



**JAKE IN FLIGHT** (rear seat) with Cochran was snapped by John Dunlevy as the F9F-8T swooped past the G-21 'Queenie'. Dunlevy was up making a traffic survey at the time Jake and Cochran took off.



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## Grumman Club Scholarship Winners

The Grumman Club Scholarships were awarded at a luncheon on Long Island, on June 25. The Scholars are shown after receiving their awards. Full information about the award ceremony is in the Bethpage report in this issue.



Front Row: Allison Deissler, Alexandra Hilgeman, Allison Johnson, Natalie Hughes, (missing: Valerie Halstead). Back Row: Nicholas Adkins (standing in for Elijah Adkins), Paul Sicard, Joseph DiRocco, Robert McMullin, Desmond DeLanty

## Florida / SpaceCoast Chapter Scholarship Awards

On June 18, the Florida / SpaceCoast Chapter awarded the first-ever George M. Skurla Scholarship and the third Retiree Club Space Coast Chapter Scholarship. Details of the awards and information about the recipients will be found in the SpaceCoast Chapter report in this issue.



L to R: Angela Romano (Chapter Scholarship Chairperson), Marie Skurla (widow of George M. Skurla), Jason Panzarino (winner of George M. Skurla Scholarship), Brittany Grant (recipient of Space Coast Chapter Scholarship award for 2008), and Dan Postupack (Chapter President).

## Dedication Ceremony for Our F-14

See Page 3 for information about the upcoming F-14 dedication ceremony.

## Newsletter Schedule

Please Note: The Newsletter will not be published in August. All reports of July and August chapter activity will appear in the September Newsletter. Reports should continue to be sent to the Editor as soon after an event as possible.



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We are pleased to report that, from October 1, 2007, thru June 23, 2008, Member contributions to the Club have totaled \$7,324.

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**Contributions to the 2008 Scholarship Fund**

The Scholarship Fund has received \$8,522 for FY 2008. This includes Chapter donations in the amount of \$1,300. Contributions were used for the scholarships awarded at the June luncheon. Our Thanks to all who have supported this major club endeavor.

Please continue to send your Tax Deductible Donations to the Scholarship Fund. Send Checks (payable to Retiree Scholarship Fund) to Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 0748, Bethpage, NY, 11724-0748.

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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>62</b>	Joseph Marka	<b>57</b>	Otto Kissmer
<b>61</b>	Ed Roskey	<b>56</b>	Louis Wurl
<b>60</b>	Joseph Galgano	<b>55</b>	Christian Wikane
<b>59</b>	Robert Bury	<b>54</b>	Joseph Moldashel
<b>58</b>	William Schroth	<b>53</b>	Louis Galgano

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### Dedication Ceremony for Our F-14

There will be a formal dedication ceremony for the Club's F-14D in August or September. Our F-14, which was moved to its permanent site on May 6, may be seen in front of Plant 25, in Bethpage.

The dedication date has not yet been determined. Members will be notified of the date ASAP. Viewing space will be very limited and therefore only a few members will be able to attend. When the dedication date is known, the Club office will take names on a first-come, first-served basis.

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#### Long Islanders: Take Note

##### A. Volunteer Mentors Needed

Commack High School Science Teacher is looking for retired engineers interested in working with bright and hardworking high school students.

These students are enrolled in a research course at Commack High School and some take on engineering challenges for a science project. Often, they need guidance, inspiration, and encouragement from an adult mentor. The mentor determines the commitment; any help for any amount of time would be of great benefit.

If interested, please email science teacher Richard Kurtz at [rkurtz@commack.k12.ny.us](mailto:rkurtz@commack.k12.ny.us)

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##### B. Cradle of Aviation Call for Volunteers

Do you have a love for aviation? Would like to learn about Long Island aviation or space? Enjoy engaging with people of all ages or working with wonderful people?

If any of the answers to those questions is, "yes", then you might want to consider volunteering at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

We currently have close to 200 individuals who volunteer their time in one or more of the following ways: as docents/guides within the galleries; as restoration members, building aircraft parts and replica planes; or as volunteer educators, working with school children who come for classes and activity sessions.

This is a great place to be. Our volunteers are passionate, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and committed to making this museum the best that it can be. They come because they want to be here. Everyday is different, interesting, rewarding and there is an atmosphere of camaraderie here that is wonderful to see and feel.

If you are looking for a place to volunteer, give us a try. You will be warmly welcomed, and your experience at the Cradle of Aviation museum will be very rewarding.

Contact Linda Maugeri, Volunteer Coordinator  
516-572-4039 [Volunteer@cradleofaviation.org](mailto:Volunteer@cradleofaviation.org)

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##### C. "Lunch and Learn."

**August 6, 2008 at Bristol Assisted Living**

Changes to the Medicaid Program make it more difficult to access benefits. Methods for obtaining Medicaid benefits while protecting some assets continue to exist, but those who think they may need to access the Medicaid program for their loved ones should seek counsel as early as possible. There are a variety of tried and true methods for achieving Medicaid eligibility and some new ideas have become viable alternatives.

Learn about: Medicaid benefits; What you can do for your loved ones now; Easy estate planning; Special needs trusts; Needed documents

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by August 1, if you plan to attend.

Noon to 1:30PM, at The Bristol at East Meadow, 40 Merrick Avenue, East Meadow, NY (see next page)





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**Retiree Club Blood Drive Schedule**

Blood Drive Date: Sept. 2

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**Bethpage Chapter Calendar**

**22nd Annual Picnic - Sept. 10th**  
at Marjorie Post Park, Massapequa.  
**Cost (\$15 p.p.) is reduced** in consideration of the current economy. Tickets will not be issued. Send check to Grumman Club, M/S Z49-25, Bethpage, NY 11714-5000. Please bring covered basket of goodies for Chinese auction.

**Next Meeting: September 24:**  
Crest Hollow Country Club.

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

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**Bethpage Chapter Luncheon & Scholarship Awards Presentation**

At Noon on June 25, Club President Barbara Nilsen welcomed members and guests to the June Luncheon and 10th Annual Scholarship Awards Presentation, at the Crest Hollow Country Club. There were 263 people in attendance, including the scholarship winners and their families.

The affair started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Barbara then recognized our invited guests, Linda Army, VP at BFCU, along with Grace Braeuer and Rich Nicolich of BFCU Financial Services. Linda and Rich graciously donated several gift cards for Door Prizes. Thank you, Linda and Rich.

Barbara gave a special Thank-You to Betty Bohlander for her luncheon organization efforts.

