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**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
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# MARS STAR



**MARS EVENTS for  
This Quarter!!**

**Annual Holiday Celebration  
December 1, 2010  
DTC Marriott Hotel @ 7:00 nm**

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## **REMINDER:**

**If you move, please give the membership VP a change of address. Also, if you are a snowbird, let us know when you are leaving and when you plan to return so your MARS STAR can be sent to you. It costs us 70 cents for each STAR package returned.**

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## ***MARS Associates Entry Wins Big at Littleton Western Welcome Parade***



*(see Allen Sander's "Next Up" article on page 5 for details and pictures)*



## President's Corner

By Bo Rodriguez

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In our continued celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MARS Associates, we have much to report. Our summer activities started with the Senior Luncheon where nearly three hundred members and their guests participated. Participants had the opportunity to revisit past experiences and to get caught up with friends. All in attendance enjoyed a wonderful meal in a wonderful venue as well. Thanks to Dale Benesch, and Linda Stearns for their efforts to bring about a successful event and a special thanks to Joe and Marjorie Donathan as sponsoring members at the Pinehurst Country Club. Just a reminder, you can view photos of the event in our last issue of the MARS STAR.

In August we participated in the 2010 Western Welcome Week Parade in Littleton, Colorado with the entry of a large float displaying our aerospace heritage. A big thank you to Allen Sanders, float coordinator, and all of our volunteers for bring about our award winning success. See Allen's article (Next Up!) for more information about the parade in this issue of the MARS STAR. Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company also featured an article about our float in their employee newsletter NEW HORIZONS that can be found on line at the following URL: <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/ssc/newhorizons/index.html>. We also have a link on our MARS website (<http://marsretirees.org>) to NEW HORIZONS. Check it out!

The 2010 Annual Picnic was held at Clement Park, attracted over three hundred members, guests and participating vendors. The weather was perfect, the crowd was jovial, and the food prepared by Bennett's Bar-B-Que was great. This year we gave out forty-three prizes. The major prizes went to: Ruth Miles \$100 cash; Verne Coleman \$200 cash; George Malinick Arrowhead Golf Course passes valued at \$300; and Yvonne Martin \$300 cash. Ralph Dergance was responsible for acquiring a large amount of the door prizes ---Thank you Ralph! Also, thanks to Lockheed Martin, Delta Dental of Colorado, Peliton, and Linda Stearns for their door prize participation. As always, thank you to Dale

Benesch and Al Hartford for coordinating this splendid event.

A special event to commemorate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club was held on September 14th. Although we were given a special discounted price, our participation at the game, as an organization, was light. Our Colorado Rockies played an exciting game against the San Diego Padre, ...even in defeat. The evening weather was perfect and the atmosphere at the ballpark was grand. In speaking with Todd Thomas of the Colorado Rockies, we agreed to make plans to discuss the possibility of arranging a similar event next year.

The Cool Ride Car Show was held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lockheed Martin's Waterton facility. This event is part of Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company's Mile High United Way Campaign. MARS Associates provide volunteers to help out at the event's festivities. Members were also encouraged to put their classic or unique cars in the car show. MARS member Anne Baty had her car; an impeccable customized 1955 Chevrolet Nomad with a high performance engine on display. Prior to the car show, Anne called me to ask if I would drive her car to the car show since the car does not have power steering and has a five speed manual transmission which she said is difficult for her to drive. While at the show, I started up the Chevrolet Nomad and accelerated the beastly Cadillac 502 horsepower engine. At that point, Vice-Presidents Rich Kludt and Dave Haines walked up to view Anne's car and commented, "What is all the noise?" I responded by saying we needed to create some thunder to accommodate the dark cloud cover we were experiencing that day.

Since becoming your president, I receive occasional correspondence from our members. Recently I spoke with Mike Miller whom I knew during my working career at Lockheed Martin. Since his retirement from the company, Mike and his wife Jackie have been enjoying their retirement by travelling around the country and helping others in the process. The following is one of many experiences Mike and Jackie have realized in their adventures of travel and helping others. The following is Mike's message:

This is a voice from the past. I am presently sitting in an RV park near Hannibal, Missouri. My mail just caught up with us from Livingston, Texas. We do not live in Texas; however, our mail is forwarded on

to us from there, as we travel. We actually spend our winters in Apache Junction, Arizona, and travel by motor home during the summer months. I always look forward to reading the MARS *STAR* and the President's Corner when we receive our mail. I was reading the July issue when the thought occurred to me that I should drop you a line. Maybe you can mention the Angel Bus Organization, and us, in one of the future MARS *STAR* issues. The Angel Bus Organization is a ground transportation provider for those in need. Their website link is [www.Angel-Bus.org](http://www.Angel-Bus.org). I just completed a couple of missions a few weeks ago. (See the website for a write-up on one of these missions.) These missions have been a very rewarding experience and it is what some of us younger retirees are doing to keep occupied. It also allows us the opportunity to travel to and see new places. Thanks for your time and please keep up the good work.

