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## For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees

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### Life Abroad After Retirement

by Howard Grossman

*Editor: As a relatively new retiree I find it fascinating what people find to do after retiring. Howard had sent TRA an e-mail describing his blog. I asked him to write this article that summarizes his experiences living part of the year in England.*

I worked at TRW from 1961 to 1992 and retired as a laboratory manager/assistant program manager. I primarily worked on software for the Minuteman missile systems. After retirement I established a non-profit corporation, Start Out Smart - Read, to educate expectant and new parents on the importance of reading to their children regularly starting at birth. We have educated almost 100,000 parents and provided each a book to read aloud to their baby.

After exchanging vacation homes in England three times and enjoying the experience, we bought a cottage in England in 1998. The cottage is 80 miles north of London in a village of 750. My wife, Kat, and I stay in England 4 or 5 months of the year. I began writing about our experiences and they are now contained in a blog, "No One Goes to England for the Weather," at [hbgrossman.tumblr.com](http://hbgrossman.tumblr.com).

Village life in England is a unique experience. Our village had two 17th century pubs. One has survived and serves good food at a reasonable price. Quality English food is no longer an oxymoron.

When getting the cottage ready for our residence we hired a painter and bought carpets and flooring. Each bill was about \$3,000 and when I asked if they wanted a deposit the responses were identical, "When I am done and you are satisfied with my work, pay me."

In the village biyearly dessert competition everyone gets to taste all the entries and vote for one. My blog recipe, Coconut Caramel Pecan pie, has been my only win. In the garden's club's yearly competition, my entry of a tomato pie was disqualified by a ruling that said that tomato was a vegetable (it is a fruit,) even though the judge said my pie was delicious. The following year the category changed that allowed the tomato pie, but I didn't win a ribbon even when I was the only entry.

English television is much worse than US television. However, the closed captioning is better because the words are printed in four different colors, depending on who is speaking.

Read my blog for more on our adventures.

### Spring Fling Report

by Marcy Morrison

Thursday, April 14 was a most beautiful day to have lunch at a place with a gorgeous view and wonderful food.

We had a chance to catch up with acquaintances while watching the ships pass in the channel.

I thank all who attended at the Ports O'Call restaurant. The weather was perfect. The word was the room looked summery and very pretty, the food was satisfying, the band played great music. Some got exercise by having a dance or three, and the company was most enjoyable.

Al Hausrath printed name tags so we could celebrate like it was a first class event. Mary Holcomb took excellent photos, some of which are on Pages 3 and 4. More photos from the Spring Fling are available on the web site. Jack Trost managed the reservations and created and printed alphabetized lists so we could find attendees.

I especially wish to thank the Activities Committee, Roc Venegas and Nicki Noble, for their usual excellent greeting and checking in of our guests. I also want to thank Mary Holcomb for her photos.

Thanks. All-in-all it was a good day. It's important for us to keep in touch with those from our past, which is why we sponsor a Spring Fling. Our next event is the Annual Summer Reunion on August 18, 2016. Save the date for the reunion. Details and reservation forms will be in the next NNG. See you next year at the Spring Fling.

*Editor: Thanks so much to Marcy for her efforts to plan and execute these activities.*

### Call for Meeting Information

TRA would like to reach out to all formal and informal gatherings so that we can share more information on the events and happenings of TRA members. We publish meeting times and locations in the newsletter (Page 2) and on the web.

Also, we are interested in news about your members and activities. If you do have an activity or information that would be of interest to TRA members, please consider sending it. Photos are always of interest. Contact TRA for more information on how to prepare your submission.

### Upcoming Events

Annual Summer Reunion

August 18, 2016

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

### 2016 Officers

Dena Bouskos	President
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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 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](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. Register, 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. The application is available on the website.

## NG/TRW Retirees Meetings Around the US

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S/Cafeteria, Space Park	3rd Thursday 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	Tuesday, November 1, 2016	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch, Reserve by October 21, 2016	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 gzais@cloud.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	2nd Tues Varies: E-mail for Location 4th Tues Macaroni Grill, Madison Mall	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM 4th Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Social	www.TRA-Huntsville.org 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	<a href="http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org">http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org</a> 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	SS. Brigid & Branden Room, American Martyrs Church, MB, CA	2nd Thursday, 12:30 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

### TRA's Spring Fling April 14, 2016

On a gorgeous day in San Pedro, TRA met at the Ports O'Call Restaurant to celebrate Spring. These photos are by Mary Holcomb. To see all her photos of this event, visit [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org).



