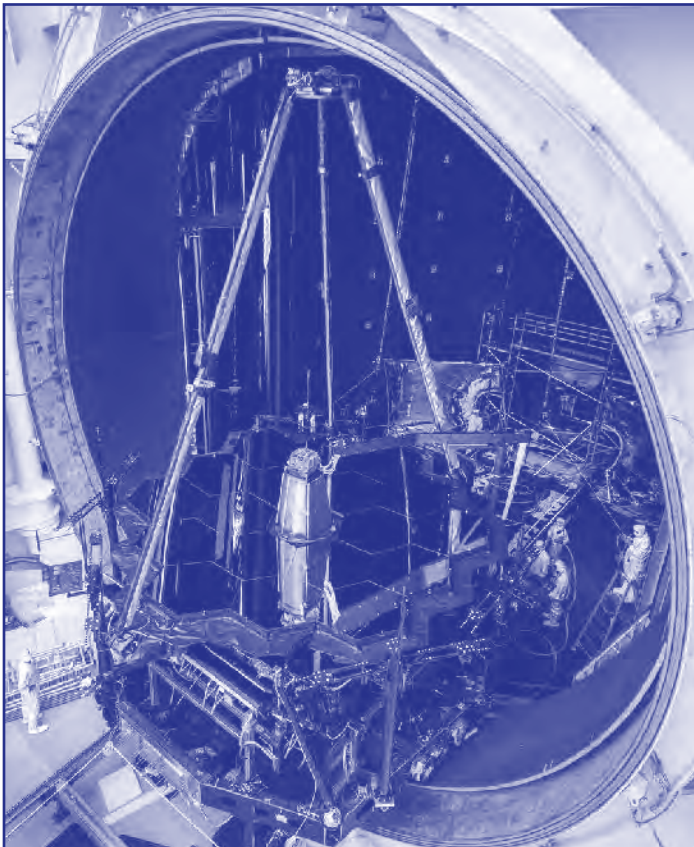
NASA's James Webb Space Telescope Optical Telescope Element and Integrated Science Instrument Module (OTIS) was placed in Johnson Space Center's historic Chamber A on June 20, 2017, to prepare for its final three months of testing in a cryogenic vacuum that mimics temperatures in space.

In space, the telescope must be kept extremely cold, in order to be able to detect the infrared light from very faint, distant objects. To protect the telescope from external sources of light and heat (like the sun, Earth, and moon), as well as from heat emitted by the observatory, a five-layer, tennis court-sized sunshield acts like a parasol to provide shade. The sunshield separates the observatory into a warm, sun-facing side (reaching temperatures close to 185 degrees Fahrenheit) and a cold side (400 degrees below zero). The sunshield blocks sunlight from interfering with the sensitive telescope instruments.

In parallel, the spacecraft bus and sunshade are completing integration at Northrop Grumman's Space Park facility.

Following the cryo-testing at NASA Johnson, OTIS will be transported to NGAS, where it will be integrated with the spacecraft element and undergo Observatory-level testing.

After completion of Observatory-level tests the observatory will be packed and shipped to French Guiana for launch at the Arianespace launch complex.



JWST OTIS Entering Chamber A at NASA Johnson Space Center Credit: NASA/Chris Gunn

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest L. Hoover, 91, June 10, 2017, Technician in ATD labs.

Helen E. Lance, 90, June 15, 2017.

Dean N. Lowrey, 90, January 9, 2017, 32 years with TRW, Project Manager.

Carl "John" Marts, 79, May 23, 2017.

Albert L. Ready, 80, July 4, 2015, 34 years with TRW, retired in 1989 from San Bernardino Operations.

Kurt M. Schmid, 94, March 22, 2017.

Martin H. Shuler, 98, March 30, 2017.

Khiem Tjia, 77, May 25, 2017, 30 years with TRW/NG, Department Manager, Digital Development Lab.

David Carl Treen, 80, March 11, 2017, retired from TRW in 1993.

Donald G. Williams, 87, February 11, 2017, 35 years at TRW, worked at Space Park and San Clemente.

Phyllis I. Wilson, 88, April 20, 2017.

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Northrop Grumman Benefits 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. If the deceased was a member of TRA at the time of death, please notify TRA whether you want the NNG continued for the duration of their subscription or to be removed from all future mailings.

If you know of a person that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column, please inform us by either email or mail to the TRA office. As a minimum, we need the name of the deceased; date of death; and the name of the person submitting the information. If more information is available and desired, include age, position and years at NG/TRW, any notable programs, and special skills.