#### **A recap of one of Mike and Jackie's recent missions:**

The wheels on Mike and Jackie's rig turned very early the morning of July 19 as the couple headed to Charlestown, Indiana, to pick up Stanley, the first Angel Bus patient to get a ride in a motor coach since the nonprofit organization was reinstated by Mercy Medical Airlift. Mike Miller is a volunteer driver who calls Livingston, Texas, home base. They were in Kentucky visiting Mike's mother.

The two rose at 4:00 a.m. and drove to Charlestown in their luxurious 40-foot Mountain Aire. Stanley, a 15-year-old boy who suffers from epilepsy, and his mom, Karolee, got on board, with Stanley sitting up front as Mike's "co-pilot."

Their destination was Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The Comprehensive Epilepsy Center there is one of the nation's leading facilities. Stanley was scheduled to undergo tests to determine whether or not he would be a good candidate for surgery. Besides taking anti-seizure medication, he also has a Vagus Nerve Stimulator that was implanted surgically in 2008. "It's supposed to cut back on seizures, but Stanley has been having difficulties," Karolee said. She hopes he'll be able to have the surgery, which repairs the part of the brain from which his seizures originate. "They're having a lot of success at Cincinnati," she added.

Mike said that on the trip, he learned Stanley is "a history buff. He was looking around, asking

questions, commenting on the old, historic homes and buildings in Cincinnati."

A rocket scientist who retired from Lockheed Martin after 33 years, Mike said he'd always traveled in his work. "I was at the company's beck and call. Now I can travel at my own pace."

He and Jackie spend winters in Apache Junction, Arizona, and travel the rest of the year in their motor coach. "We spend a week or so in each place." Mike learned about Angel Bus through the Family Motor Coach Association. "Jackie and I had been looking for something to do to give back." Angel Bus filled the bill.

Karolee is a stay-at-home mom with two older, grown daughters. She said the three-hour trip went smoothly. "Jim Smith [Angel Bus Executive Director] had everything set up. We had a wonderful time. It was nice and comfortable."

Stanley attends a private school in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and is in the tenth grade. "He loves anything to do with mechanics," Karolee said. "He likes to draw and he loves dogs. We have a dog named Lola. She can pick up on Stanley's seizures. She alerts me if something's going on with him. She taps on my bed with her paw until she wakes me."

While her son was being tested, Karolee stayed in a Ronald McDonald House, and Mike and Jackie went to Columbus, Ohio, to visit friends. At the end of the week, they picked up mother and son and returned them safely home."

Mike's story is one example of the many worthy volunteer efforts performed by caring MARS members. If you, or some other MARS members you know are volunteering their free time to a worthy cause, I would love to hear from you. Remember at the end of each year we solicit candidates for recognition as the "Volunteer of the Year".

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## Next Up!!!

By Allen Sanders

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To help commemorate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, MARS Associates participated in this year's Western Welcome Week Parade in Littleton, Colorado. The parade was part of Festival Day, the culmination of the 82nd Annual Western Welcome Week celebration.

Our entry in the parade was a large float displaying replicas of aerospace heritage that MARS Associates members directly or indirectly influenced. In the history of MARS Associates this was their first attempt to embark upon such an undertaking. The Parade took place on Saturday, August 21, 2010 starting at Gallup Street and proceeded on through downtown Littleton on Main Street. The parade route was packed with viewers displaying excitement about the float and proclaiming their support for us. The float won two recognitions in the parade:

### **Float – Clubs, 1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

MARS Associates (Blue Ribbon)

### **Richard Little Parade Chair Award:**

MARS Associates (Trophy)

*(See float pictures on pages 6 & 7)*

I was glad to have been the coordinator of our float activity and had a lot of help. We acquired salvage materials and obtained the use of display models, posters and a banner from Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. The low-bed trailer and truck serving as the foundation of the float was provided by Bob and Bonnie Snodgress and was driven in the parade by Bob. Additional volunteers supporting the float committee were: Bo Rodriguez, Al Hartford, Dale Benesch, Duane DelDuca, Gene Cody, Lonnie Farmer, and Paul Boykin. All participated in the design and construction of the float, and riders on parade day were Bob and Bonnie Snodgress, Bo Rodriguez, Gene Cody, Paul and Lorna Boykin, and

myself. But even if you look closely at the pictures or were at the parade, you may not have spotted the MARS President, Bo Rodriguez. Bo was the robot waving to the crowd and acting out robotic antics. He was the hit with everyone all along the parade route in a Mylar covered costume he designed and made himself. All had great fun. We called attention to MARS and Lockheed Martin throughout the community and the trophies and pictures and a write up are being displayed at the Lockheed Martin Waterton facility, also calling attention to MARS. All this was accomplished with only a small parade entry fee loaned or donated materials at no cost, and lots of donated time and effort.

