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It's Spring! Celebrate at TRA's Spring Fling

April 9, 2015

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman Corp. (NG)

- FALLS CHURCH, VA — February 17, 2015 The board of directors of NG declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.70 per share on NG common stock, payable March 18, 2015, to shareholders of record as of the close of business March 2, 2015.

Aerospace Systems Sector (NGAS)

- REDONDO BEACH, CA — NGAS recently hosted its second annual "Engineers Choice Awards" event recognizing the achievements of more than 90 top aerospace engineers at NGAS. The company's peer-recognition program identifies and celebrates individual engineers as well as engineering teams for exemplary technical accomplishments and demonstration of leadership, innovation, affordability, collaboration and execution of the company's objectives. Award winners were selected from more than 420 nominations in eight different categories and presented at a luncheon ceremony at the Portofino Inn in Redondo Beach.



By Frank Warren

- WOODLAND HILLS, CA — NGAS's hemispherical resonator gyro (HRG), which is used for commercial and military space applications, recently achieved 30 million hours of continuous operation without a single mission failure. Since February 1996, the HRG has been a vital component of NGAS's Scalable Space Inertial Reference Unit (and its predecessor, the Space Inertial Reference Unit (SIRU), which enable the stabilization, tracking and attitude control of spacecraft and satellites. The HRG's simple construction makes it highly reliable and naturally radiation-hardened in any space environment. Additionally, the gyro's small size and light weight lends itself to an inertial reference unit form factor that is easily incorporated into a spacecraft's design.

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Mark your calendars. Time for us to treat ourselves to seeing old friends over a wonderful lunch accompanied by great music. The Alice Lord Spring Fling will again be at the Proud Bird Restaurant near LAX. Yes, it is open with a new long-term lease. Come enjoy this fine restaurant. The restaurant is themed after the era surrounding World War II, and even before you step through its doors you will feel as if you have stepped back in time. The Red Barron room is spacious, with views through the windows of some of their collection of WWII fighter planes. Their buffet spreads are outstanding. The Alice Lord Spring Fling will be held Thursday, April 9, from 11:00 to 3:00 (dancing 'til 2 p.m.), at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Boulevard, Los Angeles.

To make the event even more memorable, we have brought back the great 2-person duo from the Holiday Party for your listening and dancing pleasure. We have selected the American selection of food, which includes a great variety of choices. The deserts are wonderful. Come meet your friends, enjoy a great buffet meal, all for just \$29 per person for advanced reservations. (Attendees without advance reservations but who opt to pay at the door will be charged \$32/person.) Please reserve promptly; this is bound to be a sell-out.

SPRING FLING RESERVATION FORM
Thursday, April 9, 2014 11:00 to 3:00
Reservation Deadline: April 1, 2014

Retiree Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership No: _____ Phone: _____
(from mailing label)

Total Number coming: ____ at \$29 each = _____

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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310-833-5827

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 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 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. 23 Oct. '15	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 aconnam@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 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	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

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▶ **ROLLING MEADOWS, IL** — Marking another on-time delivery, NGAS recently supplied the 1,000th AN/AAQ-37 Distributed Aperture System (DAS) sensor for integration on the F-35 Lightning II aircraft. The six infrared DAS sensors on the F-35 provide full spherical situational awareness to the pilot, day and night. The DAS provides a revolutionary capability to autonomously detect and track aircraft and missiles in every direction, while projecting video directly into the pilot's helmet mounted display and eliminating cockpit obscurities. With DAS, the pilot has an unprecedented view and awareness of the surrounding world. In flight testing, the DAS has demonstrated the ability to expand into additional missions and platforms, including ballistic missile defense, hostile ground fire detection and unmanned aircraft operations. DAS flight demonstrations have included tracking a rocket to over 800 miles (1300km) distance.

Recent New Members to TRA

We welcome the following members since the last newsletter.

James A Cunningham	Long Beach, CA
Barbara M Dolan	Reno, NV
Robert L. Morris	Montgomery, TX
Richard E Peterson	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

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 TRW/Northrop Grumman. Send to tra@tra-spacepark.org or to TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA

IN MEMORIAM

Robert A. Archer, 84, January 30, 2015
 Stanton Henry Cushner, 85, November 18, 2014
 John Desatoff, 89, November 12, 2014, 30+ years at TRW, graphic artist
 Henry M. DiMond, 90, January 3, 2015, 32 years at TRW in Marketing -
 Vernon B. Gregory, 79, January 3, 2015
 Marie J. Huntley, 99, April 5, 2014
 Lawrence B. Mattson, 79, January 12, 2015, retired 2002 with 17 years at TRW
 Robert W. Sanders, 89, Retired 1986 with 27 years at TRW. Graphic Artist
 Col. Fred Tschopp Jr., 83, December 30, 014

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

Henry M. DiMond

July 2, 1924 – January 3, 2015



Henry "Hank" M. DiMond Sr. passed away peacefully, January 3, 2015. Henry, the eldest of 2 children, was born July 2, 1924. He volunteered and served with distinction in the U.S. Navy in WWII and Korea. After the war he attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Rutgers University. In 1953, he wed wife Gloria, and they were blessed with 5 children. Sadly, daughter, Elizabeth passed away. His career as a marketing executive with TRW spanned 32 remarkable years that paralleled the developments in modern microelectronics.