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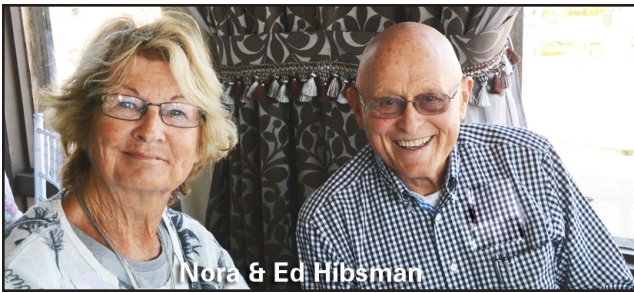
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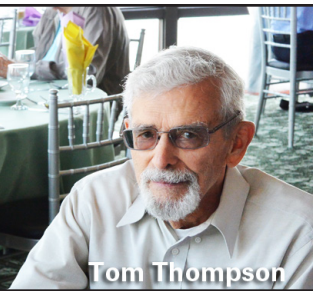
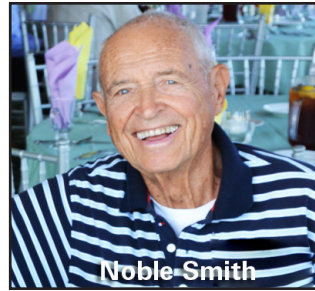
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TRA's Spring Fling April 14, 2016 (continued)

To see all of Mary Holcomb's photos of this event, visit [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org).



## IN MEMORIAM

**Robert N. Altounian**, 102, December 26, 2015, Mechanical Engineer, ATD LMDE Program, retired 1977.

**H. Donald Brown**, 82, March 9, 2016, Mechanical Engineer, Program Manager, 27 years at TRW.

**John C. Grant**, 82, January 21, 2016, Group Manager, retired 2000.

**Chester Lee Hamer**, 88, January 16, 2016.

**George Kovacevich**, 80, February 26, 2016, 35 years at TRW/NG.

**Joseph Paul Lafferty**, 80, February 14, 2016, 30 years at TRW/NG.

**Louis F. Lanzer**, 89, February 13, 2016, 32 years at TRW, retired 1987.

**Jerry I. Lubell**, 72, April 4, 2016, V&H Lab Engineer.

**Masako Nakayama**, 89, February 12, 2016, Computer Programmer.

**Leonard James Speltz**, 79, March 22, 2016, TRW Space & Electronics Group, retired 1996

**Charles W. Sarture, Ph.D.**, 87, December 31, 2015, 40 years STL/TRW.

**Betty L. Stover**, 89, February 23, 2016, 27 years at TRW/NG, retired 1991.

**Stephen Sullivan**, 81, June 15, 2015.

**Shu K. Wong**, 71, March 30, 2016, Electrical Engineer, V&H Lab and Norton Air Force Base.

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 person that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column, 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.

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a great success ♦♦♦ Beautiful Coeur D' Alene, ID, has been home for **Jack** and **Donna Taylor** for 24 years. It's also the home for two of their three daughters. The other daughter lives in Long Beach, which brings them to So Cal twice a year. Their 10 g'kids are grown and scattered all over the country ♦♦♦

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

### NG Responds to GPS III Space Vehicle Alternatives Program Request for Proposal

NG has submitted a proposal to the United States Air Force for the next-generation Global Positioning System (GPS) III program. The Air Force plans to develop a new generation of GPS space vehicles that will deliver the advanced capabilities needed by military and civil users. The GPS system has been delivering precise global position, navigation and timing services worldwide for more than two decades.



By Frank Warren

NG's proposal is based on a navigational payload prototype built and tested in 2015 and a heritage space vehicle proven to operate in the harsh environment of medium earth orbit. In addition to current GPS III capabilities, the company's payload demonstrated enhanced transmission power for the military code, a critical capability for operating in regions of the world where jamming is prevalent.

The Air Force plans to award up to three \$5 million study contracts in the third quarter of 2016. A competition for 22 spacecraft is anticipated in 2018.

### Company Receives Awards

NG received the Gene Washington Champion of Champion's Award, the Chairman's Award, and the Summer Engineering Experience for Kids program award at the 42nd annual National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) conference held in Boston. Gloria Pualani, NG director of socio-economic business programs/government relations, received the Sustainability Maven award.