I encourage all of you to involve yourselves in MARS activities such as attending the MARS annual events (the next one is the Annual Holiday Celebration on Dec 1), participating in clubs or forming one that interests you, volunteering and supporting other activities such as the WWW parade or the publishing of the MARS *STAR*, volunteering your time in support of the organizations on the MARS webpage who need volunteers, running for a MARS office to give your time, ideas and talents to MARS, or just calling or emailing MARS Officers about your interests or desires for the Association.



## ***MARS Associates Float***

***Commemorating our 25th Anniversary  
WINS  
1st Place for "Floats by Clubs" and  
the "Richard Little Parade Chair Award"***

*Pictured above with the award winning float are Allen Sanders, Bob Snodgress, Bo Rodriguez, Gene Cody, Bonnie Snodgress, Paul and Lorna Boykin*

## **From the Editor's Desk**

By Ken Jones

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### **Article written by Pat Kenning**

If you missed the annual Western Welcome Parade on Saturday, August 21st, you missed seeing the magnificent 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary MARS float which won not one, but TWO awards!

Congratulations to the present MARS Board for their idea and initiative to create a memorable float to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the MARS Associates, which was founded, in 1985, by a few

enthusiastic volunteers. Today, the organization has grown to nearly 2,000 members.

The big hit of the float was Board President Bo Rodriguez who made himself into a Mylar covered robot and who very carefully cavorted around on the flatbed trailer. President Elect Allen Sanders masterminded the project. The efforts of everyone involved were well worth the finished project – a double prizewinner. Thanks to all who participated.

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## Activities Updates

By Dale Benesch  
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The **2010 Senior Luncheon** was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 and was attended by 289 members and guests. The raspberry mousse was a crowd pleaser.

The **2010 Annual Picnic** took place at Clement Park on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. We were blessed with excellent weather and the food provided by Bennett's Bar-B-Que was great. We received 61 late reservations after the September 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date but Bennett's BBQ was able to adjust to the anticipated attendee count. Thank goodness!

The **Annual Holiday Celebration** will again be held at the Denver Tech Center Marriott Hotel. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Joni Janak and her band will play again this year.

The **2011 Annual Meeting** has been planned for Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the Crystal Rose.

Planning ahead? Here are some **activity dates for next year.**

2011 Senior Luncheon:	July 13, 2011
2011 Annual Picnic:	September 7, 2011
2011 Holiday Celebration:	December 7, 2011



## Senior Fare

By Don Jackson  
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September is picnic time for the Colorado based MARS membership and thanks to great planning and

a lot of luck, we had great weather and great participation. This year's turnout proved that the young at heart could have as much fun as the young. Supporting organizations participating in our fun-filled and very informative picnic were Kay Girodo representing Delta Dental, Joann Beiler and Leslie Goldsberry from Peliton Benefits, John Keniston attending from AT&T, Megi Scowcroft and Joel Bush from HM Brown, Shauna Broadus representing Kaiser Permanente, Len Skovira from Horizon Bay, Andrew Parrott from the Red Rocks Credit Union and lastly, Sandra Atencio and Jasmine Goss from Sam's Club. Continued support by these companies and others like them result in nice benefits for our membership. Additional savings and answers to many other questions can also be found on the MARS Retirees website. For a current list of specific benefits and offers please visit the MARS website at <http://marsretirees.org>.

Additional discounts and benefits can be found on the Lockheed Martin Employee Service Center website at <https://www3.benefitsweb.com/lmc.html>. Log on with your SSN and PIN. After login, you'll see a menu item for "Retiree Discounts".

By the time you read this, the Delta Dental open enrollment period will have ended. Hopefully all of you that wanted to re-enroll did so. Keep in mind that after December 31, 2010 Delta Dental will no longer accept checks as monthly payment of premiums. Premiums will have to be made via credit card or automatic deduction from your account. If you have questions, contact Delta Dental or me for additional information.

Now that the Annual Picnic has come and gone and fall is here, the season for MARS Elections has arrived. Nominations for MARS Associate Officers and candidates for our Board of Directors are being solicited for the 2011 election year for the positions described below. A committee composed of officers and members of our Board of Directors have reviewed recent years MARS membership information to identify those members who showed some interest in serving MARS in the described positions. While some members contacted expressed an interest, we are requesting that our total membership consider the opportunity to serve in the following positions.

## Officers

**Vice-President – Business:** Negotiate benefit plans and discounts for the organization for availability to the MARS membership and provide the



benefit information of the plans to the membership. Conduct the nomination and election process for the Officers and Board of Directors; administer required state and federal documents as they apply to MARS Associates. **Don Jackson**, the incumbent has served out an unexpired 2-year term. Don has elected not to run for a second 2-year term.

