Reserve Now!!

Retiree Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration

October 23, 2017 at The Cradle of Aviation

Reservation form is Page 19 of this Newsletter.

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31st Annual Retiree Club Picnic -
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Details & Reservation Form are on Page 18 of this Newsletter

A Note:

Several members, and two Chapters, have expressed appreciation for the recent relatively-early delivery of our Newsletters. This has only been possible because of the commitment and dedication of volunteer members, in every chapter, who diligently assemble and insure timely submittal of reports, lists, announcements, etc. Equally important has been the quick, cooperative, professional efforts of the staff of our Newsletter printing contractor, Command Direct, of Hauppauge (Long Island), NY.

Thank You Volunteer Members!!
Thank You, Command Direct Staff!!

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Another Note:

No August Newsletter.
We will have a September newsletter this year.
Deadline for inputs to the September Newsletter: Noon, August 26.
Scholarship Program Contributors

To: All donors to our Scholarship Program:

Thank You so much for your generous donations to this great Club program. All donors should be proud to know that your contributions will help deserving and accomplished students attend college.

Many Thanks.

Our Thanks to these Recent Contributors:

Baumgartner, Joseph
Draghi, Nikki
Gordon, William
Lugbauer, Peter
Michelon, Lawrence
Olsen, Roy
Schauer, Berthold

Charitable Activities Contributors

Thank You to these contributors for their generous donations to our Charitable Activities Program. Through your generosity, so far this year we have made donations to the Cradle of Aviation; Rebuilding Together L.I.; Homeless Veterans Fund; America’s Vet Dogs; Disabled Veterans Transportation Network; and the Grumman Retiree Club Scholarship Fund.

Joan Caruso
Louis Milgram
Berthold Schauer
Joanne Siegel
John Thorne

Scholarship Program Contributions

Your contributions are the engine that enables our Scholarship Award Program to be an on-going Retiree Club Program for all members.

Remember: Your Scholarship Program donations are tax deductible.

Every little bit counts . . . It all adds up. Please keep your (tax deductible) donations coming . . . Send your checks (payable to Retiree Scholarship Fund) to: Scholarship Fund, PO Box 0748,

QUARTERLY 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE
Members of All Chapters May Participate!

Enter often. Multiple winners possible. Max prize: $500 for any one person, in any one drawing. Winners announced in the Newsletter.

Send a filled-in raffle ticket (below) and a check (payable to Grumman Retiree Club Scholarship Fund), to: Retiree Club Scholarship program, PO Box 0748, Bethpage, NY, 11714-0748.

Each raffle entry is $5.

Please indicate how many raffles you are purchasing.

This Raffle benefits the Scholarship Fund only.

Scholarship Program 50/50 Raffle Ticket

Name
Address
Town ______ State ____ Zip ______
Phone (optional) ___________________
Number of Raffles Purchased _____
Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!

Standing, Left to Right:
- Zachary Tupper, (Sponsored by: Antonio Geraci)
- Emma Schilling, (Sponsored by: Howard Schilling)
- Taylor Drew, (Sponsored by: Ralph Hanus)
- Alexander Martin, (Sponsored by: Michael Martin)
- Ryan Penrose. (Sponsored by: David Penrose)

Seated, Left to Right:
- Kristen Soucheck, (Sponsored by: John Soucheck)
- Amanda McNelis, (Sponsored by: Adolf Troje)
- Sophie Hannigan, (Sponsored by: Bernard Kurz)
- Nicole Ferrer. (Sponsored by: Oswaldo Ferrer)

Scholar Audrey Glassmyer was not able to attend the awards luncheon. Audrey was sponsored by Robert Fish
Scholarship Awards Program for 2018

The 2018 Scholarship Awards Program will be officially inaugurated in the Fall.

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Bethpage Chapter 2017 Calendar

All membership luncheon-meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted), at the Crest Hollow CC.

July and August – no meetings
Sept 6 - Picnic. (Reservation form on page 18)
Sept 27 - luncheon / meeting
Monday, Oct 23 - Retiree Club 50th Anniversary Celebration at Cradle of Aviation. Reservation form: pg 19
Tuesday, November 14 - luncheon / meeting
December 13 – Holiday Luncheon

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Bethpage Chapter

20th Annual Scholarship Awards
June 28, 2017

Congratulations to all of the 2017 Scholarship award winners!

Happy retirees, guests, scholarship award winners, and the winners’ immediate families enjoyed an afternoon of accolades, awards, great food, and wonderful dance music, all of which was a tribute to the outstanding efforts of the Club’s Scholarship Committee. The awards were funded by contributions to the Grumman Retiree Scholarship Fund; a stipend from the Bethpage Federal Credit Union; and one Scholarship award from the Retiree Club. These annual awards have special meaning for the Retiree Club because they are dedicated specifically to direct relatives of Grumman Retiree Club Members.

The award winners are always selected based on excellence in academic and personal achievement. Awards are open to the membership of all Club chapters. This year, there were over 40 applicants for the our $2000. All the applicants are outstanding and are to be wished well for their future endeavors.