Barbara then introduced Paul Schatzel, President of the Scholarship Fund, who asked Steve Kalman to give the invocation. Paul offered a hearty "Thank-You" for continued support from the Bethpage Federal Credit Union, which, along with the Club, sponsors the scholarship awards.

The scholarship award winners were then introduced. The winners are:

**Canoe Girl Story (continued)**

Joy was happy to let go when the men grabbed the ends of the canoe after two camera clicks, because it is awkward to balance a 13-foot object so high. The 1946 L.L. Bean Catalog included three Grumman canoe photos; one is Joy holding the upside-down canoe aloft; another is ten men on board a larger canoe; the last is Leroy Grumman in a tipped canoe.

One of the first production models was exhibited in the Abercrombie & Fitch window in New York. That store and LL. Bean both sold high-end merchandise, including sporting equipment. In thirty years, the public bought more than 300,000 aluminum canoes; and production continued for another twenty years. The story of Grumman's transition to a peacetime market with boats, trucks, and small amphibians appeared in newspapers and magazines. It was a story of peace for the country, bringing with it new jobs, recovery, hope, prosperity, and time for leisure and sporting activity.

(Photos and historical facts were obtained from Larry Feliu and Lynn McDonald at the Grumman History Center, as well as from Richard Thruelsen's book, "The Grumman Story" and a Newsday article.)



SALUTED for his efforts in the industrial ranks, Bob Benn of the GAA was awarded the Joe Falcaro Memorial Trophy this year as the 'man who did the most for bowling in Nassau'. Benn was director of the annual L.I. Industrial tourney and the L.I. Industrial Nite Owl tourney this year, both sponsored by Grumman



SAFETY BELT EXPERT John O. Moore (right) of Cornell discusses approved type belt and buckle with Lester Quarry, Grumman Transportation head. Grumman's Safety department, studying injury statistics, is urging car owners to consider value of belts.





## NOSTALGIA

### Grumman Canoe Girl Story

By: Joy LeSavage Torrey (the real Canoe Girl), as told to George & Ann Poletti.

Joy Torrey reminisced for us about her work at Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp. many years ago. She never sought the title "Canoe Girl." It was indirectly bestowed on her, and this is how it happened.

Joy began her career at Grumman, in 1943, when women were needed to fill defense jobs, replacing men fighting in World War II. She was a secretary in the Public Relations office, near other Executive offices. Every office was open then, and you did not need to go through someone in order to see somebody else. In fact, Mr. Grumman and Joy occasionally talked about sailboats, since his office was across the hall from the PR Office, and Mr. Grumman knew Joy's future husband (William Torrey) was a boating enthusiast like himself.

When the war ended in 1945, Grumman suspended production. The ax fell and most employees were asked to leave. Plans were to call back only those workers needed for peacetime programs and some returning veterans. Most women workers did not expect to be rehired. Joy has no idea why, but Mr. Grumman approved her to be rehired. She expected to return to work for Jack Rettaliata, head of Public Relations.

One of the first post-war projects was the aluminum canoe, which was designed to be strong and stable by engineer John Achilich. It used metal shaping and manufacturing methods perfected for amphibious aircraft. The Grumman canoe was lighter and sturdier than existing canoes. The first models were made in a Plant 2 hanger.

At a planning session, executives decided how to present the aluminum canoe to the public. To show how light it was, they needed a petite young lady. They looked to where Joy was sitting and said, "Why don't we get her?" At 5 feet, 1 inch and 98 pounds, Joy seemed to be the perfect model to hold a 38-pound canoe aloft. They went to Belmont Lake State Park [on Long Island] to take pictures. To show its strength, they would support it at both ends and load it with large men. To show how safe it was, Mr. Grumman himself would tip the boat into the water and get back in.

A crew including the Grumman photographer, several workmen, and Joy went to Belmont Lake. For her one and only photo shoot, Joy remembers two men lifting the canoe, one at each end. When the photographer was ready, she was told to hold the canoe high over her head with both hands.



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Elijah Adkins  
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 Natalie Hughes  
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 Robert McMullin  
 Paul Sicard

The scholars provided short personal biographies, and spoke about their hopes for their futures. Each scholar made a point of thanking the Club for the award. The Scholars were then presented with personalized plaques honoring this achievement. The \$2000 scholarships will be sent directly to the schools being attended in the Fall. The retiree family of one winner is from the SpaceCoast Chapter. The families of the other winners are from the Bethpage Chapter.

This year, two Alternates were also selected, in case any of the winners are unable to attend school in the Fall. The retiree family of one of the alternates is from the Central Virginia Chapter. The family of the other alternate is from the Bethpage Chapter.

The Scholarship Committee is to be congratulated on having successfully completed another difficult and time consuming job. Well Done!

#### The Scholarship Committee



Front Row: Lynn Wesnofske, Dian Bryers, Isobel Comis, Harry Daum, Betty Bell, Patricia Sullivan, Steve Kalman, Betty Bohlander.  
 Back Row: Howard Schilling, Mike Del Buono, Paul Schatzel, Richard Nicholich

A wonderful lunch was served with background music provided by Kenny Whiteside. Many danced the afternoon away.

Door Prize winners included Charles Falco, Bill Meunier, Joan Sicard-Carusio, Joan Deissler, Rene Egloff, Isobel Comis, Sophie Agiesta, Judy Franco, Joan Stenchever and Til Lofaro.

The luncheon Scholarship 50-50 was won by Ann Dondero. The All-Chapter Mail-In 50-50 was won by Emily Grossman. Congratulations to all.

All "profits" from the luncheon and the drawings go to the Scholarship Fund for next year's scholaships.

A good time was had by all.

Happy Summer to all.

By: Lou Kubat

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

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### ARIZONA

No meetings in June, July, or August.

**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: (June-Aug: *No Meetings*); Sept 18; Oct 16; Nov 20; Dec 18.

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### CALIFORNIA / Golden West

The June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was our annual picnic. Thirty-seven members and family attended. The site was the small private picnic spot behind the Thousand Oaks Library, a beautiful locale with tall shade trees and a stream flowing by.



The Grummanites assembled around 11:00 am, but Bob Killian got there at 7:30 AM to stake it out for us. Members brought salads and desserts, and the Club provided the meat. Sal Panico headed up the BBQ effort and did it just right.