**Vice-President – Membership:** Maintains the MARS membership database and maintains contact with potential members and solicit them for active membership in MARS. Polls MARS members to ascertain interests in special activities, which can be sponsored or arranged by MARS. Issue and sign membership cards to new members and provide mailing labels and event nametags, as required. **Linda Stearns**, the incumbent has decided not to run for a second 2-year term.

**Vice President – Communications:** Actively promotes good public relations within MARS. Prepare and publish any internal periodicals; distributes periodicals to MARS members. Operate the Senior Information Center for the benefit of members. Provide, if possible, the publication of illness or death of members, in an internal periodical. **Bonnie Snodgress**, the incumbent has served two 2-year terms in office and cannot continue to serve in this capacity per the bylaws.

## Board of Directors

**(3 positions)** - Adopt and publish policies, rules and regulations governing the conduct of business for MARS Associates and exercise all powers, duties and authority within the organization.

Incumbents **David Martz** and **Bob Lines** are eligible to serve a second 2-year term and have expressed their interest in doing so.

Incumbent **Bette Henson** has served two 2-year terms in office and cannot continue to serve in this capacity per the bylaws.

Members of MARS Associates are needed as nominees for the positions identified above in order to have a meaningful election for next year. Our organization cannot sustain itself unless our members participate fully in the leadership roles on our Board of Directors and/or Officers. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Membership

By Linda Stearns

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## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of September 25, 2010, MARS Associates' active membership is 1,598 including 809 senior members (at least 75 years old, as of February 28, 2010). Please welcome the following new and returning members:

### Colorado

Aurora	Theodore and Julie Karas
Castle Rock	Stella and Lynn Gates
Colorado Springs	Gideon and Catherine Diamon Wayne and Ruth Hjelmstad Gary Koskovich
Colorado Springs, cont.	Mary and Christopher Kulczyk David and Connie Lindsay Paul (Jr) and Jane Wise
Elizabeth	Gerald and Valentina Mavor
Highlands Ranch	Larry and Deanna Davis
Lakewood	Hedley and Carol Smith
Littleton	Preston and Deanna Brewer James and Jeannette Corbin William Cossaboom David and Sheryl Davidson Daniel and Lucinda Ellerhorst Cathy and David Lee David and Patricia Wilson
Monument	John and Joan Green
Parker	Steven and Wendy Rehm
Sedalia	Anne Herrington

### Other States

Blairsville,	Mikie Beuster
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Georgia

Germantown, Maryland Robert and Erin Petraitis

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Richard and Joan Jessup

## **MEMBERSHIP DATA**

### MARS-Affiliated Clubs and Volunteering

It is the member's responsibility to contact any MARS-affiliated club officer or point-of-contact to participate in club activities, or to volunteer for any activities. For more information about these activities, see the MARS STAR or the MARS website at <http://marsretirees.org>.

### MARS Membership Unit

MARS membership is defined in the policy manual as a family unit consisting of the retiree and spouse (or significant other), although the membership card and mailing data are in the retiree's name. In the event that the retiree dies, the spouse becomes the member in his/her own name and may remain a MARS member by continuing to pay the annual dues. The senior status accorded a membership is based on the retiree's date of birth, even for a surviving spouse member.

### Membership Renewal

Renewal forms are mailed in the **January** mailing. On your renewal form, please verify all of your personal information including spouse or significant other, and email address or if you no longer have an email address. Let me know of any changes to your email address even if you don't want it posted on the MARS website.

### Addresses & Phone Numbers

You can ensure that you receive all your STAR mailings, with newsletters, flyers and information about MARS and Lockheed Martin activities. Please notify me promptly by letter, email or phone call of any address, telephone number or email change and do not miss out on your MARS STAR mailings. If you regularly spend part of the membership year away from your address of record, let me know what your alternate address is and when you are there. We will send your STAR mailing to that address! Every quarter, there are a number of packages that do not arrive because members' addresses have changed without our being aware and bulk mail is not forwarded. You miss out on the mailing, the postage is spent anyway, and the Post

Office charges us for notification of undeliverable envelopes. Everyone loses!

### Spouse Information

The MARS database includes the names of members' spouses or significant others. The initial data came from the application form you submitted when joining MARS. If there are changes to this information, please bring it to my attention.

### In Memoriam Data

The sources of the information in this section of the STAR include published obituary reports and information communicated directly from MARS members or their families. Please contact me or Roy Kannady with any information concerning this so that we may acknowledge in the **In Memoriam** section a member or spouse passing away and we can also keep the membership data current.

You can contact me, Linda Stearns, VP of Membership, at: MARS Associates, P.O. Box 1128, Littleton, CO, 80160-1128; Phone 303-797-3557; or email [linda80120@comcast.net](mailto:linda80120@comcast.net).