At Noon, the proceedings were started by the Club President Bob Ripp, who welcomed everyone to the 20th Annual Scholarship Awards Presentation at the Crest Hollow Country Club. The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Sergeant-at-Arms Nick Bazzicalupo, and was followed by a moving invocation by Club Vice President Pat Sullivan. At the conclusion of the invocation, attendees remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of all our deceased members and in honor of our brave men and women in the military who protect our freedoms daily.

Bob then introduced our guests and thanked them for their attendance. Included among the guests were associates from the Bethpage Federal Credit Union, who were representing Kevin McKenna (a member of the Club’s Board of Directors [BOD]) and Larry Seiden, from the Investment arm of the BFCU. Larry is on the Club’s Board of Directors, as well as
on the Scholarship Fund BOD. Both Kevin and Larry have been involved with the Club for many years and are personally responsible for the Club’s and the Scholarship Fund’s continuing success.

John Vosilla, Director of the Scholarship Program, introduced and thanked all the members of the Scholarship Fund including Fund Treasurer Linda Perrotta; Directors Betty Bell, Betty Bohlander, Howard Fraumenberger, Louis Kubat, Justin Perrotta, Larry Seiden, and Lynn Wesnofske; Fund Members Jane Klinger, Roberta Piezzo, and Carol Schatzel; Vice President Emeritus Howard Schilling and Treasurer Emeritus Harry Daum. John also thanked the luncheon organizer, Betty Bohlander. Thank you, all, for your tireless efforts to make this annual awards luncheon a success.

John then thanked the Credit Union and the Retiree Club for their continued generosity in providing financial support to the Scholarship Program.

Lunch was served to the pleasure of all, with pleasant background music supplied by our DJ. After the dinner plates were collected, John Vosilla introduced the Scholarship Award Winners and provided a thumbnail biography for these worthy recipients as each winner came to the podium. Each Scholar gave a brief talk, which included a “Thank You” for the award. This year nine of the ten award winners were in attendance John noted the difficulty of selecting every year’s winners as all the applicants are outstanding achievers and are to be held in the highest esteem.

The award winners for 2017 are:
- Taylor Drew, Mepham HS, NY.
  Attending Loyola University, IL
- Nicole Ferrer, Shawnee HS, NJ.
  Attending Providence College, RI
- Audrey Glassmyer, Cumberland HS, PA.
  Attending the University of Pittsburgh, PA
- Sophie Hannigan, Sachem HS, NY.
  Attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Alexander Martin, Harborfields HS, NY.
  Attending Tufts University, MA
- Amanda McNeilis, Commack HS, NY.
  Attending Villanova University, PA
- Ryan Penrose, Northport HS, NY.
  Attending the University of Buffalo, NY
- Emma Schilling, Bayard Rustin HS, PA.
  Attending Gettysburg College, PA
- Kristen Soucheck, Biotechnology HS, NJ.
  Attending the University of Oklahoma, OK
- Zachary Tupper, Melbourne HS, FL.
  Attending the University of Florida, FL
(Zachary traveled the furthest to attend the Award Luncheon, coming from Florida.)

The $2000 scholarship will be sent directly to the schools being attended in the fall.

After the awards, many retirees danced the afternoon away and a good time was had by all.

Then it was Prize Time!! (What would a Retiree meeting be without the prizes?)
** The Quarterly Scholarship Fund 50/50 “Mail-In” raffle winner was Michael McCabe.
** 50/50 winners were Madeline Carmody and Barbara LaValle.
** Door Prize Winners were Linda Perrotta, Gordon Bell, Lillian Giunta, Lou Kubat (who won 2 prizes, but donated one back), Florence DeLuca, Eloise Ferrer, Ann Santos, Charles Farley, and Julia Ciancimino. [Note: All luncheon and gift drawing profits go to the Scholarship Fund for next year’s scholarships.]

Anniversary Celebrants:
  Karen & Skip Aker (49 years)
  Louise & Lou Kubat (57 years)
  Peter & Irene Fales (57 years)
  Jack & Jerilyn Ingold (55 years)
  Bert & Anita Schauer (71 years)
  John & Jo Ann Proscia (51 years)
  Susan & Howard Bowe (11 years)
  Linda & Floyd Johnson (55 years)
  Edward & Helen Markowski (66 years)
  Peter & Kathy Shaughnessy (25 years)

Birthdays: Charles Farley (87), Claudia Weihs (56), Sid Weihs (91), Kathy Shaughnessy (76), Peter Shaughnessy (83), Bert Schauer (95), Frank Carroll (85), Cathy Ferro (59), George Stahl (89) and [Hold on To Your Hats!]: Francis A. Damis (104, on August 24th).
Get Well Cards have been sent to Dick Dunne and Lynn Wesnofske.

**Don't Forget to sign-up for:**
Our 31st Annual Picnic, Marjorie Post Park, Massapequa, September 6, 2017. 
*Reservation form is on page 18 of this Newsletter.*

and

The Club's 50th Anniversary Gala, at The Cradle of Aviation, October 23. 
*Reservation form is on page 19 of this Newsletter.*

**Good wishes to all!!! Happy Summer!!**

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

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**CALIFORNIA / Golden West**

No report of June activity.

