



F-14 Tomcat comes home to Bethpage NY.  
See pages 8-9 for more photos and story.



# The Grumman Club Newsletter

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## Dedication Ceremony for the Club's F-14

see pages 8 and 9

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### Club Dues

From the Directors and the Officers of the Grumman Club

Our tradition as Grumman/Northrop Grumman employees and now as members of this great club is always to be up-front and honest with each other. As all of us learn every time we buy gasoline for our cars, prices are climbing almost as fast as our Tomcats could. Our club is facing the same problems and we'll have to raise our dues – just a little, but some – to meet our increased costs.

For the past several years, club costs have been met through judicious money management and, lately, with club savings. Still, despite the income from dues, the company's still significant contribution and rent-free use of valuable office space and equipment in Bethpage, and other, lesser sources of income, we are now operating at a deficit.

Our monthly dues have stayed the same because of the hard work of the officers of your club. Since costs have overtaken us and we see no reduction in costs for the foreseeable future, we have had to come up with a plan to increase our dues as painlessly as possible.

The plan is to raise the dues in 2009 by \$3, to \$13 for Bethpage Chapter members, and to \$11 for other Chapters. Then, in 2010, dues will increase to \$15 and \$13. We believe that, by increasing dues incrementally, Club expenses can be met while minimizing the impact on each of us.

We know you agree that our club is important to us as a community of former and current Grumman and Northrop Grumman employees. Help us build our club by encouraging current employees to become members. We not only want to keep strong the relationships we've built over our working years, but we also want to pass on our pride to the young men and women who have taken our places.

We hope you appreciate that this small increase in dues will go a long way to maintaining our great community and ensuring the future of our club.

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### Special V.A. Benefit for Veterans and their Surviving Spouses

see page two

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### VA Special Benefit for Vets / Surviving Spouses

Many folks are unaware of the VA "Aid and Attendance" benefit for veterans and surviving spouses. The benefit applies to vets and surviving spouses who require regular assistance in bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication monitoring, or various other activities of daily living. This benefit is available to individuals who reside in assisted living communities, residential care homes, and / or skilled nursing facilities, and to those receiving personal in-home care.

#### Who is eligible for Aid and Attendance?

- Any wartime veteran who has served 90 days active duty, one day during wartime, and has an honorable discharge.
- Also, any surviving spouse of a wartime veteran is eligible.

#### Other qualifying factors for Aid and Attendance:

- A medical diagnosis that requires daily assistance with two or more Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).
- To provide proof of this, a "quick form" can be filled out by the primary care physician. The quick form must have a diagnosis that is supported by the medications. For example, you can't have a diagnosis of dementia without some type of drug that would be given to a patient with dementia.
- Un-reimbursed medical expenses exceed monthly income.
- Liquid asset ceiling of \$50,000.

#### What qualifies as an un-reimbursed medical expense?

- Assisted Living Care costs.
- Cost for private aides.
- Premiums for private insurance, Medigap insurance, long-term care insurance policies.
- Incontinence care supplies.
- Diabetic testing supplies, insulin, & syringes.
- Dialysis treatment.
- Skilled nursing facility expenses.

For additional information about this underutilized benefit, contact your local Veterans Service Agency or Veterans Affairs / Community Service Coordinator.

In Nassau County: call Patrick J. Yngstrom, Deputy Director of Veterans Affairs, Community Service Coordinator (516-227-8731), or the Veterans Service Agency (516-572-8452, [www.co.nassau.ny.us/veterans](http://www.co.nassau.ny.us/veterans)).

### Grumman Retiree Scholarship Awards

#### Ten Awards at \$2000 in 2008

The ten award winners were chosen from 52 applicants from all our Chapters. Twelve Fund Directors, each with no connection to any of the applicants nor to the sponsors, processed the applicants in private. Each applicant was assigned a number to further protect the privacy of the applicant and the sponsor.

The evaluation procedure consisted of a weighted scoring system of five principal attributes. The scores from each of the reviewing Directors were entered into an Excel spreadsheet for compiling the results.

All the applicants were excellent and deserving of recognition! The competition brought out the best in them. They all will benefit from the experience and help prepare them for the future. The Scholarship Fund Directors wish them all well and are looking forward to the 2009 competing Scholars.