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## **MARS Associates In Memoriam**

By Roy Kannady  
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### **Members**

Hagelin, Allan B. (D: Sep '10)  
(Preceded by Miriam B. ~ D: Jun '09)  
Lakewood, CO

Hardwick, Margaret S. (D: Sep '10)  
(Survived by Roger G.)  
Littleton, CO

Hargreaves, Valerie Valcourt (D: Jul '10)  
(Survived by William J. Jr. "Bill")  
Littleton, CO

Lewis, Robert O Jr. (D: Jul '10)  
(Survived by Joan L.)  
Lakewood, CO

Nimon, George Wayne (D: Aug '10)  
(Preceded by Barbara A. ~ D: Jun '04)

Highlands Ranch, CO

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Powell, Ronald K. (D: Jun '10)  
(Survived by Mary Lou)  
Golden, CO

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Rheinheimer, Edna M "Mikie" (D: Jul '10)  
(Survived by Hans H.)  
Littleton, CO

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Schumacher, Janice L. (D: Aug '10)  
(Survived by Harry)  
Castle Rock, CO

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Spurck, Richard F. (D: Jul '10)  
(Survived by Greta N.)  
Golden, CO

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Walsh, Eugene J. "Gene" (D: Sep '10)  
(Survived by Kathleen M.)  
Denver, CO

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Wasinger, James E. "Jim" (D: Aug '10)  
(Survived by Nancy M)  
Wheat Ridge, CO

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Wolff, David E "Dave" (D: Jul '10)  
(Preceded by Kay ~ D: May '04)  
Centennial, CO  
Lake Havasu City, AZ

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### ***Non-Members***

Carden, Willmer Levon,  
MSgt USAF (Ret.) "Bama" (D: Jul '10)  
Survived by Georgia "Dode")  
Coeur d' Alene, ID

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Geyer, Gary S., Col USAF (Ret.) (D: Jul '10)  
(Survived by Janice K.)  
Las Cruces, NM

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Hubbs, H. Newton "Newt" (D: Jun '10)  
(Survived by Jean M.)  
Pueblo, CO

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Lehnen, Karen (D: Sep '10)

(Survived by Doug)  
Castle Rock, CO

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McMordie, Robert K. "Bob" (D: Aug '10)  
(Preceded by Jane ~ D: Apr '06)  
Centennial, WY

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Mitchell, William Ray,  
LCDR USN (Ret.) (D: Jun '10)  
(Survived by Mary Ann Carrico-Mitchell)  
Campbellsburg, KY

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Rodney, George A. (D: Oct '96)  
(Survived by Roberta "Cindy")  
Melbourne, FL

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Schumacher, Mary M. (D: Jul '10)  
(Preceded by Ernest A. "Ernie" ~ D: Jul '01)  
Centennial, CO

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## **Historian's Corner**

By Pat Kenning

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### **Attention History Buffs!**

Your devoted Associate Editor got to thinking (always dangerous!) about the past 25 years of MARS history. Who was the first president? Who kept all the annual reports and copies of our wonderful MARS *STAR*? Or did anyone?

MARS co-editor Ken Jones didn't know BUT President-Elect Allen Sanders, who has held several Board positions over the years, told me that when the former secretary Geneva Purdy passed away, her son did not throw out all those old dusty boxes in the garage, Bless his heart. Instead, he gave them, as is, to Allen who had also saved almost of the previous MARS *STAR* issues! In going through the boxes of papers, Allen found most, if not all, of the annual reports, as well as many of the previous MARS *STAR* issues. Fantastic!

Allen has sorted, re-boxed, and passed on these priceless archives to current VP of Membership Linda Stearns who assured me they are safe and sound in storage as the Stearns residence. The Stearns are

in the process of moving. However, when the dust settles from the move, yours truly will be able to go through them and hopefully, list all of former Board presidents plus other interesting trivia in a future MARS *STAR* issue. Stay tuned!

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## Bridge Club

By Dave & Kathy Martz  
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***A bit of Bridge Trivia:*** The game of Bridge has been played in taverns, inns, countryside homes, royal palaces, mansions and even in the private rooms of the clergy. Mr. Harold Vanderbilt did much to perfect a bridge "system" in 1925. He introduced rules, principles, treatments and even a scoring table. His established rules became so popular that the majority of players adopted his game of Contract Bridge.

We welcome all MARS members to come and join us at our monthly get together. We play on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at the Buck Community Recreation Center (Littleton) from 10 AM to 2 PM** (pack your lunch). The club provides the cards and all requirements for the games as well as coffee, tea, and hot water for your enjoyment.