Twenty people participated in the Bocce Tournament. (Bocce had been a popular sport at Grumman picnics in New York and at many of the field sites over the years.) After eliminating the less skillful players, the final contest was between Carol Smith (Mrs. Jim Smith) and Art Leseberg. With the rest of the picnic attendees watching and cheering, a close game was played, with Art Leseberg emerging as the winner. Big Art, who used to consistently place at the top or near the top of our horseshoe pitching contests in bygone employee-picnic days, showed no mercy in his play against the petite Carol. Not that she was looking for any consideration. Both finalists received prizes of 50/50 drawing tickets.

It was nice to get re-acquainted with family members at the picnic and to see Paul Cooper again. Our condolences go out to Bill Judd on the loss of his wife, Wilfriede. She had been ill at home for the last four years.

**Our next meeting will be on the second Tuesday in September** at our usual place: the Point Restaurant at Point Mugu. Until then, best wishes to all for a jolly summer from your officers: Fred Syrett, Tom Maloney, John Urgo, Paul Aanerud, and John Torkelsen.

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**CALIFORNIA / San Diego**

Summer has definitely arrived in San Diego. But, we won't get any sympathy from our fellow retirees, experiencing lots of "weather" across the fruited plain. On June 19, there were 22 San Diego Chapter members and guests enjoying a fine lunch at Chin's Szechwan Restaurant. Visiting from the East Coast was Charlie Askins, retired Field Service Rep, who worked on the Hawkeye and Tomcat programs. Charlie has relocated to North Carolina, but was here visiting family and friends in Orange and San Diego counties.

It was good to see former test pilot Ernie Von der Heyden and his wife Christine, as well as former F-14 structural section leader Frank Hardenburgh and his wife Fran. They hadn't been in attendance recently, so it was good to see these two former aviation industry icons and their wives.

I'm happy to report that San Diego County Deputy DA Evan Patrick Kirvin, son of Eleanor Kirvin and the late Grumman Field Service Rep Hal Kirvin, won his election as San Diego Superior Court Judge. Congratulations, Evan!

The 50/50 drawing winners were Nancy Roeckl and Howard Lindquist.

President Cliff Robinson was sad to report the passing of two former Grumman E-2 Hawkeye Reps. Both Ron Nichols and Darrell Painter passed away after lengthy illnesses. These guys were the "best of the best" in what they did, serving the Navy Hawkeye community for many years.

Also deceased recently was Rear Admiral Jack Christiansen. "Admiral Jack" retired from the Navy in 1975, as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Air Warfare. The Navy Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross were among his honors and awards. He went on to work for Grumman Aerospace as special assistant to the company's president and chairman, and was later promoted to Vice President in charge of Field Service Operations. On May 14, "Admiral Jack" was laid to rest with full military honors at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, in San Diego. The services were well attended by San Diego Chapter members.

President Robinson talked about several future events on our Chapter's calendar. Our annual picnic is set for October 4, at the Admiral Baker recreation facility. On November 8, we'll be going to the Lawrence Welk Resort Theater for a lunch buffet, followed by a matinee performance of Irving Berlin's musical "I Love A Piano." So far, 45 have signed up to attend with money due to Howard Lindquist by September 15. Last, but not least, is the annual Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 12, at the Admiral Baker recreation facility. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on any of these fun activities.

**In Memoriam**

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

Buckman, Mathew R.	Bethpage, NY	05/22/08
Decarlo, Joseph	Massapequa, NY	05/28/08
Duffield, Arthur	Palm City, FL	05/10/08
Ferrara, Joseph P.	Smithtown, NY	06/13/08
Geraghty, James, P.	New York, NY	06/01/08
Haller, Paul E.	Tucson, AZ	06/07/08
Jankowski, Bill	Port St. Lucie, FL	12/20/07
Lombardi, Joseph A.	East Setauket, NY	05/28/08
Marino, Thomas	Melbourne, FL	06/06/08
Marquardt, Eugene R.	Bethpage, NY	05/22/08
Marques, Pedro E.	Old Bethpage, NY	05/24/08
Montgomery, William M.	Riverhead, NY	06/02/08
Nichols, Ron	Las Vegas, NV	05/20/08
Oakes, Blanche E.	Farmingdale, NY	06/03/08
Pathos, Shirley M.	East Meadow, NY	05/16/08
Pupilla, Theodore	Northport, NY	06/09/08
Rasmussen, Ernest G.	Brentwood, NY	04/30/08
Sanc, Victor J., Jr.	Fort Meyers, FL.	05/23/08
Savene, Nicholas H.*	Brentwood, NY	02/26/08
Schulz, George J.	Dorset, VT	05/25/08
Skelly, John E.	New Holland, PA	04/14/08
Smith, Barry A.	Amityville, NY	05/22/08
Sperling, Richard**	Virginia Beach, VA	03/02/08
Suhecki, Frank	New Hyde Park, NY	05/31/08
Weisser, Arthur J.	Port St. Lucie, FL	03/06/08
White, John L.	Palm City, FL	05/18/08
Zarodkiewicz, Francis	Jackson Springs, NC	06/10/08

\* Nicholas Savene was incorrectly identified as Nichols Savene in the June Newsletter

\*\* Richard Sperling was incorrectly listed as Donald Sperling in the May Newsletter.

**Note:** James M. Wider, Jr. was inadvertently included in our In Memoriam list in June. Mr. Wider has NOT passed away. The Grumman Club regrets any concern or grief that this error has caused, and apologizes to the family and friends of Mr. Wider.

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.)





With no major business to discuss, everyone enjoyed coffee and casual conversation. Interest was expressed for making another visit to the Flight Safety International Building, at Hobby Airport, and holding some future meeting at the Galveston Flight Museum or Hobby 1940 Museum. Angelo says he also has some events in the planning stage for the latter part of the year.

**We resume our meetings September 16.** I hope everyone enjoys a safe and pleasant Summer.

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

**Remember: There are no meetings scheduled for July and August.**

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

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**CENTRAL VIRGINIA**

Eighteen attending members enjoyed a potluck lunch at our June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was held at the Monticello Fire House. Delicious home made food as well as great cakes.

Tom O'Rourke was back at the helm after a serious bout with the shingles. It was good to see him back. Tom reviewed all current chapter business.

The 50/50 raffle prize of \$25 was won by Anne Morrocco. It looks like Doris Parson, who has been a continuous winner, has had her luck run out.

There are four grandchildren of members who are entered in the upcoming [scholarship] program, which will have the winners announced in June.

Frank Purstell reported on our treasury status.

Bernice & Karl Himmelmann will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month; they plan to celebrate the occasion on Long Island with family and friends.

There will be no meetings during July and August.