We will take July and August off for the Summer.

Our first meeting after our Summer break will be on Tuesday, September 12.

By: Fred Syrett, President

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**FLORIDA / First Coast**

Twenty-nine members and one guest attended our June meeting. President Fred Bauer opened the meeting, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer. After our usual buffet luncheon, Fred called us to order and introduced a repeat guest speaker who gave a talk on personal safety and an update on the latest phone scams.

Fred reported the recent death of William Wilke. A long-time member and a close friend of Fred, Bill will be missed by many of us who knew him through the Club. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill's wife, Anne, and to their family.

Fred welcomed Joe (Waxy) to the meeting. Joe had surgery on his knee a week ago.

Fred then announced....

**June Birthdays:**
Steve Congro, Mary & Don Martin, Cathy Garvey, Kathleen Hirschlein, Frank Fleming, Jinny & Bob Rathje, Carol Moran, Vic Smits, Marie Kirby, Gari Trigger, Madeline Coronato, Pierre (Pete) Barraco, Evelyn Chamberlin.


**Wedding Anniversary best wishes** for April to June go out to Mike & Sherry Lossick, Bill & Nancy Roeckl, Ed & Jean Vasely, and Lou & Maryam Wilson.

**Next Meeting:** In September, we’ll be returning to Hilltop Park in Rancho Penasquitos, for our annual picnic. The date of our picnic is **tentatively set for Saturday, September 23.** More information will be going out soon.

Looking ahead, we’re planning our Christmas luncheon for Thursday, December 14, at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant.

By: Bill Roeckl, Sec’y. [billroeckl@cox.net]

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**CALIFORNIA / San Diego**

*June 14, 2017*

Our Chapter met for lunch at Chun’s on Miramar Road near the Miramar MCAS. Fourteen members and guests enjoyed Chun's Szechwan Chinese food and our always interesting conversation, including trip reports from recent vacations.

Nancy Roeckl gave the invocation, making special mention of our getting together on Flag Day, and asking that God Bless America on this special day and every day.

Winners of the 50/50 were Nancy Roeckl and Christina Vonderheyden.

**Celebrating birthdays** from April to June were Sally Cain, Marge Cargill, Roxanne Howell, Eleanor Kirvin, Barbara Mosley, Mitzie Reika, Santi Salvi, Roxie Stalter, Chuck Walters, Ella Whitehead, and Lou Wilson.

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By: Bill Roeckl, Sec’y. [billroeckl@cox.net]
June Anniversaries:
Donald & Sandi Schroeder, Ralph & Lauren Davies,
Chuck & Cynthia Osborne, Bill & Rhoda Lonnie,
Cecil & Paulette Bateman, Steve & Eileen Cacace,
Billy & Gerri Newman, Susan & Joe Polemeni,
Rosann & Pete Barraco.

The Club membership would like to welcome a new
member: Charles F. Walch. Welcome Charles; we
hope to see you at our meetings.

Five 50/50 prizes of $10 were awarded. YIPPEE! I
got a free lunch today!

Next meeting: September 19, at Ichiban Buffet on
US-1 in St. Augustine.

Followed by our Fall Picnic on October 17 and a
meeting at the buffet on November 21.
Don’t blink: it will be here before you know it!

On behalf of all our members, We wish everyone a
safe and healthy Summer.

By: Steve Cacace, Sec’y
[SREMKKC@COMCAST.NET]

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FLORIDA / Space Coast

June 21, 2017

Intermittent sun and daily showers touched the
Suntree Country Club as President Bob Prais called
our meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of
Allegiance. Ed Romano followed with a thankful
prayer and recognition of the passing of Thom
Feeney and Ira Morgan.

Following our buffet lunch, Bob introduced special
guest speaker Darrell “Snoop” Davis, Lt. Col. (Ret.)
USAF, former B-2 pilot and now employed by Northrop
Grumman to work on the development of the B-21
“Raider” Stealth Bomber. Col. Davis introduced
himself with two outstanding credentials: (1) Pilot
of the first combat mission of the B-2 and (2) the
first grandfather to go thru the B-2 training program.
Before telling us of that initial mission, “Snoop” briefed
us with visual aids on the unique (but unclassified)
characteristics of this monstrous aircraft.

The B-2 grossed out at 350,000 pounds, with a
40,000-pound payload and enough fuel to fly 6,000
miles before re-fueling in flight. A true all weather,
“Stealth” aircraft, it has (or is) a 175-foot-long
35-degree swept wing, but no vertical or horizontal
stabilizers. Col. Davis illustrated the “spider web”
of detection devices that pilots were forced to
fly through and how flying “S” sweeps in these
detection zones dramatically reduced chances of
detection.

The actual first combat mission was part of the
Operation Allied Force action at Kosava, on
3/24/1999. Two aircraft left from the home base in
Kansas City during the night, refueled by tanker the
next day, then met a second tanker off Italy to await
darkness for the attack the second night. There, a
series of other aircraft, including F-117s, engaged in
diversionary tactics to help cover the B-2s’ activities.
Once the bomb bays were opened, the B-2s become
(radar) visible. Snoop recollected their nervous
countdown of each of the several delivery cycles as
the weapons were discharged out of the bays and the
aircraft could be returned to its stealth configuration.
The then-surely-exhausted two man crews had the
remaining task of flying back to Kansas City with
additional delicate refueling involved.