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The Grumman Club and the members of the Scholarship Fund thank the following for their donations to the Fund:

- Adkins, Stanton
- Bischoff, Willard
- Grossman, Emily
- Jacobsen, F.
- Sicard-Caruso, Joan

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## Celebrates Its First 90 Employees

Mr. Radimer has held in reserve a list of the first 90 employees to receive company badges. Each month we will reveal ten names, starting with number 90 and working our way to number 1.

<b>52</b>	Walter J. Novak	<b>47</b>	George R. Haltermann
<b>51</b>	Alfred Kuehnel	<b>46</b>	Frank Flamm
<b>50</b>	Henry LePul	<b>45</b>	Joseph Cipp
<b>49</b>	Alex Bethlehem	<b>44</b>	Anne M. Maher
<b>48</b>	Oscar Erlandsen	<b>43</b>	Chester Engvaldsen

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### Grumman Club Scholarships for 2009

The Directors of the Grumman Club and the members of the Grumman Club Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce that the All-Chapter Scholarship Program will continue. Descendants of members of all chapters will be eligible for our Scholarships in 2009.

Application forms and instructions for the 2009 Scholarships will be available in October.

Please continue to support our Scholarship Program with your contributions throughout the year. Checks, payable to *Retiree Scholarship Fund*, should be sent to *Scholarship Fund, Box 0748, Bethpage, NY 11724-0748*.

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### SCHOLARSHIP 50/50 RAFFLE

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### Bethpage Chapter Calendar

**Next Meeting: September 24:**

Crest Hollow Country Club.

Speaker: Tom Vice, Sector VP, Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems Eastern Region

### Luncheon

**November 19:** Luncheon Meeting at Milleridge Inn, 585 Broadway, Jericho. Beginning promptly at Noon, with a sit-down lunch (Business meeting at 1:30PM). Must be paid in advance (\$10/ member; \$15/ non-member guest), **by Nov. 12.** Send checks and coupon (below) to Grumman Club, Attn. Marion, P.O. Box 476, Bethpage, NY 11714-0476.

### November Luncheon Meeting

Member Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

No. of members attending \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of guests attending \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice(s)

No. of Pot Roast \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Fish \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Turkey \_\_\_\_\_



## NOSTALGIA

### Bethpage Chapter

No meetings in July & August

**Next meeting: Sept 24**, at the Crest Hollow CC

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### ARIZONA

**Next meeting: Sept 18.** Meeting arrangements will be made by Sam Kreisberger.

By: Werner Lamberty, Sec'y. (623-581-3056)  
werner10@qwest.net

Meeting Schedule: Sept 18; Oct 16; Nov 20; Dec 18.

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### CALIFORNIA / Golden West

**Next meeting: Second Tuesday in September** at the Point Restaurant at Point Mugu.

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### CALIFORNIA / San Diego

No meetings in July, August, or September.

President Cliff Robinson would like to remind Chapter members of the remaining activities for 2008.

The next event will be our annual picnic on October 4, at the Admiral Baker recreation facility. A special menu of fine steaks, ribs cooked to perfection, and BBQ chicken will be featured again this year. For previous picnics, members have brought their favorite side dishes and desserts to accompany these special treats. More information to follow.

Several members suggested that we attend an afternoon show at the popular Lawrence Welk Resort Theater in Escondido. Wish no more!! President Robinson reserved 50 seats for our club on Saturday afternoon, Nov 8. Before the matinee performance of Irving Berlin's musical, "I Love A Piano," members will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch.

\$52 p.p. — mail your check (payable to *Grumman Retirees Club*) to our Treasurer, Howard Lindquist, 13572 Samantha Ave., San Diego, 92129 before Monday, September 15.

Last, but not least: our annual Christmas Luncheon on Dec 12, at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse, where we will enjoy a fine buffet lunch.

Mark your calendars and make your plans now to attend ALL of these great activities!!

By: Bill Roeckl, Sec'y. billroeckl@cox.net

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### FLORIDA/ First Coast

**Next Meeting: 16 Sept**, at Noon, at the New Century Buffet on US 1 South.

Contact: J G Walsh, Sec'y. (904-794-7891)  
joegw@bellsouth.net

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### FLORIDA / Manasota West

**Next meeting: October 15.**

We invite our fellow retirees who are planning on coming down to Florida next winter, to join us on the third Wednesday of each month at Mattison's Riverside Restaurant in Bradenton. (Our December meeting is on the second Wednesday).