**Plans for our September 10<sup>th</sup> picnic meeting,** to be held at Darden Park in Charlottesville, at Noon,

are in progress. Sarge, our chef extraordinaire, will be preparing the food. Hopefully it will be as large a success as our last picnic in the park.

The chapter officers wish all our members a happy and healthy summer.

By: Karl Himmelmann, Recording Sec'y.

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**VIRGINIA / Potomac**

No report of June activity.

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

President Robinson noted that during the holidays we will once again be donating to the MCAS Miramar enlisted family food locker. Contribution checks can be sent at any time to Treasurer, Howard Lindquist.

There were lots of birthdays in May and June: Sally Cain, Marge Cargill, Ken Crane, Vince Holder, AnnMarie Houck, Roxanne Howell, Eleanor Kirvin, Cindy Metz, Barbara Mosley, Timothy Murphy, Harvey Shouf, James Vollaro, Marie Vollaro, and Chuck Walters.

Anniversary good wishes extended to Ken & Pauline Crane, Mike & Helen Infurna, Bill & Yvonne Jolly, Mike & Sherry Lossick, Charlie & Pat Quiter, Bill & Nancy Roeckl, Dick & Ann Saraffe, Robert & Helen Steinhauser, Charlie & Eleanor Stenzel, Ed & Jean Vasely and Lou & Maryam Wilson. Congratulations to all!

No meetings in July, August, or September.

**Next gathering will be the annual picnic October 4,** at the Admiral Baker recreation facility. Make your plans now to attend!!

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

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**FLORIDA/ First Coast**

17 June 2008

After the salute to the flag and a prayer, 26 members scrambled for multi-plates of food. Then, President Fred Bauer introduced our visitor, Al Abbatiello, who is a candidate for county commissioner for the 1st district of St. Johns County.

Since we did not announce BDs at the picnic meeting last month, here is the long list:

1. May BDs: Ann Walsh, Dorothy Pabst, Gene Schineis, Sue Mohrenne, Bonie Maguire, Mary Burzo, Kathleen Walsh, Karen McDonald, Steve Cacace, Barbara Gaillard.

2. May Anniversaries: Bill & Anne Wilke, Bob & Judy Booth, and John & Cookie Dengler.
3. June BDs: Kathleen Hirschlein, Anar Schineis, Harold Pabst, Don Martin, Antoinette Polaskey, Patricia Leslie, Fred Seivers, Bob Rathje, Jinny Rathje, Mary Martin, Otto Biller, Charles Engelschjon, Frank Fleming.
4. June Anniversaries: Gene & Anar Schineis, Harold & Dorothy Pabst, Chuck & Cynthia Osborne, Bill & Rhonda Lonnie, Paul & Francis Langhauser, Bob & Lorry Gallo, Robert & Myrna Fitzgerald, Sarah & Paul Von Ins, and Steve & Eileen Cacace.

Retiree HQ in Bethpage acknowledged receipt of our \$500 donation to the scholarship fund.

We were told that the Tomcats are flying again. In Iran!! They are using Russian supplied engines.

The 50/50 winners collected some cash, but also some pins and badges of the E-2C Hawkeye. Winners: Rich Barlow, Ray Pinter, Al McCaffery, Tom Downs, and Ray Pinter again.

We are closed for the summer.

**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**

No meetings in June, July, August, and September..

**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**

**No Meetings in June, July, or August**

Chapter Secretary Joan Mehl sent the following:

***"I am sorry to report the passing of our member in good standing, Robert S. Keiser, on June 22, 2008. He was a wonderful man, good husband of Jo, and loving father of Judy. He will be greatly missed."***

**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.

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**FLORIDA / South West**

No meetings in June, July, and August.

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

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

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**FLORIDA / Spacecoast**

President Dan Postupack welcomed the 87 attendees. Dan then opened the June 18 meeting at Suntree Country Club by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sergeant-at-Arms Ed Romano offered a moving invocation.

Scholarship Chairperson Angela Romano was introduced to make the first of two scholarship presentations, as one of our scholars was receiving another scholarship award and had to leave early. Everyone gave a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Jason Panzarino and his father, Mr. Frank

Panzarino. Jason, a Melbourne High School graduate, is the recipient of the very first \$1,000 George M. Skurla Scholarship. Jason plans to attend the University of Florida at Gainesville, to study aerospace engineering. Jason's outstanding academic achievements placed him first in a class of 503 students. He is a licensed pilot and a member of several associations geared towards aircraft and pilots.

Jason is a perfect choice for our George Skurla Scholarship. As we know, George Skurla joined Grumman in 1944, and rose through the ranks to become president and chief operating officer. George was the Director of Operations at Kennedy Space Center from 1965 to 1970.

It was our honor and privilege to have Mrs. Marie Skurla with us today to assist in this presentation. In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship, a \$250 award from the Bethpage Federal Credit Union will be given to defray the cost of books and supplies, contingent upon completion of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years of college. We are extremely grateful to BFCU for their contribution to our scholarship program.

Mrs. Skurla presented Jason with some personal mementos and clothing items, and told the group that she was a graduate of UF and a "Gators" fan. Thanks, Marie, for helping us to honor your husband's memory and his contributions to Grumman, by offering a scholarship in his name.

Jason warmly thanked everyone for his award; then President Dan Postupack presented Jason with some Grumman and Northrop Grumman memorabilia. We all wished Jason continued success in his upcoming college career.



Jason Panzarino, Marie Skurla

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Coastal Carolinas Chapter**

(Ed Note: the following was missing from the June Newsletter)

Wednesday, May 7, 2008, could not have been a more perfect day for a picnic at the beach. Seventeen members met at the Myrtle Beach State Park at Noon, where we had reserved a shelter for our picnic/meeting. Everyone brought a favorite dish and beverage to accompany the fried chicken and trimmings provided by the club. We enjoyed great food, great company, and great scenery.

Ants are usually the typical uninvited guests to a picnic, but in our instance it was a three-foot long (no exaggeration) garter snake, that was not in any hurry to leave. Thanks to Harold Katzenburger, who with a golf club provided by Don Webber, gently and carefully urged the snake out of the door, while President Mary Moran and myself stood on top of the table bench to supervise the proceedings. No injuries were sustained during the incident.

After lunch, President Mary Moran called the meeting to order, followed by Sgt.-at-Arms Eldon Scott, who lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to recognize those not present at the meeting.

Birthday greetings to Regina McKenna, Richard Steele, and Nancy Webber. Enjoy your special day!

Anniversary wishes to Barbara & Gary O'Loughlin. Congratulations!

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made, seconded and approved.

