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**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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## Holiday Party Time — Friday, Dec. 5th

### HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

#### Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

➤ **EL SEGUNDO, CA** — NGAS is developing new, advanced unmanned surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), and strike capabilities systems. The next-generation Tactical Exploited Reconnaissance Node (Tern) program is one example of several in progress. Tern would enable greater mission capability and flexibility without the need for establishing fixed land bases or deploying aircraft carriers. These developments are under the joint leadership of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Office of Naval Research.



By Frank Warren

➤ **PALMDALE, CA** — The first U.S. Navy MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system (UAS) has completed a flight from California to Maryland. At Naval Air Station Patuxent River, the aircraft will be outfitted with a sensor suite before going through a series of sensor integration flights. Over the next few weeks, two other Tritons will also fly to Patuxent River. Triton is specifically designed for maritime missions of up to 24 hours. It can fly at altitudes higher than 10 miles, allowing for coverage of 1 million square nautical miles of ocean in a single mission.

➤ **MOJAVE, CA** — A decade after winning the Ansari XPRIZE with one of the most innovative vehicles ever flown, the employees of Scaled Composites, a NG subsidiary, continue to push the boundaries of aviation and the emerging commercial space industry. To build on this success, NG, Scaled Composites, and Virgin Galactic are currently developing a preliminary design and flight demonstration plan for the DARPA's experimental spaceplane program XS-1, which will enable new generations of lower cost, innovative and more resilient spacecraft.

**WHERE:** Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro, 11 to 3.  
**THE ROOMS:** The party will be in the beautiful upstairs rooms at the restaurant — the Breakwater Room with its great view of the Los Angeles Main Channel and the harbor breakwater to the south, and the Bridgeview Room, also on the channel and with great views to the north, including the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Elevator access available.  
**THE FOOD:** A sit-down three course dinner with your choice of one of three great entrées — Chicken/Pasta, King Salmon, or London Broil, finished with a choice of desserts: NY Cheesecake with Strawberry drizzle or Tiramisu.  
**MUSIC:** The same great 2-person group that we had last year, with very danceable music.  
**BEVERAGES:** A no-host bar with a great selection.  
**PARKING:** Free parking close to the entrance.  
**SEATING CHOICE:** (Based on space available) Please indicate your choice between:  
 1) The music room, with the dance floor and the band, or  
 2) The conversation room, which will be somewhat quieter.  
**COST:** Just \$30 per person.  
**ATMOSPHERE:** Holiday Season — Put on your party clothes and your dancing shoes and join us on Friday, December 5 for a great party.  
**We are expecting a sellout crowd, so please send in your reservations promptly.**

### 2014 Holiday Party Friday, December 5, 2014

*Reservation Deadline — November 21, 2014*

Retiree Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(From mailing label)  
 Total Number Coming \_\_\_ at \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limit: One guest per member  
**Entrée choices: (indicate number)**  
 *Chicken/Pasta*  *King Salmon*  *London Broil*  
**Dessert choices (indicate number)**  
 *NY Cheesecake*  *Tiramisu*  
**Seating choice: (based on space available)**  
 *Music Room*  *Conversation Room*  
**Please detach and mail with a check to:**  
**TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278**

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

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### By Phone:

310-833-5827

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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:

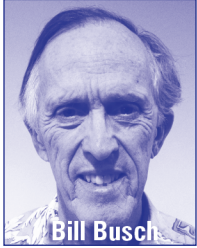
TRA Membership is open to all Northrop Grumman and TRW legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call 310-833-5827.

# 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 1:30 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, PVE, CA 90274, (310) 375-2533	1st Tuesday in Nov. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch Res Deadline: Fri. 24 Oct. 14	Don Reeves, Jack Trost, Carol Schamp cschamp@aol.com 310-377-2194
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, N.C.	1st Wed. 8 a.m. 3rd Wed. 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
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant 1501 N. Sepulveda Blvd., M.B., CA	Last Mon., Even months. June 30	Social	Allen Parker 310-780-0712 777allendsp@gmail.com
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy Friendswood, Tex.	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Ryan's Buffet 1808 University Drive NW, Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 www.TRA-Huntsville.org
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 cannob70@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Old Brogue Pub Great Falls, Va.	3rd Friday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgkehrke@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 <a href="http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org">http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org</a>	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in the Temecula/Murrieta Area	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	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
Ventura Romeos	Mimi's Cafe Thousand Oaks	1st Tuesday Lunch	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 or Harry Stroud 805-653-5117

## Help for Hearing Loss By Bill Busch

According to the nonprofit Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), the leading organization for people with hearing loss, about 20 percent of adults in the United States, 48 million, report some degree of hearing loss. At age 65, one out of three people has a hearing loss. Since hearing loss is an invisible condition its effects can be misinterpreted as aloofness, confusion or personality changes and sometimes as dementia. Left untreated, especially among seniors, hearing loss impacts a person's overall health, leading to conditions such as social isolation, depression, and possibly dementia.



Bill Busch

Like many people my hearing loss worsened as I aged. After I retired I found I was having difficulty communicating with my wife seated next to me in the car. How ironic for me as a former Communications Systems Engineer who knew how to communicate with satellites over 23,000 miles away.