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Full Member Directory On-Line - We are currently working on a new feature that will allow anyone to search our member database. To protect your privacy, we will not provide street addresses, email, or phone numbers. But, if you find someone you want to contact, we will provide a mechanism to contact them through the TRA. Send us a note if you have suggestions.

Archives and Photos - Do you want to read through old copies of the NNG? The site has archives that go back to 2004. We are in the process of scanning in older issues to extend our archives even further back. You can also see photos from past TRA events. Email webmaster@tra-spacepark.org if you have material to add.

Feedback - Member Poll allows you to comment or vote on topics. We are always looking for feedback on how we can improve TRA.

Finally, if you know of retirees who are not members of TRA, please let them know that our association exists and is working to keep our members informed. We need your support.

Upcoming Events

Summer Reunion

July 18, 2017

Holiday Party@Ports O'Call

December 1, 2017

CHAPTER NEWS

Northern Virginia - Bill Gehrke

Our mailing list includes 240 members. Typically, 12 to 20 locals meet once a month.

Ogden, Utah - Charles Vono

The Utah retirees would love to have you come by to join us for our monthly breakfasts. We meet every first Thursday at 0830 at the Layton Cracker Barrel, just off of I-15. We also schedule monthly lunches or dinners that vary in times and locations each month.

Most of the Utah folks worked ICBMs at Hill AFB. We get 14 to 20 participants at our breakfasts; 127 of our retirees have asked me to send them reminders and updates. Event attendees vary depending on who is in town and not tending grandkids or great grandkids. You can contact us at charlesvono@comcast.net.



Ogden, UT TRA L-to-R: Jack Curtin, Jim Meyers, Marty Stampick, Bob Bloss, Harry Amalfitano, Leo Seeber

New TRA Members

There were no new members for this edition. However, thanks to all of you who renewed your membership either as a result of our postcard or e-mail requests.

We have e-mail addresses for about two-thirds of our membership. If you didn't receive an e-mail from us in the last couple of months we probably don't have your e-mail address on file.

Consider updating us with your current e-mail address. We won't fill up your inbox, as we send out messages much less than once a month. For example, when we found out that the Spring Fling was canceled, or that we had published the wrong day for the Summer Reunion, we sent a message to our membership letting them know.

You can send your e-mail address with your name and membership number (on the newsletter mailing label) to tra@tra-spacepark.org and we will update our records.

Thanks for being a member!

Locations Wanted

Do you belong to or know of clubs/lodges/banquet halls that can handle 100-150 people that might be available for future South Bay TRA events? If so, please contact us using the information on Page 2.

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

AOX Awarded WFIRST Contract from JPL

Adaptive Optics Associates, Inc. (AOX), a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman Corporation, has been awarded a sole-source contract to provide mission-critical optical technology for the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST) coronagraph instrument. The AOX team successfully completed the preliminary design studies in early 2016 with JPL. The contract value is worth \$1.9 million.

WFIRST is a future infrared space observatory that was recommended in 2010 by the United States National Research Council Decadal Survey committee as the top priority for the next decade of astronomy. The WFIRST telescope will be equipped with a specialized optical-imaging coronagraph. The WFIRST coronagraph will have the potential to directly image exoplanets over the course of its mission.

AOX will fabricate modules that will be used as technology demonstrations for the adaptive optics systems. WFIRST's coronagraph will provide a 1,000-fold improvement in existing technology to see distant planets in other solar systems. This advancement will help the scientific community with the study of the atmospheres and conditions on exoplanets using WFIRST and with future missions that will search for signs of life on exoplanets.

"We are honored to work with NASA, JPL, and the WFIRST team," said M. Roman Hachkowski, Ph.D., general manager, AOX. "AOX's adaptive optics technology will enable astronomers to directly image and study exoplanets. This capability is ideal for science space missions that require both precision and durability to advance human discovery."

WFIRST is part of Northrop Grumman's continued focus on space as the next frontier for exploration. A worldwide leader in developing new technology to support current and future military and civil space programs, Northrop Grumman's innovation enables deep space discovery and advances knowledge of planet Earth.

Virginia Congressman 'Pleased with the Progress' on Northrop's B-21 Bomber

While the B-21 bomber program is highly secretive and details of Northrop Grumman Corp's current progress on the program is in the dark, it already seems to be earning plaudits on Capitol Hill.

At a House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces hearing, Rep. Robert Wittman (R-Virginia), the subcommittee chairman, said he was "particularly pleased with the progress the Air Force has made on the B-21 Raider program," before heaping praise on the Falls Church defense firm.