Don Webber gave the Treasury report.

Sunshine Committee: If you know of any club member who is ill, please provide Judy Scott with the information. Judy is our committee leader for the club. We have several club members who are not able to attend the meetings because of health issues. They are Rose & John Lewis, and Robert Filete. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. Visits,

cards, and telephone calls would be greatly appreciated.

We were pleased to see Marie Smith at our meeting. Marie has had some health issues as well, so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Good things happen unexpectedly, and I won the drawing, which I returned to the club.

Old Business: We continue to need some input pertaining to speakers for future meetings.

New Business: None

**Next Meeting:** Remember, we do not meet during the months of June, July, and August. We will resume our meetings beginning **September 3**, at Noon, at Tbonz Gill 'N' Grill, 1169 Seaboard St. and 21st Ave., Myrtle Beach.

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

A very special, "Thank You", to all our club members for your efforts towards making 2008 a wonderful year thus far. Without you, we would not have a club chapter. You are all greatly appreciated!

Have a safe, healthy, enjoyable summer. See you in September!

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**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joann Roemen, our scheduled guest speaker, was not able to come due to other business obligations.

The 50/50 was won by Dick Keschinger, who donated the proceeds to the club.





June and July Birthdays: Ken Wendel (6/7), Bernie Kuntz (6/23), Barbara Betts (6/30), Paul Albers (7/7), June Schroder (7/10), Bill Seward (7/14), Barbara Jacobs (7/21), Joe Dispennette (7/26).

Anniversaries for June and July were: Judith & Bob Glowacki (6/4) -53 yrs; Joan & Bill Willemsen (6/8) - 56 yrs; Dolores & Al Brown (7/9) - 53 yrs; Barbara & Al Fischer (7/9) - 47 yrs; June & Tom Schroder (7/24) - 54 yrs; Doris & Terry Walker (7/30) - 59 yrs.

Al Fischer then closed the meeting, wishing all a pleasant summer season.

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

By: Dottie Karika, Sec'y.

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### NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

On the beautiful last day of spring, June 19, we were able to start our luncheon on the patio at the Raintree Restaurant, overlooking the lake. The new owners then provided us with a delicious lunch.

The meeting was opened by President Charlie Teufert, with 23 in attendance. Sergeant-at-Arms and VP Dan Fass could not lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance — the American flag was missing.

The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's reports were accepted. Treasurer Fred Rademacher reported that we can not continue in the black much longer. Expenses are exceeding income. Charlie Teufert, Fred Rademacher, and Vic Peckenschneider will meet to come up with ways to cut our club's financial problem.

Charlie read a Thank You letter received from the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, in Clarks Summit, PA, for the plentiful supply of clothing and personal comfort items our club sent them at Christmas.

A Thank You letter was sent to our member Peter Coniglio for all the work he did in the past getting the club's information on the computer and doing the meeting minutes and mailings.

Charlie reported that because of the growing popularity of the new baseball team (a NY Yankee farm team) at

Lackawanna Stadium in Scranton, he was unable to get tickets for the game on June 20th. Tickets must now be purchased almost two months in advance. This is quite a change from last year when tickets were readily available.

A July date will be set for another day at the races at Pocono Downs. Fred Rademacher is eager to get back there after he was a big winner coming home a \$1.50 ahead.

The 50/50 was won by Jean Goszack.

June Birthdays: Ernst & Svanhild Abrahamson, Henry Browne, Sharon Drydol, William Herling, Barbara Mancuso, Ethel Pattison, Vic & Naomi Peckenschneider, Alberta Rademacher, Marion Ruppel

June Anniversaries: Ed & Marion Bumby, Sal & Elizabeth De Luca, Dan & Henrietta Fass, William & Kathie Herling, Vic & Naomi Peckenschneider, Ed & Marion Ruppel, Joe & Jan Ryan, and Richard & Barbara St. Denis

The following are club activities being planned by Charlie. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact him at [cteufe@earthlink.com](mailto:cteufe@earthlink.com).

- (1) Pocono Downs, July 22. Meet at the restaurant at 1:30PM for lunch and an afternoon of either horse racing or slot machines.
- (2) Baseball game at PNC field, Scranton, August 22, 5PM. Meet at the Stadium Club for dinner and a night of baseball, finishing with fire works.
- (3) Dinner and an evening of Irish Music August 29, 6PM, at The Banshee Pub in Scranton. The band will be West O'Clare.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Raintree Restaurant, Route 191, South Sterling, PA.

**Next Meeting: July 17**, at Noon. Weather permitting ,come early and enjoy drinks on the patio.

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

Our club has another reason to celebrate: Natalie Hughes, from Manorville, NY, granddaughter of Space Coast Chapter members Sal & Ruth Rubino, has won a \$2,000 scholarship from the Grumman Club's Open Scholarship Awards Program. Her award ceremony will take place June 25th on Long Island. Natalie held a 4.0 GPA, is interested in Computer Science, and will attend Binghamton State College in upstate NY. Congratulations, Natalie.

A delicious buffet lunch was served and the meeting continued with a video presentation of some treasured memories of the formation of the Grumman Corporation.

The following committee reports were given:

Treasurer - Bill Waldron:

1. We have 210 paid members, 87 in attendance today.
2. We welcomed visitors Jim & Gloria Flynn.
3. There were four 50/50 winners, and a grand prize of Brunch for Two at the Suntree Country Club
4. Website [www.americastanker.com](http://www.americastanker.com) is available for comments and a show of support for the KC-45 tanker contract, which is being contested by Boeing. Please visit the website.

Travel - Ed Romano:

1. Rita Francesco was involved in an auto accident, is doing OK, and will be back in September.
2. Flyers, including prices, will be available in Sept, for a Nov 9<sup>th</sup> seven-day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean on the Mariner of the Seas, sailing out of Port Canaveral.

Historian - Fred Wilms:

1. The TA4J is ready for paint. We are getting some new wheels and brakes for the landing gear. A new forward right-hand windshield has been found and will be installed.
2. We are hoping to get a new canopy made for the F11F, and are preparing the frame for the new canopy. We are waiting for some forward main wheels. Work continues on the main frame. We thank Nelson Ruiz for the excellent

job he is doing making repairs to the instrument panel and painting it.

Scholarship - Angela Romano enthusiastically introduced our second scholarship winner, Brittany Grant, and her mother, Mrs. Donna Grant. Brittany received a certificate from our club at her May 22 Awards Night, at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School. Today, we officially recognized her as our third Retiree Club Space Coast Chapter Scholarship winner.