By: Bob Alloca, Sec'y. (941-342-9984)  
boballoca@msn.com

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### FLORIDA / Mid-West

**Next meeting: Sept 18**, 11:30AM, at Wellington in Spring Hill. Luncheon is \$13 p.p., which MUST be paid in advance. Make checks payable to "Grumman Retiree Club." Come and enjoy our meetings, which are about good friends, good food, and entertainment.

By: Joan Mehl, Sec'y. hmehl@tampabay.rr.com

Meetings in 2008: Sept 18; Oct 16; Nov 20; Dec 18.

Excerpt from letter from John Achilich (designer of Grumman canoes) to the Grumman Club:

"I have received the Grumman Club Newsletters of May and June 2008 and have some specific requests with regards to our Grumman Aluminum Canoes.

"Grumman Canoes were the creation of William Hoffman and John Achilich.

"It is requested and necessary that in your July, August or September issue of the Grumman Club Newsletter, that you print the photo of William Hoffman and John Achilich & Olga Baumann in the 15 foot model of a Grumman Aluminum Canoe as depicted in the Newsday publication of May 15, 2000 "Paddling a Canoe to Success" by Lawrence Striegel, Newsday Staff Writer.


"Correctly you indicated that your "Nostalgia" article was from the specific Newsday article.

"On that basis, it is extremely important and correct for Grumman Retirees and today's employees of our company and all readers [and the remaining families of Bill Hoffman and John Achilich] to visually see the photos of Bill Hoffman and John Achilich so they can review the article as it was originally depicted in Newsday's article of May 16, 2000. . . ."

*The referenced photographs are shown below*



Using wartime technology, Grumman produces a product for peacetime America

## Paddling a Canoe to Success



Newsday Photo / Daniel Goulich

John Achilich, one of the creators of the Grumman canoe in 1945, takes his fiancée, Olga Baumann, for a paddle in a 15-foot model recently in Arrowhead Lake in Balting Hollow. William Hoffman, left, was the Grumman executive who sold the idea of the aluminum canoe to Leroy Grumman, the company president. Below, Grumman himself showed off its buoyant qualities for a publicity photo.

Northrop Grumman Corp. Photos



**In Memoriam**

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

<b>Annelo, Marie</b>	<b>Ft. Lauderdale, FL</b>	<b>01/27/08</b>
<b>Biegen, Anthony J.</b>	<b>Massapequa, NY</b>	<b>07/31/08</b>
<b>Blind, William</b>	<b>Rock Hill, SC</b>	<b>07/02/08</b>
<b>Brochyus, Howard W. Sr.</b>	<b>Bloomsburg, PA</b>	<b>04/21/08</b>
<b>Caylor, Aaron (Murray)</b>	<b>Titusville, FL</b>	<b>03/06/08</b>
<b>Conner, Edward J.</b>	<b>Lake Forest, NC</b>	<b>03/28/08</b>
<b>Curley, Alice L.</b>	<b>Bethpage, NY</b>	<b>07/13/08</b>
<b>Darden, Charles A.</b>	<b>Wheatly Heights, NY</b>	<b>05/00/08</b>
<b>Evans, Homer L.</b>	<b>Newbury Park, CA</b>	<b>12/14/07</b>
<b>Feyk, Richard P.</b>	<b>Stony Brook, NY</b>	<b>08/17/08</b>
<b>Filete, Robert E. Sr.</b>	<b>Little River, SC</b>	<b>07/15/08</b>
<b>Garraffa, Joseph</b>	<b>Hendersonville, NC</b>	<b>06/21/08</b>
<b>Glover, Herb</b>	<b>Charlston, SC</b>	<b>10/00/07</b>
<b>Haller, Paul E.</b>	<b>Tucson, AZ</b>	<b>06/07/08</b>
<b>Henkel, Harold 'Hank'</b>	<b>Bay Shore, NY</b>	<b>05/01/08</b>
<b>Hines, Charles E.</b>	<b>Port St. Lucie, FL</b>	<b>07/02/08</b>
<b>Keiser, Robert S.</b>	<b>Spring Hill, FL</b>	<b>06/22/08</b>
<b>Koerner, Stephen C. (Chet)</b>	<b>Islip, NY</b>	<b>07/08/08</b>
<b>Kopinski, Joseph A.</b>	<b>Hicksville, NY</b>	<b>03/17/08</b>
<b>Lemyre, James B.</b>	<b>Farmingdale, NY</b>	<b>02/03/08</b>
<b>Matuska, John J. Jr.</b>	<b>Islip Terrace, NY</b>	<b>07/29/08</b>
<b>McCarty, Joseph T.</b>	<b>Locust Grove, VA</b>	<b>07/17/08</b>
<b>Perry, Kevin J.</b>	<b>Hudson, FL</b>	<b>05/03/08</b>
<b>Politi, Emma</b>	<b>Seaford, NY</b>	<b>06/03/08</b>
<b>Rabut, Marie A.</b>	<b>Dix Hills, NY</b>	<b>06/10/08</b>
<b>Randall, Ernest</b>	<b>Rockledge, FL</b>	<b>06/16/08</b>
<b>Ryan, John S.</b>	<b>Crawfordville, FL</b>	<b>07/11/08</b>
<b>Salerno, Emanuel</b>	<b>Stuart, FL</b>	<b>06/17/08</b>
<b>Travis, Richard E. Sr.</b>	<b>Syosset, NY</b>	<b>05/18/06</b>
<b>Tyler, Charles H. Jr.</b>	<b>Mattituck, NY</b>	<b>09/16/07</b>
<b>Ulman, Oldich "Al"</b>	<b>Barefoot Bay, FL</b>	<b>07/13/08</b>
<b>Van Buren, Edgar A.</b>	<b>Greenport, NY</b>	<b>02/22/08</b>
<b>Vollerhausen, Otto</b>	<b>Bethpage, NY</b>	<b>07/05/08</b>
<b>Zajack, Andrew F. Sr.</b>	<b>Lindenhurst, NY</b>	<b>04/26/08</b>