I sought medical advice which confirmed that I had significant hearing loss but was resistant to getting hearing aids. Eventually, I decided that it was unfair to my wife to keep asking her to repeat things so I took the plunge and got hearing aids. While not perfect, they helped a lot although there were still situations, like noisy restaurants and telephones where I had difficulties. My audiologist that sold me the hearing aids advised me to attend HLAA meetings but it took me a couple of years to go to one of their meetings. When I did, I discovered it was great being in a group where everyone either had hearing loss

of were spouses. I was not alone. Once I attended one meeting, I started to realize how little I knew about the possibilities of improving my hearing ability. I was hooked. As I look back I realize my hearing is substantially better now than when I got those first hearing aids although my unaided hearing has continued to get worse.

Here are some suggestions for coping with hearing loss.

- It's unlikely your hearing is going to get better by itself so it is important to do something about it.
- See a medical professional, preferably an ear specialist, especially if the loss is sudden. There may be medical interventions that can improve your hearing or prevent it from getting worse. For instance, it's possible that the cause is something as simple as impacted wax in your ear canals. Some ear problems can be fixed with minor surgery.
- If the doctor recommends hearing aids, there are countless decisions to be made. Don't rush into it. Do some research. Be skeptical of flyers that come in the mail saying this company has the latest most revolutionary devices that have ever been made and you have been selected for a free trial. Often this is advertising hype that doesn't live up to expectations.
- If you have difficulty hearing on the phone whether you have hearing aids or not, many states have programs that provide free amplified phones. In California, it's called the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP). If you have a demonstrated hearing loss, they will provide an amplified phone and helpful accessories. There are many choices.
- There are many relatively inexpensive devices that can help substantially which are sometimes called Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) or Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT). Our local chapter of HLAA, the Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter has an inventory of over 50 such devices that we demonstrate at no cost. With a Google search you can find many companies that sell these products on-line. Just be sure to check out the return policy if you are dissatisfied. Most will refund your money (less shipping charges).
- Check out the nonprofit Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) website ([www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)). Their mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy. They have local chapters all over the country.
- If you attend the HLAA meetings and find them helpful, consider volunteering. Not only will you learn a lot, you can get a great deal of satisfaction from helping others.

You will be much happier if you do something about your hearing loss. Don't wait as long as I did. There is help available! Feel free to contact me at [billbusch@ieec.org](mailto:billbusch@ieec.org) or by mail at TRA, Attn: Bill Busch, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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## Volunteering Opportunities

So many of our members have expressed the satisfaction in their lives for their volunteer activities that TRA has decided to make this a frequent column in this newsletter. Do you know of a volunteer organization that needs additional manpower and supports a worthwhile cause? Write it up and send it to us. Since our mailings go nationwide, preferences will be given to opportunities, although local, that are part of national organizations. Emphasis should be on the types of skills needed, as well as the group or people served. Email to [tra@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org) or mail to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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The next issue of the NNG  
will be mailed in January and  
will contain a handy dues  
renewal form

## IN MEMORIAM

**Stanley J Collison**, May 10, 1977,\* Pioneer 10/11  
Spacecraft Mechanic

**Robert F. Denton Jr.**, 86, August 6, 2014: Rtd. 1991  
**James R. Scarborough**, 80, August 25, 2014: Rtd.  
2002 S&EG

**Marvin Sidney Stone**, PhD, 74, September 11,  
2014: TRW/NG, '67-'97: VP & GM Electronics and  
Technology Division

**Ward F. Wright**, 73, July 13, 2014: Chemist, Rtd. 2011

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the NG 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 inform us by either mail or email 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.

\*Death just reported.

## Marvin Sidney Stone

February 11, 1940 - September 11, 2014



Marvin Sidney Stone, 74, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on the morning of September 11, 2014. "Marv" is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Ann, and their three devoted sons, Gary

(Cyndee), Jeffrey (Kimi) and Jonathan. He leaves his sister Janet Goldberg, brothers-in-law Alan Pyenson, Brian Caplan, Ken Hoffman and David Snyder, sisters-in-law Karen Pyenson and Phyllis Snyder. Marv was born in Los Angeles on February 11, 1940. He earned a BS, MS, and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from USC. In 1967 he joined TRW. In 1988 he was named VP and GM of TRW's Electronics and Technology Division. He was instrumental in developing sophisticated electronics technology that enabled a number of the nation's defense systems. After a successful 30 year career at TRW, Marv was an adjunct professor in the Viterbi School of Engineering, his beloved alma mater. Marv was recognized for excellence throughout his career including: NASA Certificate of Recognition for Creative Development of Technology, a National Reconnaissance Pioneer, 6 publications based on his research in signal design, and the USC School of Engineering Alumnus Award.

## 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.

### Towers Watson's OneExchange

<https://medicare.oneexchange.com/NGC>

Or by phone: 855-832-0976

If your Medicare Supplemental Insurance coverage has been transferred from the NGBC to OneExchange, this is your contact information.

## Upcoming TRA Events

Holiday Party

December 5, 2014

Alice Lord Spring Fling\*

April, 2015

\*Details to be provided in future NNGs

Mail Pouch will return in the next issue, but we need your inputs. Send us a note now about your doings.