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Colonel Davis closed his remarks by showing us before and after photos of the target areas, which would seem to indicate that a high degree of target accuracy had been achieved. In addition, the bunkered command crater was not heard from after the raid. The Colonel reported that an F-117 stealth fighter was, unfortunately, lost three nights later.

We sincerely thank Darrell for his service and for taking the time to give us an insider’s briefing on this bit of international conflict and history.

**Scholarship:** Chairman Jim Glover took over the podium to introduce our 2017 Chapter Scholarship Winner, Danielle Koehler, accompanied by her justly proud mother, Marlena Braun-Koehler.

When Jim reviewed highlights of Danielle’s academic career and extra-curricular activities, it became obvious our Scholarship Committee did a fine job of selecting this winner of our Chapter’s multi-year award. Danielle will be attending St. Vincent’s University in Pennsylvania, in their mechanical engineering program and presently plans to transfer to Penn State for her 4th year.

Jim read correspondence from our previous six scholarship winners, spelling out not only scholastic progress, but also involvement in a wide variety of career related activities that not only amaze but indeed befuddle some older technically trained retirees (such as this reporter). We wish all our Scholars continued success.

**Treasurer:** We were pleasantly surprised to have our long-time Treasurer, Bill Waldron, find time away from caring for his spouse Barbara and report on healthy balances in both of our Chapter accounts.

We welcomed three guests (ex-Grummies) from “The Cape Days”: Al Bredberg, Walt Dermody, and Marty Winkle. We also welcomed Richie King, the grandson of Richard Cheslack.

**Sunshine:** Chet Emery (321-254-2562) reported condolences were sent to the families of Thom Feeney on his passing and to Ira Morgan’s family on Ira’s passing. A get-well card was sent to Sandy Marcucci on her recent bout with pneumonia.

**Travel:** No report from Maureen Ayers this month.

**Fall Activities:**

**Speakers** - We have been blessed this Spring with a bevy of truly outstanding speakers (like today’s) giving us unusual insight into activities we otherwise would not get to hear about. We hope to continue this into the Fall, with Rick Matthews, the NG Vice President currently in charge of all Melbourne Operations, scheduled to be our guest speaker [at last we can get some insider knowledge about the activity related to those massive fields of cars we see as we pass the facility (“Fields 3 and 4 filled - try Field 1”)].

**Membership Promotion** - As the result of our
conversations with Liz Story, NG personnel manager, we have learned that NG is anticipating a significant number of their people to opt for retirement this coming year. The company would like to work with us to “steer” the about-to-retire employees to our club.

With this encouragement, Don Powell has created posters which will promote accompanying leaflets that will be available at locations in their plants. (Liz is also helping to obtain interesting speakers such Col. Davis, to brief us on activity in the world we grew up in - security permitting, of course.)

** New Membership Briefing** - In conjunction with the above efforts to attract soon-to-be NG retirees, we have created a New Member briefing folder, giving a brief history of our Club and our Chapter, along with current activities and officers. This folder will be distributed to members joining since January 2017.

50/50 Drawing: There were four winners. The grand prize, Sunday Buffet at the Suntree Country Club, was won by Bell Carter. Congratulations to all!

**Employees Birthdays June:** Belford Carter, Larry Pike, Gopal Garg, Arthur Hudson, Jess Busterna, Mary Carney

**Spouse Birthdays June:** Jean Prais, Diane Sewell, Angie Cheslack, and Jeanne Jacob.


**Employee Birthdays July:** Ralph Harris, Robert Prais, Gerald Cardile, Bill Steenson, Patrick Ranieri, Dale Lambert, John Herba, Ron Winter, and Ron Heuer.

**Spouse Birthdays July:** Maria Van Name, June Greve, Fran Daidone, Barara Anderson, Angela Romano, Francine Adrion, Audrey Lanzo, Ellen Devoe, Bea Morales, and Peg Duster.

**Anniversaries July:** Everett & Dianne Bennett, Brian & Diana MacCarthy, Tom & Elaine Daly, Gerald & Patricia Cardile, and Al & Cecilia Sanchez.

By: Bill Steenson, Sec’y.

**No meetings July & August**
**Next Meeting: September 20, 2017**

**Meeting Schedule**
10/18, 11/15 and 12/13

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**FLORIDA / Suncoast**

Suncoast Chapter is on Summer Break.

**Next Meeting: October 18**
Following Meeting: December 20.

The Suncoast Chapter members wish all Retiree Club members a safe, enjoyable, and healthy Summer!

By: Patricia Newark, Sec’y.
[727-360-7339; lionpattysecretary@yahoo.com]

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**FLORIDA / Treasure Coast**

The Chapter did not meet in June and will not meet in July and August.