After retirement, Hank took time to perfect his many hobbies in photography, wood-working, and sailing. One of his favorite sailing areas was off the coast of his San Pedro home that he shared with his second wife, Constance. He traveled extensively in his retirement and was active in TRA. He was president of TRA in 1996 and served as a Director-at-Large for many years after that. He also contributed his photography talents to TRA, serving as their photographer for many events. He also served as commodore of the Buccaneer Yacht Club.

Always affable and outgoing, Hank's wit and engaging personality made him many lifelong friends. Henry's passion and zeal for life will surely be missed. He is survived by his brother, Walter, ex-wife Gloria, and sons, Henry Jr., John, David, Douglas, and grandchildren, Samantha, Alice, Brittany, McKenna, Connor, Giavanna, Briana, and great-grandchildren, Elliot and Liam as well as many nephews and nieces.



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THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆**Harlan Forgrave** writes from Florida that *there will never be another company like TRW! My 469 months with TRW makes me very proud to have been a part of its rich history*◆◆◆**Al** and **Anne Readdy** (Pahrump, NV) enjoy the NNG and particularly liked the Si Ramo article in the previous issue◆◆◆From Las Vegas **John DeVillier** recounts his hiring in to TRW in 1957, when it was at a “Catholic Church” in Inglewood, with most of his coworkers from Hughes Aircraft. He names **Milt Mohr, George Floyd,** and **Bissett Berman**. He retired in '88 after 31 years with TRW◆◆◆When **Al Farha** (Calistoga, CA) read about Bob Lant’s death in TRA’s In Memoriam column, he was prompted to write TRA. *The people I worked with were some of the most talented/knowledgeable computing people of the 20th century. Bottom line is there would be no Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, cell phones, pc’s, lap tops, etc. if it was not for the talent of early computing engineers/programmers such as those at TRW, IBM, Remington/Rand etc.*◆◆◆It’s been 25 years since retirement reports **Fred Blach** (Newbury Park, CA) It’s been great except for the loss of his wife, **Patty**, and his daughter. His two grandsons live close by and are attending college. He serves on the Vestry at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church. He also coordinates the Ventura Romeos (Retired Old Men Eating Out) lunch◆◆◆On the cusp of 90, **Allan Strayer** optimistically renews his TRA membership for 3 more years. He and wife **Margie** remain in *pretty good* health, and stay connected with selected community activities in their home area of Westlake village/Thousand Oaks. Allan is an active member of the Ventura TRA Romeos where the monthly lunch gatherings have almost become a ritual◆◆◆Talk about Energy! **Paul** and **Carol Courcy** (San Luis Obispo, CA) walked 192 miles across England in just 13 days in September last year. The trek was from St.

Bee’s on the Irish Sea to Robin Hood’s Bay on the North Sea. Last month’s Si Ramo article inspired Paul to add: We worked for some terrific people!◆◆◆Is **Lloyd Smith** slowing down? He has finally retired from teaching the modern Japanese martial art of Kendo after some 40 years. He and wife **Joanne** live on a sunny golf course in Carlsbad, CA. She no longer drives, but still is able create her wonderful Chinese brush paintings. He misses the old control systems gang◆◆◆The **Hirsch’s, Harold** and **Vivian**, have traveled the world, and are enjoying every moment of retirement in Encino, CA. But, he’s not retired! He’s working three days a week fabricating printed wiring boards, many for NGC. He’s the technical advisor and quality assurance manager. *Some health problems but we are weathering the storm*◆◆◆And over in Orange, CA, **Bernie DiNardo** is working as Director, Quality Assurance at Secure Communication Systems in Santa Ana◆◆◆What do you do if you have cruised more since retirement than any other TRW retiree? Continue cruising, of course, with two more trips selected for 2015 and, as yet, just one for 2016. **Lyle** and **Marjorie Nelson** have completed 93 cruises for a total of 1506 days (4+ years). Why do they keep their Torrance, CA home? So they can come home to read the NNG, of course◆◆◆

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.

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

Alice Lord Spring Fling **April 9, 2015**
Summer Meeting* **June, 2015**

*Details to be provided in the next NNG