Couples, as well as singles, are welcome. If you don't have a bridge partner, the club can assist in finding one for you if you let us know in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following Bridge Club Officers:

Presidents:

Dave & Kathy Martz, 303-683-9524

Vice-Presidents:

Bill & Connie Lutes, 303-470-5982

Secretary:

Dick Farrell, 303-798-6502

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2010 winners are as follows:

### July 16 (5 tables)

1<sup>st</sup> – Bill & Mavis Kacena

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dick & Ester Farrell

3<sup>rd</sup> – Dick & Madeline Maginn

4<sup>th</sup> – Paul & Marie Stanton

### August 20 (6 tables)

1<sup>st</sup> – Bill & Mavis Kacena

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ed Cortez & Dick Hershey

3<sup>rd</sup> – Joe Pohlen & Maurice Larue

4<sup>th</sup> – Ernie & Cecile Berliner

### September 17 (5 1/2 tables)

N/S 1<sup>st</sup> – Ted Bornhoeft & Judie Watanabe

2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe Pohlen & Maurice Larue

E/W 1<sup>st</sup> – Paul & Marie Stanton

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dick & Ester Farrell

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## Dinner Club

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Your Dinner Club just keeps on enjoying very fine, cost-effective meals in 2010. The level of participation increases with each year. We also continue to receive suggested venues from our members.

We began this quarter with dinner at one of the Club's favorites, **240 Union** on **July 15** where 70 Associates enjoyed a superior dinner. This event sold out at the previous capacity of 50 within FOUR DAYS after the April mailing. Fortunately, we were able to increase the attendance at this event thanks to the management of the restaurant. The increased attendance of 70 was also sold out prior to the middle of May. We took our usual break in August and returned to **The Arrowhead Golf Club** for dinner and spectacular scenery on **September 15**. This event was superior; however, only 62 members opting to enjoy a fantastic meal. We hope that more of you choose this venue when it becomes available again. On **October 12** we will be treated to a luncheon at the **Café de France**, which has been sold out for several weeks. We will then close the year at **The Garden Terrace** in Inverness on **November 13**, which also has been sold out for a month.

2011 will begin with a return to the **Wild Ginger** in Littleton on **January 12** for their fantastic Thai food. We will then partake of a private gourmet Sunday brunch at **Opus** back by popular demand on **February 20**. Our usual light rail venture to **The Buckhorn Exchange** for lunch will be held on **March 16**. The remainder of our events for 2011 is currently in the planning phase, and we welcome all suggestions for venues from our members.

Thanks to your continued enthusiastic support, many of our events reach capacity within a week or two of the *STAR* mailing. Therefore, you are all advised to get your checks in early.

Please remember that you may send a single check if you choose to simultaneously reserve space for multiple Dinner Club events. However, please do not combine Dinner Club events with other MARS events (i.e., Holiday Celebration, Annual Meeting, Picnic, Dues, etc.) on a single check. Also, please remember to include the name(s) of guest(s) on the sign-up slips. This will greatly simplify preparation for your events.

We look forward to the continued success of the MARS Associates Dinner Club. We encourage all Associates and their guests to join us for very enjoyable, affordable, and satisfying culinary events.

**Remember this sage advice:**

***"The trick is growing up without growing old."*** from the old "perfesser", Casey Stengel

**Buono L'appetito !!!!!!!**

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## **Golf League**

By Gregor Smith

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We have had a good season with lots of new winners and significantly improved pace of play, which has been a weakness in the past. Having higher handicapped folks teeing off from the red tees seems to have helped, along with limiting time spent looking for those "expensive" golf balls we picked up from the rough in our last round. This tended to eliminate much of the frustration that slow play produces, along with keeping our course managers pleased to have us on their course.

Our yearly tournament was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September with one round each played on the Common Ground and the Broken Tee courses on alternating weeks. First place went to Bob Bowe with an outstanding net of 129 for the grueling thirty-six holes. This was his first win of the year. Congratulations to Bob! Second Place went to Tom Hall with net of 130, and third place went to Wally Goodwin with 133. Don Marquet was fourth with net of 134, Ev Palmer was fifth with 135, Duane DelDuca was sixth with 136, and Paul Boykin, Jack Kimpton, and John Flemming tied for seventh with 138. So, you can see it was a tight contest. Paul Boykin was the low gross winner for the second year in a row.

Our most improved golfer this year was Bob Knickerbocker. He surely would have improved even more if he'd used all the hours he spent rewriting our software programs to practice his golf. Thanks to Bob for the significant improvement allowing our scheduling crew to work more efficiently for each event. The new program is also in a modern programming language, which will support easier maintenance and improvements in the future.

Our scheduling crew of John Gille, Duane DelDuca and Bob Bowe did an outstanding job of learning the nuances of our new program, and were instrumental in providing Bob Knickerbocker the necessary requirements for the program improvements. Thanks men!