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GEORGIA / Peach Pit

The June 20, 2017 social meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant in Milledgeville, GA started at 12:30PM. There were 15 present when President Paul Bernichon called the meeting to order and Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Zarkowsky led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Designee Jackie Holsenbeck gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

Old Business:
Business issues were deferred to the next Business Meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

New Business:
1. President Paul welcomed those present and extended Best Wishes to all Grumman Family Members for a safe, and enjoyable, Summer Recess.
2. Secretary Lew Iuliucci extended June Happy Birthday wishes to: Jackie Holsenbeck [19th], and Janet Sills [9th].
3. June Anniversary wishes were extended to: Mary & Herman Archer [7th], and Ernie & Nancy Godbee [5th].

Ernie Godbee won the 75/25 Fund Raiser Raffle and donated his winnings to the Chapter’s Community Service Fund.

The next Chapter Notes will be prepared for distribution on August 15, 2017 to cover Summer Recess highlights [i.e., July/August Birthdays & Anniversaries, Community Service, etc.]. Our August 15 notes will be published in the Club’s September Newsletter. Accordingly, Chapter members interested in contributing an input to our August Notes, may do so by contacting the Secretary at the phone number or e-mail address, listed below.

Members who wish to send a personal check for the Chapter’s Community Service Fund, or for the Club’s High School Scholarship Fund, or know of a potential new member wanting to remit $15 for annual dues may do so, at any time. Checks should be made payable to: “Grumman-Northrop Grumman Retiree Club, Inc.” On the line “FOR:” write “Year 2017 Dues”, or “Georgia Chapter’s Fund”, or “Club’s Scholarship Fund”, as appropriate. Mail your check(s) to: Joe Sansotta, 3748 Sussex Drive, Milledgeville, GA 31061-9360.

Community Service:
a.] An Educational/Scholastic Donation was made to Georgia Military College on Flag Day [June 14, 2017].
a.] Volunteerism continues as members, and spouses, aide various causes including donating Pints of Blood/Platelets.

Program:
Social Event

A motion by Brenda Miller and seconded by Wanda Stanley to end the Social meeting carried. Adjournment was 1:40PM.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2017

By: Lew M. Iuliucci, Sec’y. [iuliucci@windstream.net; 478-452-1357]

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Maryland / Glen Arm

Our Second Quarterly meeting/social of 2017 was held on on June 20th at the Golden Corral White Marsh / Baltimore Md.

We had a fair showing at our June 20th meeting. With Vacations, medical issues, and other commitments diverting some of our members, we had about half the normal count of members show up. None-the-less, those who could make it enjoyed good fellowship and, of course, good food.

Treasurer Al Showalter was unable to make the meeting as his wife Ester had surgery the same day. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Our account remained unchanged from our prior meeting.

A number of the members present said they were happy to be receiving the Retiree Club Newsletters earlier in the month and prior to the meeting(s). We thank those volunteers involved in the publication. [Editor’s Note: Most of the credit for the early availability of our Newsletters goes to the 20 or so Club
members, across all Chapters, who work so diligently to complete reports of their Chapter activities. Without their continued commitment to working quickly and to meeting our deadlines, your Newsletters could not be processed in a timely manner.

At our last meeting, a few of our members couldn’t remember their badge number(s), so we are compiling a cross reference of members and badge numbers. At this meeting, we took time to look through a mugshot book that had a number of members’ early pictures / badge numbers from when they originally started with Grumman (some ranging from 35 to 50 years ago. Wow!) Grumman Plant 56, Glen Arm, opened January 1967. We are continuing with the task and hope to ID everyone.

We are still working on the task of collecting and submitting documentation and pictures to the retiree archives at NY Headquarters.

A Facebook page for our members is available, but not much action there at this time.

A foursome of Club members (who named themselves “The Tom Cats” for this tournament) played in a Best Ball golf tournament to benefit a local Community 4th of July Fireworks Program. They shot a score of 62 and had a fun time as well.

Known Birthdays for July, August, & September:

Paul Causey  August 10th
Mike Cliffe  September 29th
Rolfe Feser  July 30th
Jim Odom Sr.  July 29th
Jeff Ramirez  September 12th
Glenn Raistrick  July 30th
Glen Richardson  September 20th
Linda Quinn Stein  July 10th
Joe Svach  July 22nd
Warren Whittington  September 29th
Dave Wintz  August 31st

Happy Birthday to all you Guys and Gals!

We decided to hold our next Quarterly meeting, scheduled for September 19 (the third Tuesday), at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral in the White Marsh / Fullerton area. The Golden Corral is located at 7908 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236.

Remember, the club is always looking to recruit new members, if any current member knows of fellow Grummanites who are not members, but would like to be, please pass on our Club contact info.

If you have any suggestions, Ideas, or questions, please present them at the meeting or contact President: Rick Swinder [410-977-7829 or rickswinder@gmail.com].

By: Joe Svach, Sec’y.

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New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

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NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter

President Bert Moller welcomed 24 members and guests to our June 21st Summer meeting. On hand were former test pilot Ed Cartowski, Jerry Kern, Kenny Rafuse, Cuno Engel, Alan McCaffrey, and June Schlock. (Guess the snow birds are back in town!)