Brittany earned a 4.0 GPA, with many outstanding academic accomplishments. She will be attending the University of South Florida at Tampa, to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering. Brittany plans to participate in the five year Masters program, and hopes to intern with an engineering company. Upon graduation, Brittany plans to join the work force and pursue her Ph.D.

Brittany will also receive the additional \$250 from the BFCU, to help defray the cost of books and supplies over the course of her Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years.



Left to Right: Angela Romano (Scholarship Chairperson), Brittany Grant, Dan Postupack (Space Coast Chapter President).

We are proud to present Brittany with the Grumman Retiree Club Space Coast Chapter Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000. Over 60 years ago, Leroy Grumman, founder of the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, was a true supporter of education through scholarships. We, at Space Coast Chapter, have embraced the continuance of this educational spirit and have chosen to create our own successful scholarship program for local high school students. Brittany Grant and Jason Panzarino are wonderful examples of this accomplishment.





Brittany thanked everyone for her award, and President Dan Postupack presented her with some Grumman and Northrop Grumman memorabilia and extended warm wishes from our group for continued success in her upcoming college years.

We all thank Angela Romano for her tireless efforts and her contributions to ensure that our scholarship program has been so successful.

Community Relations - Chet Emery:

1. Condolences and our sympathies were sent out to the family of Thomas Marino on Thom's passing, to Ernie Randall's family on Ernie's passing, and to the family of George & Peggy Graefe, on the passing of Peggy's mother, Mrs. Bertha Underhill.
2. Get well wishes were sent to Jerry Ernst during his recent illness.
3. Please contact Chet Emery (321-254-2562) if a card needs to be sent.

Communications:

President Postupack thanked Don Powell and all of the callers who notify members of our meetings each month. Plans are in the works to recognize the callers at our September 17th meeting.

Old Business - We are still waiting for comments to, and/or acceptance of, our Chapter Constitution and By-Laws that were sent to New York.

Joe Mullings reported on the 2nd annual combined Space Coast/Treasure Coast Picnic at Sebastian Inlet Park, to be held on Oct. 1. Sonny's BBQ will cater the foo. Cost: \$11 pp. Mail checks (payable to Grumman Retiree Club-Space Coast Chapter) to Ron Stinton, 147 Oxford Ct., Indialantic, FL 32903, or to Joe Mullings, 469 Renaissance Ave., Melbourne, FL 32940. Tickets will also be available at the Sept. 17 meeting. Hope you plan to attend.

President Dan Postupack shared with the group that he received an e-mail from the President of the Grumman Club, saying our chapter was inadvertently reported as sending a \$500 contribution to the Club's Open Scholarship fund for FY 2008. In fact; that contribution was from Florida/First Coast chapter.

President Dan Postupack announced that he will meet with his committee to finalize plans for the Space Coast yearly Golf Tournament to be held on Sept. 27, at the Suntree Country Club. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to participate in the golf tournament.

New Business - Bill Waldron asked the group to consider the possibility of arranging day trips, cruises, and long trips with a travel agent or agency so that we can make travel plans available to discuss at future meetings.

Employee Birthdays for June: George Moletz, Belford Carter, Nelson Ruiz, Jerald Ernst, Louis Klein, Larry Pike, Laurence Andersen, Gene Burgess, Joseph Guttadauro, Tom Ivory, Franklin O'Brien, Arthur Hudson, Marie Latsko-Gorofsky, Joseph Grusauskas, Charles Farrell, Albert Gagliano, and Eli Landau.

Spouse Birthdays: Claire Manley, Amy Ruiz, Jennifer Carrasco, Gene Latsko-Gorofsky, Angie Cheslack, Terry Harris, Jeanne Jacob, and Judy Felber.

Anniversaries: Bill & Barbara Waldron, Carl & Ruth Hofmann, Heinz & Gloria Schreiber, James & Barbara Leahy, Rosemarie & Tony Mirabito Bain, Stephen & Katherine Petrovits, Joseph & Janet Grusauskas, Peter & Barbara Gelpi, Robert & Dorothy Beck, Richard & Angie Cheslack, Gary & Ginny Sines, and Richard & Marie Passarella.

The meeting was adjourned. President Postupack wished everyone a happy and healthy summer.

No meetings in July and August.

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

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

**Meetings for 2008:** No mtgs July & August, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & 12/17.

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before Sue Dapkins, from Delaware Opportunities, gave a talk on the many services that they provide.

Sue mentioned a food bank, a "gently used" clothing store, help for school dropouts, and finding jobs and supplying temporary transportation to those jobs. It was an interesting talk and our group decided to bring canned goods each month to donate to their food pantry. Each member will donate whatever he or she can.

After our speaker left we had our raffle and our 50/50. The 50/50 was won by Sigrid Hipel (twice) and by Joan Nau. Rose Marie Busch, Joan Nau, and Howard Ahders won the raffle items of a juicer, set of coasters, and a wineglass set respectively.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this month.

President Joan Nau spoke about the picnic that will be held at Mine Kill State Park, just north of Gilboa, on July 16. Each person/couple will bring their own picnic supplies. There are charcoal grills to use. If you wish to sit out in the sun, bring your own chairs. We will be in a covered pavilion, and there is swimming available. We will meet there about 10:30, but call Sigrid Hipel (607-652-3733) if there is a threat of rain or you aren't sure about the weather.

Joan also mentioned that the wine tasting/dinner in Wallkill is booked up for this September. So, we are planning this trip for 2009, with commitments to be made at the April 2009 meeting and a reservation made at the winery. More information will be forthcoming early in 2009.

Since there was no other business to attend to, the meeting ended with Ernie Eglin leading us in God Bless America.

By: Joan Ahders, Sec'y. (315-841-4760)  
DewDuckInn@aol.com

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## NORTH CAROLINA

### Eastern Carolinas

On 6/10/08, under a beautiful Carolina blue sky, 57 members and guests enjoyed their final meeting of the year, 'til September, at the Clamdigger in Pine Knoll Shores, NC, on the ocean. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Gruebel. The Pledge was followed by Ken's very inspirational prayer. The buffet was delicious, the scenery great, and the jokes kept everyone laughing!

Al Fischer and Bernie Kuntz were our Program Directors and they did a super job. The business part of the meeting included President Tom Schroder presenting Rosemary Daidone, Jim Karika's mother-in-law, with her official badge. Rosemary's first husband, Vincent Schneider, worked for Grumman for 27 years and she has been a guest at all the meetings for the last three years, but could not remember his badge number. Tom got the OK from Bethpage to make her a member, as a surviving spouse,

The remainder of the meeting involved asking for volunteers as officers for the next year. Tom did get a Vice-President, Bob Lamberson, a former club president, who volunteered to serve, and a new secretary, Dottie Karika. Dottie replaces Joan Willemsen, who had to step down due to illness.