"While it remains early in the design process, I believe that Northrop Grumman has made the B-21 program a priority and is delivering to the anticipated cost and schedule of the program," Wittman said.

The comments may seem like the typical Washington spiel from a lawmaker chairing a defense subcommittee, but with the highly secretive nature of the B-21 Raider program, Wittman's remarks are actually quite illuminating.

"Given we don't believe Wittman has any particular parochial interest in B-21, the fact that he singled out [Northrop Grumman] for its progress is fairly notable," Drexel Hamilton LLC aerospace and defense analyst Pete Skibitski wrote in a report the day after

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the hearing.

Skibitski also noted that Northrop “had telegraphed for some time that a lot of advanced prototyping for B-21 had the potential to de-risk the project.” “Perhaps we are seeing the early signs of that coming true,” he added.

If Wittman’s remarks are a genuine reflection of the B-21’s progress, it is a further endorsement of Northrop’s corporate strategy that has been more discerning in the programs it bids on and has plowed internal investment dollars into bringing down costs on development.

That strategy was highlighted in October 2016, when the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) made public its decision rejecting The Boeing Co.’s protest of the Air Force award to Northrop. In that report, the GAO noted that Northrop’s proposed costs “were substantially lower than Boeing’s due to Northrop’s corporate investment decisions.”

Northrop Grumman Corp. Announces Increase in Quarterly Dividend

Northrop Grumman Corp. announced that its board of directors has approved an increase in the quarterly dividend by 10 cents, bringing the annualized payout to \$4 per share, up 11% from \$3.60 paid earlier.

The raised quarterly dividend will amount to \$1 per share from the prior payment of 90 cents. This amount will be paid on Jun 21, 2017 to shareholders of record at the close of business as of Jun 5, 2017.

Increasing dividend has become an annual ritual. This will mark the 14th consecutive annual dividend hike by Northrop Grumman.

The current annualized dividend yield is 1.6%. The increase reflects the company’s successfully executed investment growth strategy.

Northrop Grumman’s strong balance sheet and steady cash flow position offer substantial financial flexibility and scope for incremental dividends, ongoing share repurchases and earnings-accretive acquisitions. In the first quarter of 2017, the company repurchased 1 million shares for \$229 million. As of Mar 31, 2017, Northrop was left with \$2.5 billion of share repurchase authorization. During the quarter, the company returned almost \$400 million to its shareholders through share repurchase and dividends

Notably, the company’s total shareholder return for 2016 was more than 25%. Moreover, a robust cash generation capability allows Northrop Grumman to fund capital investment programs and sustain shareholder-friendly moves.

Northrop Grumman to Build Additional MQ-8C Fire Scouts

Northrop Grumman Corporation is set to build 10 additional MQ-8C Fire Scout unmanned helicopters for the U. S. Navy. These Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) give maritime commanders persistent, real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR).

The additional build will bring the total number of MQ-8C Fire Scout air vehicles procured to 29, extending the range and

endurance of naval operations.

“MQ-8C is meeting all of its performance objectives, and the system is delivering a greater naval warfighting capability,” said Capt. Jeff Dodge, program manager, Fire Scout, Naval Air Systems Command. “We are looking forward to moving the MQ-8C to operational testing and deployment as a part of surface warfare mission packages.”

“In partnership with the US Navy, we are dedicated to fielding this state-of-the-art, ship-based ISR platform as part of a strategy that provides warfighters ISR,” said Leslie Smith, vice president, tactical autonomous systems, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. “We are pleased to support the Navy with additional MQ-8C Fire Scouts with maritime dominance support through this procurement. Our team will strive to exceed expectations in affordability, quality and on-time delivery.”

MQ-8C Fire Scout has completed operational assessment, a developmental flight test program and is now preparing for Milestone C. MQ-8C Fire Scout has accrued over 730 flight hours and flown 353 sorties.

Important Contacts for Retirees

Northrop Grumman transitioned the administration and record-keeping services for its employee and some retiree benefit plans to Fidelity NetBenefits. The contact information is:

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

www.benefits.northropgrumman.com

Or www.netbenefits.com/northropgrumman

phone: 800-894-4194

Here you can get help on health benefits, pensions, savings, and to report a death. It’s voice activated, so listen to the instructions and answer the first few questions to reach a representative.

Retirees will be impacted by the transition if they receive coverage through the Northrop Grumman Retiree Medical plan. Information on Health and Insurance benefits for those retirees is now accessible on line at Fidelity NetBenefits.