Glad to see Sergeant-at-Arms Richie Myers and Marguerite Gibbons at the Meeting!

The Minutes of our May Meeting and our Treasurer’s report were presented. Both were accepted as read.

Prez Bert told the group of his tour of Calverton Plant 06 for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony by companies planning to manufacture “solar a/c” and set-up worldwide internet access . . . hopefully establishing a “Silicon Valley” on Long Island! Still needed: $$ to complete the deal with Riverhead Town. Bert hopes
Club Members can tour the facility this fall.

Bert asked all ticket holders for the Retiree Club’s 50th Anniversary celebration at the Cradle of Aviation Museum (October 23rd) to let him know by our September 20th meeting so that transportation can be arranged: minimum of 22 people needed for a mini-bus.

Tentative X-mas party slated for Pauline Sandmann’s Riverside Club House.

Bill Hamilton (our 50/50 maven!) read “Quantas A/C gripe sheet” (pilots needing college to fly, mechanics needing high-school to make repairs . . . clever!) Well Done. Bill!

Dutch Rotzinger reported the passing of:

- Jack B. Russell on 5/30/17
- Marvin Moorer on 5/13/17
- Anthony A. Fuori on 6/7/17
- Andrew Ehrlinger on 5/18/17
- Silvio Frank Derespinis on 5/28/17
- James B. Middleton, Jr. on 6/6/17.

(Jim was a WWII Vet & a Veteran Advocate)

Our condolences are extended to the friends and families of those who have departed.

Report illnesses, deaths, etc. to Bill Mytko [1-864-225-4927 or ermytko@yahoo.com].

Birthdays:

- Cuno Engel (7/3)
- Harry Milne, Jr. (7/12)
- Chet Zelenski (7/14)
- Ed Chlanda (7/22)
- Curtis Van Valkenburgh (7/29)
- Edward Fleming (7/30)
- Kenny Rafuse (8/6)
- William Woud (8/9)
- Paul Dunca (9/6)
- Fred Losee (9/6)
- and Carl Kupke (9/7)

Anniversaries:

- Kay & Bob Albert (60yrs! on 9/14)
- Frances & George Okvist (9/7)
- Louise & Joe Pipczywski, Sr. (59yrs on 9/27)
- Linda & Floyd Johnson (55yrs on 5/30)

Congrats to All!!

Any Birthdays or Anniversaries missed or listed incorrectly: contact Bob Albert [631-585-7987].

Three 50/50 Winners: June Schlock, Fred Losee, and Bob Albert. All of our winners returned the $$ to the treasury . . . Thanx!

Meeting Adjourned for Summer Break. (No Meetings July & August; NO Newsletter in August.)

Next Meeting: Sept 20, at the Coram Diner (Route 25 & Route 112, Coram, NY). Lunch ($15) at Noon; meeting to follow.

Future Meetings: 10/18 & 11/15.

Happy 4th of July!

By: Bob Albert, VP/Sec'y. [631-585-7987]

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NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

June 13, 2017

Our last meeting until September was held at “McCarthy Court” in New Bern, on June 13th with 22 members in attendance. The meal and dessert were delicious, thanks to our Austrian hostess, Michaele O’Neil. President Pete Mc Namee welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance with VP Tom Schroder giving the invocation. Our thanks to our Program Directors, Marlene & Rudi Wiehl, for their work.

Pete asked for nominations from the floor for next year’s officers. Rudi Wiehl nominated the present slate of officers to stay on for another year. The nomination was seconded by Bernie Kuntz. All members agreed. The one office we need to fill is Sergeant-at-Arms.

Since we are experiencing problems getting Program Directors, Pete asked for ideas. One suggestion was to meet every other month. Bob Lamberson said doing that has been the downfall of other chapters, which eventually disbanded. We decided that we would meet nine times a year. Three times at the “Golden Corral” in Jacksonville, to lower the mileage for the Hampstead members, and then pick one or two restaurants in New Bern for the other five meetings. Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at “McCarthy Court,” with Marlene & Rudi Wiehl as Program Directors. Jim & Dottie Karika and Tom & June...
Schroder will host the Jacksonville meetings, the first on Tuesday, 10/10. Rudi & Marlene Wiehl will take care of the September meeting (Tuesday, Sept. 12), at “Famous” in New Bern.

Sadly, we lost another long-time member of our club: Marty Olstad passed on June 5th. His services will be held on June 21st in New Bern. Marty and his wife, Mary, were always in attendance and volunteered many times to be Program Directors, particularly our June picnics at Fairfield Harbour, in New Bern. Our sympathies go to Mary and her family for their loss.

Bob Lamberson gave the Treasurer’s report, which was followed by Tom Schroder with his stand-up routine of jokes.

Bob then called the 50/50 winners. The first pick was Bob’s ticket, followed by Ron Betts and Joan Willemsen.

Pete read the birthdays and anniversaries for June and July and wished everyone a great and safe summer!