Our handicaps are tracked by Tom Hall who provides input to the schedulers for each event during the year. Players enter their scores for each round played into the Colorado Golf Associations GHIN system. CGA then compiles the handicap index for each player and send the updated list to Tom on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

We plan to complete play for 2010 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October and will begin again next April following our annual meeting in March. So stay tuned for the meeting announcement and join us next year. We have lots of fun and great times on the 19<sup>th</sup> hole reminiscing about our past experiences working together on some of the most advanced space programs our country has undertaken, along with bitching about the economy, politics, and our aches and pains.

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## **Photography Club**

By John Flater

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The MARS Photography Club meets the second Thursday of every other month at 1:30 PM in the Littleton Bemis Library meeting room. Scheduled meetings for 2010 are February, April, June, August, October, and December. Meetings feature a program of projected images presented by members or invited guests. Visitors are welcome even if they are not **"photo geeks"**.

Frequently, at our meetings, the subject of the presentation is a TRAVELOGUE in which the presenter shows slides/video of a vacation, with narration. After the presentation we have a coffee break during which members can share travel and



photography tips. If you enjoy seeing images and hearing experiences from others' travel vacations, give the MARS Photo Club a try. Look for the special photo club *Travelogue* flier insert in this MARS *STAR* mailing for more details.

Some programs by members or invited guests are related to photographic techniques and tools usually illustrated by slides, prints and/or equipment. **If you and/or your significant other are interested in film or digital photography** join us for interesting programs, fascinating photos and an opportunity to upgrade technical and creative photographic skills by sharing knowledge and experiences. New members are always welcome at our meetings, so bring a friend if you like. Ideas, comments and suggestions for programs are appreciated.

In addition to the presentation, our meetings usually include a competition of images taken by club participants. The image subject matter may be Open (any subject) or for some competitions a specific subject matter. The competition has categories of color and/or monochrome (usually black and white) prints. A participant may submit up to three prints. Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention may be made depending on the number of images entered. Entries are judged and critiqued by invited judges or club members. After each meeting, the **Photography Club** section of the MARS website (<http://marsretirees.org>) is updated with thumbnail images of the winning pictures and future meeting topics.

#### August 13, 2010 meeting

Ken Bullard, son of MARS member Spence Bullard presented the program. The program was a **TRAVELOGUE**: "Milan through the most scenic landscapes and cities ending at Rome". Ken and his wife illustrated their Italian tour with images from Milan, Pisa, Florence and Rome and narrated their experiences for the enjoyment of club members and a number of guests. Other MARS members that did not see this presentation should remember to periodically check the photo club webpage to see if a **TRAVELOGUE** presentation is planned for the next meeting. All MARS members and their guests are invited to attend any of the club meetings.

The meeting's photo competition subject was "**Motion**". John Chapter, as judge, selected the following winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Larry Stearns	<i>"Arctic Tern Defending the Home Front"</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Larry Stearns	<i>"Bouncy Boat Ride"</i>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Bob Grossart	<i>"Confluence Park Falls"</i>
Honorable Mention	Larry Stearns	<i>"Food Fight"</i>

#### Future Meetings:

##### October 14, 2010

Meeting in October will be on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. John Chapter will present a program about how an antique photograph led him to some interesting Roman history. Competition subject is "Open".

##### December 10, 2010

Meeting will be a holiday luncheon at Country Buffet on South Wadsworth at 11:00 am. No Competition, however, bring three of your favorite slides for the program.

##### February 10, 2011

Ed and Nancy Bathke will be making their Antarctica **TRAVELOGUE** presentation. MARS members that that have thought about a visit to the land of ice and snow should not miss seeing images and hearing experiences from the Bathkes. There is plenty of time to arrange your calendar schedule.

To verify meeting dates, competition subject and program topic go to the MARS Associates website located at (<http://marsretirees.org>) and click on "Photography" on the Clubs button at the lower left to get to the photo club's webpage. Here you'll see "Check the Meeting Schedule below". If the Program has the word **TRAVELOGUE**, it will be a vacation show-and-tell. The competition topic is also listed. Come and enjoy both.

#### Competition Reminder:

Meeting photo competition entries may be prints as small as 4"x 6" to make it more practical for those using digital cameras to print images on their own printers. All submissions must be affixed to a matboard/cardboard or foam backing of at least 8"x10" or as large as 16"x20" for ease of handling and display.

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### Planner's Report

By Dolph Hellman

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Parents are naturally proud of their children and of their accomplishments. In the case of Joanne and

Carl Dreher, they have good reason to be proud of their grown daughter, Eileen Forlenza.

Ms. Eileen Forlenza is currently the director of the Colorado Medical Home Initiative for the State Department of Public Health and Environment. In addition, she serves on several state and national advisory councils and was appointed by the Governor to the Colorado Interagency Coordinating Council and Colorado's Developmental Disabilities Council.

Since the birth of Ms. Forlenza's special needs daughter, Holly, 20 years ago, she has immersed herself in advocating for Holly's education and future.