(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@att.net), with "Death Notice" as the subject.)

**FLORIDA / South West**

We had no regular meeting scheduled for July, but our President, George Daly, decided to call a special meeting of those who were available on Long Island on vacation. Gloria Conklin offered her daughter Linda's house for the meeting. George volunteered to prepare a variety of seafood platters. He made Manhattan clam chowder and baked clams. He also prepared a dish of mussels and shrimp. We had clams on the half shell as an appetizer. Jim Hodder grilled sausage and chicken for those that didn't eat sh. Gloria made a platter of sausage and peppers and corn on the cob. In addition to George & Janet Daly, and Jim Hodder and Gloria Conklin, there were Tony & Celeste Perre, and Ken & Anita Becker in attendance. Also, there were children and friends of the members. George discussed the upcoming season of our chapter and items to discuss at our next regular meeting.

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No meeting in August.

**Next meeting: Sept 9**, at the Golden Corral, in Punta Gorda. \$10 p.p. Meeting and lunch at 11:30am.

By: Tony Perre (239-731-7146) tara88@comcast.net

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**FLORIDA / Spacecoast**

**Next Meeting: Sept 17**, at the Suntree Country Club.

By: Sally Cornuet, Sec'y. SCornuet@aol.com

**Meetings for 2008:** 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & 12/17.

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**FLORIDA/ Suncoast**

Summer greetings to all our friends, both near and far.

[Tropical Storm] Fay passed us by with only high winds and rain.

We are still on Summer vacation, but that is going by so quickly.

Meeting Dates: 10/22; 11/19; 12/17, 01/28; 02/25; 03/25; 04/22.

We meet on Wednesdays, at King Buffet, Northwest Corner of Park Blvd. & 49<sup>th</sup> St., at Noon.

Hoping to see you in the Fall.

By: Patricia E. Newark, Sec'y. (727-360-7339)

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**FLORIDA / Treasure Coast**

There will be a silent auction at the October meeting to raise money for our club's scholarship fund. All items of Grumman memorabilia that have already been donated, and those items that members wish to donate, will be auctioned off. We urge all members to look around and **bring their donations to the September 18 meeting.**

Our meetings are held at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City.

Remember the joint picnic with the Space Coast Chapter on October 1, at Sebastian Inlet State Park. Questions? - Please contact Nancy Schaefer, 772-878-2295 or nmscha@aol.com.

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**GEORGIA / Peach Pit**

**Next meeting: Sept. 16**, 12:30PM, at the Golden Corral Restaurant, on N. Columbia St., Milledgeville. The Program is TBD.