**Birthdays:**
- 6/7 - Ken Wendel; 6/23 - Bernie Kuntz;
- 6/30 - Barbara Betts; 7/10 - June Schroder; 7/14 - Jan Hilbert; 7/27 - Joyce Leun; and 7/28 - Beverly Nicholson.

**Anniversaries:**
- Judith & Robert Glowacki (6/4);
- Marlene & Rudi Wiehl (6/13 . . . they took a 22-year hiatus & remarried again on 12/1); Bernadette & Larry Bird (6/25); Dolores & Alan Brown (7/9); Eleanor & Bill Lyons (7/15); and June & Tom Schroder (7/24).

No meetings in July and August.

**Next Meeting:** September 12, at “Famous” in New Bern.

Following Meeting: Tuesday, October 10

By: Dottie Karika, Sec’y. [dotjimk@att.net]

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**PENNSYLVANIA**
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

June 15th was a warm and cloudy day here in Northeast PA. Four Couples came to the Alpine Restaurant for some fine German cooking.

Besides our usual casual conversation, we took up the topic of our luncheons for the remainder of the year. The president left it up to me and I came up with the schedule at the end of this report. All luncheons start at 12 Noon; the address of the establishment will appear in the Newsletter prior to the luncheon. So, with this Newsletter everyone will have our schedule. Therefore, we will see you at those places – RIGHT?

**Birthdays for June** - Bill Herling, Victor Peckenschneider, Naomi Peckenschneider, and Alberta Rademacher.

**Anniversaries for June** - Bill & Kathie Herling, Victor & Naomi Peckenschneider, and Richard & Barbara St Dennis

50/50 was won by Marianne Sparkowski

Otherwise nothing much else new.

**Next Luncheon:** July 20, at Kays Restaurant, Route 191, Lake Ariel, PA, at Noon. Hope all will have a good time. [I will be at Kingsbay Naval Base, Georgia, for my son’s retirement from the Navy after 23 years.]

**Luncheon/Meeting Schedule:**
- August 17 - Boathouse, Hawley;
- September 21 - Alpine, Honesdale;
- October 19 - Kays, Lake Ariel;
- November 16 - Boathouse, Hawley;
- December 21 - Kays, Lake Ariel (Final Meeting of the Year).

See you in August.

By: Edward J. Sparkowski, Sec’y/Chaplain
[570-698-7182; firefly417@verizon.net]

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**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Coastal Carolinas Chapter**

Chapter is on Summer break.

**Next Meeting: September 6, 2017,** at Noon, at the Sunny Side Up Diner, 10068 Beach Drive, Calabash, NC. [910-579-5101].

All Grumman, Northrop Grumman, and Northrop retirees in the area are welcome to join us. Guests are also welcome.

By: Kathy Fleischer, Sec’y.  
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**VIRGINIA**  
**Central Virginia Chapter**

On June 14, Wednesday, we arrived at the Texas Roadhouse while avoiding the sparse rain drops (and hoping that the rain would cool things down after 90-degree weather). We met late afternoon and had an early-bird supper, a New Adventure! We enjoyed the fellowship and the steaks.

Our Chapter is taking the Summer off; we will meet again in September.

In attendance: Rich Benske, MaryAnne Muller (who just returned from a cruise to Alaska), Beverly & Frank Purstell, Frank Edwards, Fred & Marjorie Meiners, and Dot Marsh. Dot brought her grandson, Sam, who just graduated from college. We wish him our best thoughts and prayers as he pursues his career in this very competitive world.

We lost Christina Julie, wife of ex Grumman employee, Henri Julie, in May. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends. We will all miss her exuberance for life. We will send a donation to Hospice in her memory.

Rich Benske expressed his goodbyes as he is moving to Arkansas to be near his daughter. He expects his home to be sold this Summer. We will miss him.

Our Treasurer reports that all is solvent.

**Next Meeting: Sept. 6, 2017, 1PM,**  
*Change of date from previous notes!*  
at the BBQ Exchange, 102 Martinsburg Ave, Gordonsville, VA 22942. Located on US-15, approximately one mile South of the traffic circle, which is about 12 miles North of Exit 136 off I-64.

NOTE: The time has been changed to avoid the Noon time rush: **September 6, 1PM.**

October meeting: date and time: TBD

We wish all: Have a happy, safe, healthy Summer . . . Stay cool, y’all!

By: Marjorie Meiners, Recording Sec’y.

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In Memoriam

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who have passed away.