Tom was then nominated by his wife, June, to continue as President; Jim Karika will continue as Treasurer. Tom and Jim have held these positions for the last five years and are ready for another one!

With the slate taken care of, members then volunteered to be Program Directors: for September: Jim Karika and Tony Peralta; for October: Marty Olstad and Paul Albers; for November: Art Miller will plan an overnight trip to the Winston-Salem area to see the beautiful Christmas Lights display.

Wes Johnson, our 50/50 man, then called the winners: Al Fischer, Ken Gruebel, Al Northrup, Marty Olstad, Tony Peralta, Mary Paulik, and Nora Reichert. Wes then dispensed winnings to these smiling people.





New Business: We discussed a letter from Express Scripts regarding generic drugs and the three-price range. They are putting as many people as possible on generics.

Ways & Means: At the June meeting, everyone won a gift. Some won two.

Meeting adjourned at 3PM.

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

By: Joyce Smith, Sec'y. (732-505-4821)  
djsmithiii@aol.com

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**NEW YORK**

**Eastern Long Island**

President Bert Moller welcomed 23 members to our annual June indoor picnic. Sgt.-at-Arms Richie Myers us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Mytko offered a prayer for all of our ailing and departed members and for our troops in harm's way.

Birthday & Anniversary Greetings for June, July, & August:

Allie Guild [June], Joyce Hamilton [July], and Prez. Bert Moller [Aug] celebrate birthdays.

Barney & Joan Terwiller and Miles & Eileen Jones have June anniversaries. Congrats to all!

The reading of the Secretary's minutes was waived. Treasurer Marty Getzelman entertained our group with many "jokes" before his report. We're still solvent!

Community Relations: Bill Mytko [631-588-5697] sent a letter of thanks to Riverhead Police Chief Hegermiller and to his supervisor, Phil Cardinale, for the Chief's presentation at our May meeting.

Bill reported no deaths or illnesses at this time. Please contact Bill with info regarding illnesses, deaths, etc. Richie Myers to undergo surgery this Summer. Our thoughts and prayers are with him!

Prez. Bert & Bill Mytko again suggested car pools for future meetings due to gas prices. We voted to lower lunch fee to \$10, starting at October meeting.

VP Bob Albert asked for someone to become our Membership Person. Also, vacant officer spots need to be filled or our Club could be finished! We need your help!

50/50 drawing had 2 more lucky winners

No meetings in July & August.

**Next Meeting: Sept. 17.**

Future meetings are always on 3rd Wednesday of the month: 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!

Have a healthy, happy Summer . . . and - as the song goes - "See You In September."

Thanks again to our great door people, Roy & Pauline.

By: Bob Albert, VP

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**Grumman Upstate New York**

Fourteen members and one guest speaker met at Stella Luna for lunch. President Joan Nau opened our meeting at noon with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack Nau had made two hangers so that our US flag and Chapter flag could be hung and displayed for our meetings. We could not hang them as we did at Christopher's and needed a new method. It worked just great.

Secretary Joan Ahders read the minutes from May, which were then approved. We then had our lunch

**FLORIDA/ Suncoast**

Suncoast Chapter is on Summer break.

**Meeting dates: 10/22, 11/19, 12/17.**

We meet at King Buffet, 49th St. & Park Blvd., in Pinellas Park, 4th Wednesday of the month.

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

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**FLORIDA / Treasure Coast**

The June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Treasure Coast Club was held at Manero's Restaurant, in Palm City, with 74 members and guests attending. (A wonderful turnout for June!)

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain, Lawrence Regier, announced that Bill Engerisser (who has a 97th birthday this month) had fallen, but was recuperating nicely. Dominick Pescitelli is hospitalized, as are Charlie Heinz, Delores Tschudi, and Judi Crespo. Our best wishes to all of our members who are ill.

Larry also noted the passing of Gene Dickens, a long time Stuart employee. Our condolences to his family.

Following lunch, VP Bob Watkins spoke about the Air Force contract that was once given to Boeing, then withdrawn, then awarded to Northrop Grumman, and is now being challenged by Boeing. The challenge stems from the fact that Northrop Grumman has partnered with Airbus, the European company subsidized by the governments that own Airbus. If the contract remains with Northrop Grumman, will the product be produced in Europe? A lively discussion followed.

Members were reminded to bring any Grumman memorabilia that they are willing to donate to our scholarship fund, to our September meeting. These items, along with the ones already donated, will be displayed at our October meeting in a silent auction setting. We are hoping everyone has something that they either want to donate or want to purchase!

Our joint picnic with the Space Coast Club is scheduled for October 1 at Sebastian Inlet State Park. Tickets will be available at the September meeting. We are looking forward to as a great turnout as we had last year. For more information, please call Nancy Schaefer. (Contact info below.)

President Art Hill announced the birthdays: Bill Engerisser, Dick Terry (87), Al Bischof (85), and Fred Petruichik (83).

Anniversaries included Bob & Irene Falkowski (53 yrs), and Fred & Virginia Petruichik (58 yes).

We welcome new member Bob Riggendorf and his wife, Rose.

President Hill also announced that Johnny's Restaurant, where the club met for many years, has closed permanently. The newspaper article claimed that construction on US 1 contributed to the demise of the restaurant.

President Hill wished everyone a wonderful summer. (We do not meet in July and August.)

Following the 50-50 drawing, the meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: September 18**, at Manero's Restaurant, in Palm City. For more information, please contact Nancy Schaefer (772-878-2295 or 772-528-8169) or at nmscha@aol.com

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**GEORGIA / Peach Pit**

On Tuesday, June 17, there were 15 present at the Chapter meeting held at the LaMannas' home in Milledgeville. Meeting started at 12:30PM, and was presided over by President Lew Luliucci. Following the call to order, Sergeant-at-Arms Alfie Geeson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Chaplain Designee Pat Borstell gave the Blessing.

This was the Club's annual picnic social meeting wherein Bob & Loretta LaManna graciously open their home to members. They have done this for several years now. Bob does the grilling and Loretta keeps everything organized. This event is always a success





for those attending and continues the Grumman Family tradition of fellowship. On behalf of the Chapter's officers and membership, I extend our appreciation and thank them for a job well done.