By: Mary Archer, Sec'y. marcher@alltel.net



**MARYLAND / Glen Arm**

With our Summer Vacations and Getaways complete, it is back to our full time jobs as Retirees and Wanna-Be Retirees.

During the summer, our meetings were casual and abstract. Our usual meeting place closed down. However, we have found another, and our schedule for meetings is unchanged.

The Luncheon Irregulars have had some birthdays while we were in vacation mode. Congratulations to: Ed Whiteford (7/01), Jim Odom (7/29), Rolfe Feser (7/30), Bob Valente (8/07), Bonnie Whiteford (8/10),

September Birthday Wishes go out to Dave Case (9/25).

**Next meeting:** Sept 16, 11:30AM, at the Golden Coral Restaurant, U.S. Rt. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.), Aberdeen, MD.

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**New England North**

Our July luncheon was held at the Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT, with 23 members and guests in attendance. President Bill Egner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bill Barnard delivered the invocation, noting the greatness of our country and our company, the dedication of our servicemen, and offering a prayer for those club members with health problems.

Secretary/Treasurer Phil Hodge reported that Walter Kahler is recovering from hip replacement surgery and that Ken Smith and Ron Small are on the mend. Several members attended the memorial service for George Schultz in Dorset, VT, on June 30.

We were both surprised and deeply saddened to hear that Milt Radimer is seriously ill at his home in Bridgewater, NH. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Milt.

We were pleased to hear that Phil & Bunny Hodge and their Morgan Horses competed at the Tunbridge, VT, Fair, winning several ribbons! Congrats!

The 50-50 "pot" took a humorous twist - in addition to the usual cash, it included several full course take-out luncheons donated by members who were forced to cancel at the last minute. Confusion seemed to reign, but eventually the winners were: Phil Hodge, Valerie Ivy, Edie Clark, Marty Johnson, and Deanna Ernst.

The Grab bag included a framed landscape (by whom else but Pete Ivy); hand crafted bird house, quilted pot holder; home baked banana bread nestled in a basket which was made from Vermont hard woods [Editor's Note: we assume the **basket** was made from Vermont hard woods . . . not the bread.]; New Guinea impatiens plant, and home grown vegetables.

**Our next luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13,** at the Mountain View Lodge, Killington, VT.

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Our August 13 meeting was held at Heli's Restaurant. at the Mountain View Inn. in Killington, VT, with 24 members and guests in attendance.

President Bill Egner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Bill Barnard delivering his usual moving and meaningful invocation. Included was a special prayer for our friend Ken Smith, who passed away on August 10th.

Phil Hodge informed us that Milt Radimer, who is preparing to commence radiation and chemotherapy, is still looking forward to hosting his traditional "covered dish" picnic at his Newfound Lake, NH compound, on September 9th, supported by his daughter from Washington State.

Pres. Charlie read the following message:

"We have a problem: having our treasury remain in the black. A few changes will have to be made. We have initiated email reports of our monthly newsletter to those who allowed us to do so, and have substantially reduced our snail-mail expenses. But, there are still several members who, after numerous requests, have not responded with their correct email addresses.

"We will have to increase our yearly dues to cover consumables, (paper, ink, and postage). Our only other income is our 50/50 pool at our meetings. With declining attendance at the meetings, this source of income is very limited and does not allow us to continue business as usual.

"The largest expense by far is our year-end holiday party with the happy hour Hors D' Oeuvres, free drinks, and the traditional turkeys. Without each member regularly attending meetings and participating in the 50/50, we do not have the income to support this party in the fashion that we have previously. This year, we will suspend the free drinks and only have one turkey as a prize.

"For the coming year, a modest increase in dues will have to take effect. Eight dollars of those dues always goes to the mother chapter in Bethpage to cover the "Grumman Club Newsletter" mailings you receive."

August Birthdays: Anne Appel, Else Schrage, Judy Zupp

August Anniversaries: Anne & Hank Appel, Marilyn & Fred Mazzitelli, Patricia & Tony Petrone

**Next meeting: Sept 18, at noon.** Come early, enjoy drinks and fellowship on the patio. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at the Raintree Restaurant, Route 191, South Sterling, PA.