Camerlengo, Salvatore  Levittown, NY  05/02/2017
DeMund, Carol  Renton, WA  03/01/2016
Derespinas, Silvio  Copiague Harbor, NY  05/28/2017
Ehrlinger, Andrew  Bethpage, NY  05/18/2017
Feeney, Thomas  Daytona Beach, FL  05/30/2017
Fuori, Anthony  Daytona Beach Shores, FL  06/07/2017
Gruebel, Evelyn  New Port Richey, FL  04/15/2016
Hadjigeorge, Nicholas  West Islip, NY  05/19/2017
Hogan, Stephen  Bethpage, NY  02/27/2017
Hurley, Bruce  East Northport, NY  03/20/2017
Julie, Christina  Williamsburg, VA  05/17/2017
Lamberty, Werner  Glendale, AZ  06/05/2017
Mann, Frank  Yorktown, NY  06/08/2017
Morgan, Ira (Doug)  Merritt Island, FL  06/13/2017
Muldowney, Robert  North Babylon, NY  05/19/2017
Olstad, Martin  New Bern, NC  06/08/2017
Pinnola, Helen  Valley Stream, NY  06/13/2017
Russell, Jack  Bellingham, WA  05/30/2017
Sarro, Sophie **  Huntington Station, NY  06/19/2017
Schroter, Hildegarde  Round Rock, TX  01/20/2017
Senft, Charles  Redmond, WA  05/09/2017
Small, Marvin  Brooklyn, NY  10/07/2016
Truslow, Edward  Williamsburg, VA  06/01/2017
Umstetter, Joseph  Salisbury, MD  03/16/2017
Wilke, William  St. Augustine, FL  05/26/2017

** Sophie Sarro was a WWII “Rosie the Riveter.”

When reporting a death, provide the person’s Name, Date of death, and the City & State of residence prior to death.

Notices of member deaths should be e-mailed to the Club [grumrc@gmail.com], with “Death Notice” as the subject.
On January 21, at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, NASA Administrator Richard Truly presented NASA's George M. Low trophy for quality and excellence to the 200 plus Grummanites from the Technical Services Division who supported the Shuttle Processing Contract. The Low trophy was the premier quality and productivity award in the aerospace industry. Under the contract, Grumman operated and maintained the launch processing system – the computers and software used to prepare and launch the space shuttle.

January 31: The Navy accepted the last production A-6 Intruder at Calverton, Long Island. This brought to an end the production of an extraordinary and venerable airplane that began more than 32 years prior as the A2F-1. Grumman built over 700 A-6s, including special versions such as the KA-6D refueling tanker and the EA-6A & EA-6B electronic jamming aircraft. The Intruders saw combat in the Middle East (during Operation Desert Storm) and in Vietnam, Grenada, Lebanon, and Libya. They would fly well into the next century.

At the pin meeting held on February 7, Grumman Chairman Renso Caporali pointed out that the very slow economy was directly affecting the company's bottom line. He cited that truck deliveries slumped to levels which were a little over 50 percent of three years ago. The slow economy also placed a great drag on government spending. Caporali noted that 90 percent of company business was conducted with the government and that 65 to 70 percent of the revenue was related to defense. He went on to say that with the end of the Cold War, defense spending would be slashed drastically. As tough as things were at that time, he told the Grummanites at the pin meeting that he had little doubt that things would only get tougher.

On April 13, in Melbourne, Air Force Chief of Staff Merrill McPeak presented the Air Force's Air Medal to 10 Grummanites on the Joint STARS program for their service in providing system support and in-flight maintenance during Operation Desert Storm. During 49 consecutive all-night missions, Joint STARS pinpointed enemy convoys, trucks, tanks, and Scud launchers, and relayed that information to allied fighters and ground forces. The two aircraft logged over 500 hours in the air and completed all their missions. The Air Force's Air Medal is a prestigious honor usually reserved for military personnel, rarely awarded to civilians. The 10 Grummanites were among 17 civilians who received the Air Force's Air Medal that day.

At the April 16th annual meeting, Grumman Chairman Renso Caporali told shareholders that 1991 had been quite a good year financially. Sales of $4.038 billion were off just a shade, but earnings per share of $2.88 were up by 16 percent from the previous year. And, in just over two years, Grumman had reduced its debt by almost half from a peak of $950 million. However, Caporali tempered the good financial news by telling the shareholders that there were 2,400 fewer employees than the previous year, many of whom had been laid off. Defense cutbacks were taking their tolls on the employees.

On April 30, Grumman signed a low-rate initial production contract for the Joint STARS E-8C aircraft with the Air Force's Electronic Systems Division. The first lot of two E-8C aircraft had an estimated value of $503 million. According to plans at the time, a total of 20 production E-8C aircraft would be delivered, starting in early 1996. Grumman Chairman Renso Caporali said that “Joint STARS may well become one of Grumman’s largest programs well into the 21st Century.”

June 2: Hughes Training, Inc. joined the Grumman-Agusta team bidding for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training Systems (JPATS). JPATS was the next generation integrated training system for Air Force and Navy pilots. It would consist of a new primary training aircraft and a ground-based training system. “With this partnership, the team is complete,” said Aircraft Group President Pete Oram. He said the Grumman-Agusta-Hughes team was positioned to deliver a total training system that would provide the Services with proficient undergraduate pilots for decades.

July 10: Grumman dedicated its new Joint STARS aircraft refurbishment and overhaul facility in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Chairman Renso Caporali, Systems Group President Al Verderosa, and Melbourne Systems Division President Marty Dandridge were among the Grummanites at the ceremony. The facility was designed to refurbish commercial Boeing 707-300 aircraft into Joint STARS E-8Cs in a 40-month process that consisted of refurbishment and modification. Once the modifications were completed, the planes were ferried to Melbourne, Florida for installation of the Joint STARS electronics.

(to be continued . . .)
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