Old Business - Waived.

New Business - Not discussed.

The following happened or were noted

1. All enjoyed visiting with Grummanite Dan Strauss, who attended this social meeting for the second consecutive year. He is also a Chapter supporter for which we are grateful. 2. Tony Taibi, Plant 66 Grummanite and former Chapter member and officer, also joined us and brought a guest. It was good to visit with him after a number of years as he now resides in Florida. We appreciate Danny and Tony taking the time to join us as their presence added to the success of our event.
2. Two new members, Geraldine Hatcher and Leroy Nash, have joined the Club and were welcomed aboard with an "Introduction to the Club" package sent by Chapter President Lew Iulucci. Our Chapter membership is now 77, which is a decrease of one from last year. 83% of this year's members are in E-mail communication with the Chapter while 17% are contacted via U.S. mail each month meetings are held.
3. The approved Community Donation Plan this year grew to \$605 vs. the \$510 donated last year, thanks to increased gifts from members and visiting guest. To date, the Chapter made a donation, on May 26 [Memorial Day], to the Mary Vinson Memorial Library in memory of the Honorable Congressman Carl Vinson, the Father of the Pacific Navy and long time supporter of Grumman, and his spouse, Mary. This was followed by a donation on June 14 [Flag Day] to the Georgia Military College Scholarship Fund to honor young patriots who volunteer to serve America and the Flag for which it stands. Over the summer break, on July 4 [Independence Day], there will be a donation to the Georgia College and State University [GS&SU] Scholarship Fund. On August 29 [Katrina Day of Remembrance], a donation will be given to the Emergency Medical Services [EMS] Oconee Regional Medical Center Unit of the Medical Center of Central Georgia.

4. No new illness or sickness to report. In Memoriam Condolences are extended to Lilli Kate Collins in the death of Hubert Lee Collins, her spouse, who died June 18, 2008.
5. June Happy Birthday wishes to Ann Baumgart (12th); Lilli Kate Collins (16th); Marie Guida (25th); T. Lee Hicks (2nd); Jackie Holsenbeck (19th); Jack Johnson (27th); Jennifer McNeese (11th); Frank Minicozzi (27th); Margaret Pepe (2nd); Ann Peterson (2nd); John Stanley (22nd); and Harry Stuckey, Jr. (1<sup>st</sup>).
6. June Wedding Congratulations are extended to Herman & Mary Archer (50th on 7th); Ernie & Nancy Godbee (5th); Mario & Marie Guida (1st); Frank & Dorothy Minicozzi (21st); and Stan & Stella Winnicki (15th).
7. July Happy Birthday wishes are extended to William Blind (26th); Helen Blind (26th); Hans Borstell (13th); Gloria Griffin (18th); Virginia Klingener (1st); Ken Lettang (22nd); Maudie Macklin (2nd); John Pineo (9th); Jerry Potter (22nd) and Patsy Potter (13th).
8. July Wedding Congratulations to Dave & Rose Haskell (7/10); Tom & Pat O'Toole (7/11); Cliff & Leona Schilling (7/4); Wilbur & Kathy Spikes (7/3).
9. August Happy Birthday wishes are extended to Herman Archer (13th); Harold Bubek (22nd); Marion Duspiva (16th); Bill Holsenbeck (10th); Pam McCabe (23rd); Irma Murch (20th) and Doris Rule (13th).
10. August Wedding Congratulations are extended to Fred & Bernadette Ablan (1st); Tom & Jennifer McNeese (6th); and Earl & Penny Seagle (26th).
11. Bob LaManna won the 75/25 raffle and donated his winnings to our treasury. Thank you, Bob. In a second, non-monetary drawing, Danny Strauss won a decorative ceramic coaster, presented by Loretta LaManna, engraved with an American Flag and the inscription "Heroes Come in All Sizes." Congratulations, Danny, and Thank You, Loretta, for that gift.
12. All attendees received a logo T-shirt compliments of Robbie LaManna, son of Bob and Loretta. Thank You, Robbie.

The meeting ended at 3:45PM, following best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy summer extended by Chapter President Lew Iulucci to all Club members and their families.

**No meetings during July and August** as it is our summer break.

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

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

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### MARYLAND / Glen Arm

No report of June activity.

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### New England North

Our June luncheon was held at the Mountain View Lodge, in Killington, VT. There were 21 members and guests in attendance. Six people were last minute cancellations, several due to power outages and property damage resulting from very strong rain, wind, and lightning, which rolled through our area the night before. Since the six cancellations were so late, their prepaid luncheons had already been prepared. Other members were kind enough to deliver "doggie bags" of full course meals on their way home!

President Bill Egner opened the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Bill Barnard delivering the invocation.

Ken & Noelle Smith were forced to cancel due to a mishap the morning of the luncheon, which resulted in Ken breaking his arm. We wish him a speedy recovery. We were saddened by Phil Hodge's announcement of the passing of George Schultz. God bless you, George, you are missed by all of us.

On the brighter side, Phil announced that Jean & Bill Barnard celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on June 3. Congratulations to them! Joan & Bill Wanner will celebrate their 49<sup>th</sup>, on June 27th.

50/50 was won by Marty Johnson and Barbara Reill. The grab bag consisted primarily of a very colorful variety of flowering plants. Also in the mix were a

calculator/planner, a box of candy, and a lonely bottle of wine!

As of this writing, seven couples have signed up for our September 16 & 17 trip to Ogunquit, Maine.

**Next luncheon: July 8**, at the Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT.

By: Bill Wanner (Joan.C.Wanner@valley.net)

**Our meeting schedule for the year is:**

- Tues, July 8: Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT
- \*Wed, Aug. 13: Heli's, Killington, VT
- Tues, Sept.9: Picnic at Milt Radimer's, Newfound Lake, NH
- Tues, Oct. 14: Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT

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### NEW JERSEY / Garden State

President Bill Staples opened the June meeting at 1:05PM, with sixteen members attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our sick and departed members and for our service men and women.

The May meeting minutes were accepted as read. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

June Birthdays:  
Helen Hermida (06/21), Marie Adams (06/29).

June Anniversary:  
Les & Lorraine Grizlo 58 years on 06/04.

July Anniversary:  
Al & Gloria Larsen 63 years on 07/21.

August Birthdays:  
Ann Hilker (08/09), Ray Hermida (08/15), Morton Rochman (08/17), Miriam Frankel (08/20), and Carolyn Kerr (08/26).

Sunshine Report:  
Harry Adams had a carotid artery procedure. Harry, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Old Business: None