By: Victor Peckenschneider, Sec'y. (610-365-8646) pecketc@rcn.com

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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Coastal Carolinas Chapter**

**Next Meeting: September 3,** at Noon, at Tbonz Gill 'N' Grill, 1169 Seaboard St. & 21st Ave., Myrtle Beach.

October Mtg: Oct 1, Noon, at Salt Water Creek, (formerly Chelsea Jo's), 4660 Hwy. 17 Bypass, Murrell's Inlet.

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

By: Nancy Webber, Sec'y. (843 - 347 - 2113) dwebber90887@sc.rr.com

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**TEXAS / Houston**

**We resume our meetings September 16.**

By: Bill Berglund, Sec'y (281-482-1957

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**CENTRAL VIRGINIA**

No activity during July and August.

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**VIRGINIA / Potomac**

No report of activity.

Contact: Ed T Barron, Sec'y. (202-244-6808) edtb1@mac.com

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**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Eastern Carolinas Chapter**

**Next meeting: September 9**, in Wilmington.

By: Dottie Karika, Sec'y.

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**NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA**

July Meeting

The Meeting opened at 12:24pm, at Rainetree Restaurant, after enjoyable cocktails on the patio. Our attendance was 19 good souls. President Charlie Teufert opened the meeting while we waited for our food order to be taken. Sergeant-at-Arms and VP Dan Fass led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reading of the Secretary's minutes was waived.

Treasurer Fred Rademacher advised that our treasury balance is still in the black at this time.

We welcomed newcomers Ed & Maryann Sparkowski who recently relocated from L.I. (Ed filled out an application for membership.)

Charlie reported that John Rinde will move to senior housing in New Holland, PA, when their house is sold. John has some items to donate (hats, CD player, etc.).

Charlie has secured tickets for the Aug 22 baseball game at Lackawanna Stadium, in Scranton. The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, the new NY Yankees AAA farm team, will be playing the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, the Phillies new AAA farm team. About 15 are going. The group tickets will entitle us to free baseball hats. Charlie will hand out the tickets at our next luncheon on Aug. 21 (day before the game.)

We are going to Mohican Sun/Pocono Downs, on 7/22. Charlie also spoke about going to the Banshee (a pub), in Scranton, on Aug. 29, for an evening of food, drinks and Irish Music by West O'Clare, a great Irish group.

Fred Mazzitelli won the 50/50

We sang Happy Birthday to Charlie Teufert, who celebrated his birthday today.

July Birthdays: Jane Belding, Charles Dowd, Andrew Goszack, Ed Hirsch, John Robb, Fran Romeo, Eileen Saggese, Richard St. Denis, Charlie Teufert

July Anniversaries: Ron & Linda Alongi, Ed & Sharon Drydol, Dan & Barbara Knowles, John & Eileen Saggese

If any member knows of any business or business person (i.e.: insurance, accountant, doctor, nurse, etc.) who would be willing to speak to our group on an interesting subject, please contact Charlie Teufert.

By: Alberta Rademacher, for Victor Peckenschneider

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August Meeting

Our August meeting was opened by Pres. Charlie Teufert, after cocktails on the patio. We had a great attendance of 29. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt.-at-arms and VP Dan Fass.

Treas. Fred Rademacher reported that we are still in the black, but we are slowly depleting our treasury.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

There are 22 signed up for dinner and an evening of Irish music at the Banshee Pub, in Scranton, on August 29. Twenty attended the AAA ball game at PNC Field in Scranton on August 22.

On October 19, we are planning a trip to Steam Town in Scranton and take the round trip steam train ride from Steam Town to Tobyhanna. The train departs 11 AM from Steam Town. Cost:: \$26 per senior; \$20 for kids 6-16; \$31 for adults. Contact Charlie if you want to go.

The 50/50 was won by Ed and Marilyn Bumby.

The 50-50 was won by Marty Johnson and Bill Wanner. The grab bag included mums, a carrot cake, hot pepper jelly, Pennsylvania peaches, garden veggies, and a box of assorted jams and jellies.

Seven couples are looking forward to our visit to Ogunquit, Maine, on September 16 and 17.

Many of us attended services to celebrate the life of Ken Smith, on August 15 and 16. We send our deepest sympathy to his loving wife, Noelle.