If you have Medicare Supplemental Insurance coverage through OneExchange, this is your contact information:

Towers Watson’s OneExchange

medicare.oneexchange.com/NGC

phone: 855-832-0976

For Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Towers-Watson administers various accounts including Health Care Flexible Spending and Reimbursement, the Limited Flexible Spending Account, and the Retiree Reimbursement Account.

Some TRW retirees receive their medical benefits through the Northrop Grumman Benefits *Service* Center. This center is staffed by Benefits Outsourcing Solutions, Inc. Their number is 800-410-6605.

If you continued your life insurance coverage on the Northrop Grumman group plan, this is administered by Metlife. They have a web site at the link below but questions should be directed to the NGBC.

Metlife

www.metlife.com/NGC

phone: (Benefits Center) 800-894-4194

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Gloria La Mantia lost her husband in February, 2017, but prior to that he taught her how to drive their motor home. Now she can drive from her home in Fullerton, CA to the beach to get inspired by its beauty ♦♦♦ What a party! **John Katherler** (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) celebrated his big 80th last September with his two daughters and their husbands plus five g'kids. He still plays golf and goes to his health club, both twice a week ♦♦♦ **Vivian and Floyd Sadler** report they are still in Las Vegas, i.e., *God's Waiting Room* ♦♦♦ Life is good in beautiful South Lake Tahoe/Carson Valley, NV (aka Gardnerville, NV) for **Kathryn Zogorski**. Foreign travel, skiing, golfing, lots of volunteering, and time with her two precious g'sons keep her busy ♦♦♦ From the Santa Ynez Valley (Solvang) CA we hear from the **Melancons**. **Paul** is the lead docent at the Old Mission Santa Inés and **Nadine** is secretary/treasurer for the Capuchin Franciscan Missions in the North of Mexico. They take their three therapy dogs, Roxie, Ali, and Tessy, to the Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara to visit patients there. Nadine also volunteers at the hospital ♦♦♦ **Cora Van Wormer** was an Executive Secretary with STL/TRW and retired in '85 after working for 23 years with *so many beautiful and nice people*. Now, at 94, she is in *pretty good health* and in an assisted living facility in Vista, CA ♦♦♦ Awaiting the next ATD luncheon is **Richard Schremser**. His update to TRA said that he and his wife are still around (in Redondo Beach), and that he's still a flying instructor ♦♦♦ *I'm a cougar now* begins a note from **Margaret Bornino**. She just turned 90, and lost her husband two years ago. Current activities: still working with wood, playing ukulele with a group in S. Lake Tahoe, NV, and going to the Senior Center for Big Band dances. Step son **Robert Bornino** just hired into Space Park's M1 ♦♦♦ **Al and Evelyn Sorensen** have moved from Torrance, CA, to Elk River, MN, to be



By Al Hausrath

closer to their relatives. Thanks to a mild winter, they survived the cold to enjoy summer in the Midwest ♦♦♦ Another pair of happy retirees are **Carmel "Lee"** and **Joanne Ayres** in Kester, OR. He has vision problems, and has given up driving, but they are both involved with their senior center activities and volunteering. They even enjoy/tolerate the rain ♦♦♦ **George Forbes** is in a rut. This year marked his 40th trip with the TRW Wilderness Club to Catalina Island over the Memorial Day weekend. He and **Hank Warzybok** started the trek to the Catalina backcountry in 1976. They retired from their leadership roles in '92, and now **Clark and Jean Custer** lead the group. About 30-40 eager hikers make up the group, and each year they experience the Emerald Island in new and different ways ♦♦♦ A pair of snow birds ready to move south: **Colleen Deros** retired from TRW/NG after 25 years with the company. Husband, **Chris**, has over 30 years with TRW/NG and hopes to retire soon. Then they will leave the snowy winters of northern Colorado (Centennial, CO) for the more temperate climate of their lakefront home on Lake Nottely in the mountains of north Georgia. On their To Do List: fishing, boating, and international travel ♦♦♦ Just a bit east of Reno, NV is the beautiful town of Fernley, NV, with *clean air, good neighbors, and no traffic*. It is also the home of **Ann and Bill Maybury**, who just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Ann is designing machine embroidery patterns as well as learning new computer skills. Bill keeps busy writing. Check them out at Bill's web site: BillyKBaker.com ♦♦♦ **Gail Weage** (Paso Robles, CA) is still tending her walnut orchard, now certified organic, which will help defray her harvesting costs ♦♦♦ A surprise 90th b'day party for **Evy Paulson** was held last March in Torrance, CA. Hostess **Martha Thom** reported that also attending were **Lois Thomas, Linda Pullen-Buehl, and Toni Oppedisano** ♦♦♦