In addition to the awards, NSBE announced a three-year, \$2 million program funded by the NG Foundation designed to expand the nation's engineering workforce through a partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The program will provide 72 engineering students with \$8,000 scholarship grants, internships with NG and year-round academic and professional development support.

### NASA Awards Instrument Contract for Joint Polar Satellite System Mission

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NASA has awarded a sole source contract modification to NG (of Azusa, California) for two additional Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder (ATMS) instruments for the JPSS-3 and JPSS-4 missions.

Under this contract, NG will manufacture, test and deliver the ATMS instruments, support instrument integration on the spacecraft and provide launch and post-launch support. These instruments will be designed to perform like the ATMS currently flying on the NOAA/NASA Suomi-National Polar-orbiting Partnership (NPP) mission.

The next NNG will be  
mailed in July.

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◆◆◆ **Howard Korman** writes from Torrance, CA that retirement is a *meaningful* experience. Here's his interpretation of *meaningful*. Howard and **Dale** are involved with Omnilore, the South Bay Learning-in-retirement program, the South Bay Community Concert Association, and the Peninsula symphony. He plays tuba with the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band and is VP of their Board of Directors. But wait, there's more: time with their three children and five g'kids ◆◆◆ And some retirees actually do downsize. **Frank and Esther Fernandez** (Redondo Beach, CA) just gave their 1940 Mercury convertible, theirs for the last 63 years, to their son **Frank**, along with their large collection of trophies. But they are hardly idle. They just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, both at 83, plus the addition of their first g'child, **Maddie** ◆◆◆ The Central Coast is home to **Joe Brown**, also for about 60 years. His hobby is making wooden maps ◆◆◆ **Peter and Beverly King** (Los Osos, CA) also seem to be finding retirement meaningful, all 28 years of it: RVing, Jazz Festivals, tennis, rallying their Mini-Cooper, visiting the many nearby wineries of the Central Coast, and their yearly trek to Maui. What's missing? Their sailboat and sailing are no more ◆◆◆ Retirement in Green Valley, AZ has been a real blessing and a surprise after his full career in aerospace, reports **Dave Appleton**. He and **Gerry** are busy working with several civic organization as well with their church. Their key to a happy retirement is getting involved in the local community ◆◆◆ **Joyce and Buzz Handschullmacher** enjoy a less busy life style. 2016 began with a family trip to Kona, HI. Home is in Manhattan Beach, CA, interrupted with occasional trips to Lake Arrowhead. Good financial news: Daughter **Kelly** graduates from Columbia Law School this month so no more tuition ◆◆◆ And at 88, **Charles and Ellie Anderson**



By Al Hausrath

(Nevada City, CA) admit to slowing down a bit. They had been delivering Meals on Wheels for many years, but with 2016 they stopped participating in that program. Now it's a lot of bridge and some poker for Charles ◆◆◆ Another couple in their 80s, **Rod and Cecile Chatt**, (North Hills, CA) have cut back by giving up their seats in the saddle. Cecile had introduced Rod to the equestrian field of hunter/jumpers when he retired in '93, and they enjoyed many international trips on horseback in Italy, France, England, and Ireland. But now, Cecile has Parkinson's. Rod stays busy as a board member of Western Federal Credit Union. Other TRW-ites on the Board are **Tony Tam, Marsha Klontz, Bob Scott**, and **Dave McPherson**. Another pair of volunteers, **Dave Clement** and **Sharon Gibson**, are on the Supervisory Committee ◆◆◆ One of our champion retirees is **William Meyers**. He has retired from TRW, Northrop Grumman, and the U.S. Air Force. Now he can concentrate on his twice weekly golf and his support of the USO at Lindberg Field in San Diego ◆◆◆ Where were **Pat and Andy Overman** in 2015? Moving from Redondo Beach north to beautiful Pismo Beach on the Central Coast. Their menagerie and motor home are now keeping them busy in 2016 ◆◆◆ **Robert Schreiner** reports that after 46 years on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, he and his wife have retired to an assisted living facility in Escondido. 2016 is expected to bring them a 60th Wedding Anniversary, their 14th grandchild and a 3rd g'child ◆◆◆ Still living on the P.V. Peninsula is **Gary Moir**. But on Saturdays, it's off to the historic Flabob Airport (Riverside, CA) to work on an FAA airworthiness certification for a 1903 Wright Flyer replica. On Sundays, you can find him playing beach volleyball in Manhattan Beach, CA with the Beach City Ski Club. His new left knee is

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