By: Bill & Joan Wanner

**Meeting Schedule:**

09/09: Picnic at Milt Radimer's, Newfound Lake, NH 10/14: Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT

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**NEW JERSEY / Garden State**

**Next Meeting: September 16**, at the Plaza Diner.

By: Joyce Smith, Sec'y. (732-505-4821)  
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**NEW YORK**

**Eastern Long Island Chapter**

**Next Meeting: Sept. 17.**

Future meetings: Oct 15, Nov 19, & (tentative) Dec 17.

Meetings are held at Riverhead Best Western, Rte. 25, LIE Exit 72. Lunch at Noon, Meeting at 1PM. Contact Bob Albert [631-585-7987] for lunch reservations or for cancellations by Sept 15.

Need a ride? Contact Bill Mytko [631-588-5697]. He will try to arrange transportation for you!

By: Bob Albert, VP

**Grumman Upstate New York**

News for July and August, 2008

July - Five couples picniced at Mine Kill State Park on July 16th. Three of the couples (Joan & Jack Nau, Sigrid & Karl Hipel, and Ray & Rosemary Busch) were club members; the other two couples (Joe & Dianne Lackenbauer, and Joyce & Don Plate, Grummanites from Arizona) were guests at the picnic. Each couple brought their own picnic supplies and their own chairs. The park was beautiful, with a covered pavilion and swimming facilities; everyone had a fun afternoon. We may use the park next year for our 2009 picnic.

August - President Joan Nau opened our meeting at noon with 12 members and guest speaker Tom Briggs, from the Delaware County Office of the Aging. Before lunch, we celebrated our birthdays for both July and August. For July we had Jack Nau and Gladys Cipp. Our August celebrants were Walt Woelfel, Joan Ahders, and Paul Berg. All claimed to also be 21+, with the "+" under ned!

We also celebrated the July anniversary of Joan & Howard Ahders - 53 years and still going strong. There were no anniversaries for August.

Since August 23rd was national "HUG DAY," each person received a coupon for a hug from his or her person of choice.

Our 50/50 winners were Flo Berg, Howard Ahders, and Sigrid Hipel.

After a delicious lunch, Joan Nau introduced our speaker. Tom Briggs gave an interesting talk on the services of the local Office of the Aging. When Tom finished, Joe Cipp led the group in the singing of God Bless America to end our meeting.

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On Friday, August 22, the Club's F-14 was dedicated in a ceremony befitting this great machine. Pat McMahon, Vice President, IO/EA and Deputy, Integrated Systems Eastern Region, welcomed the attendees. Northrop Grumman employees, Grumman Club members, and guests were among the nearly 350 people who attended the ceremony. The Parade of Colors was presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 82, Nassau County.

Acknowledgments were made to the team members who, through their spirit and fortitude, made sure this event was a success. The industrial team of local companies was recognized for their part in this endeavor.

We were honored to have with us the families of Mike Pelehach and Bob Kress, Bob Smyth, the F-14 first-flight pilot, and LCDR Richard, LCDR Gentry; & CDR Howe, the last-flight crew. The monument to this great aircraft, and to all who participated in its coming back to the place where it was born, was unveiled and dedicated by Pat McMahon and Barbara Nilsen.

Speakers included Pat McMahon; Grumman Club President Barbara Nilsen; and the Honorable Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County 17th District Legislator. The keynote speaker was Navy Vice-Adm. Dave Venlet, who said he wouldn't miss this for the world.

A beautiful day, a great event, kudos to the speakers, and an all-around wonderful day.

F-14 Fleet Statistics, provided by the U.S. Navy

Thirty-four years of Service. Total Flight Hours: 2,425,589 (195 hours per day, non-stop for 34 years). Total Arrested Landings: 596,462 "Traps" (48 "traps" per day, non-stop for 34 years).



Pat McMahon with Vietnam Veterans Color Guard, Ed Mangano and VADM Venlet.



Pat McMahon welcoming attendees



F-14 Family of Pioneers - Back row - L to R Dennis Pelehach, Fran Kress, Bob Smyth. Front Row - Navy guests, Ed Mangano, Vice Adm Venlet, Barbara Nilsen, Pat McMahon, Pelehach & Kress family



VADM Venlet receiving F-14 congratulatory plaque from Pat McMahon.



Pat McMahon, Barbara Nilsen & VADM Venlet cutting the cake.

More photos of the F-14 Dedication Ceremony to follow in the next newsletter