In early July, Kareem Dale, Special Assistant to the President, sent an invitation to Eileen to join President Obama for the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Disability Act (ADA). On July 26, 2010, with others, she was a guest of President Barack Obama at the White House.

Regardless of your politics, meeting the President has to be a thrill for yourself, your family, your friends, and especially your parents. What an honor!

The following is Eileen's reflections of her awe-inspiring White House visit. It has been slightly edited.

#### Sitting on the Front Lawn of Our Nation

"For as long as I can remember, I have been involved in activities around social justice. I grew up in Houston at the height of racial tension brought about by forced integration. My family and I daily witnessed examples of racial intolerance, along with glimpses of changing attitudes.

Fast forward twenty years and I gave birth to a child with significant disabilities. I can see clearly how those childhood observations and experiences of baseless hatred, fear, and discrimination were a training ground for the life I have led in the years since my daughter's birth.

This year celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This legislation has been called one of the most comprehensive civil rights bills in the history of our country. As a parent of a child with disabilities, I can testify to the truth of that statement. I have spent the entire 20 years of my daughter's life advocating for inclusive communities for all people and advocating for the

rights of individuals with disabilities. I am dedicated to breaking down the walls that limit human potential.

On July 26, I visited the White House as a guest of President Barack Obama to commemorate 20 years of ADA implementation. He thanked his guests for breathing life into this historic piece of legislation and assured us that the United States of America remains a place of liberty and freedom for all people.

As I sat there, surrounded by leaders of change, I was overcome by the privilege and honor of the day. With humility, I pondered how my path had led me to the lawn of the White house. My life has been a tapestry of experience, loss, passion, and change.

I'm still not exactly sure how my name made it on the invitation list, but suffice it to say, I trusted that I was exactly where I was supposed to be!"

*Eileen Forlenza*

Eileen lives with her husband, Scott, and their four children in Highlands Ranch, CO.

#### **Other News / Noteworthy Items**

On a sad note, we lost George Milton on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He was 89 years old. George was born in Wahoo, Nebraska. He served in the Navy during WWII under Admiral William F. Halsey as a radar specialist aboard the USS WASP. He earned four campaign ribbons and 10 battle stars in the Pacific Theatre. George joined Martin in 1956. He was a really nice guy with a great work ethic. We will miss George.

The Planners meet the first Thursday of each month at 11:15am at the Country Buffet on South Wadsworth, just north of Bowles. All MARS retirees are invited to come anytime, even you engineers. Call Dolph Hellman at 303-794-0852 if you have questions or need directions.

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### **The MARS Associates Website**

By Paul Bingham

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Your website committee continues to provide the MARS website for member's information and enjoyment. It contains MARS club activities and schedules, member email listings, benefits information, and the ever changing Site-Of-The-Month.

#### **Traveling With A Laptop Computer**

A laptop computer is a marvelous tool to have along on a trip. It allows you do the following things, (and much more):

1. Stay in contact with the same people you are normally in contact with, via email.
2. Send large amounts of information quickly, via FAX.
3. Have available trip information, such as maps, documents, reservations and confirmation letters on your computer for quick retrieval.
4. Make reservations for lodging, flights, etc. on the Internet while "on the road."
5. Do trip planning on the road with GPS and mapping software.
6. Allows you to continue to conduct business as if you were still at home.

As an example of laptop use on the road, I'm currently on a trip to the San Juan Islands north of Puget Sound. We've been gone a couple weeks and most of my friends don't even know I'm gone. The work I do on the MARS website has gone on, and the usual flurry of emails I receive each day have been answered. My other activities, newsletter, etc, have continued uninterrupted as well. We also use the laptop for planning trips, making motel reservations, and researching information on places we are planning to visit. One of the biggest advantages of a laptop is our ability to store and organize the zillion photos we have taken.

One of the more common ways to connect to Internet while on travel is to look for hotels, motels and/or other facilities that provide wireless Wi-Fi service for computers. In connecting to the Internet via Wi-Fi with your laptop, one will need to open the browser on your laptop that you typically use at home (e.g., Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer, etc.). Once the browser is open you will need to "click" on one of your saved "favorites" or bookmarked urls. The computer will search for a wireless connection and will cause a window for the local Wi-Fi service to popup a message asking you to sign in. After entering the user I.D. and/or password into the popup window, press the enter/return key. (Important: most hotels, motels, and other facilities that provide Wi-Fi service can and will provide their unique user I.D. and password for your use while at their facility.) At that point, your laptop should be connected to the Internet via Wi-Fi and you should be able to surf the web and send emails. Occasionally it is not necessary to login with the hotel or motel I.D. and no password is required to connect your laptop to the nearest Wi-Fi service.

Another approach to staying connected while

traveling is not to use your laptop at all, but to use the public use computers provided in many motels, libraries, and "Internet cafes". This approach is not as convenient since it requires finding a location where public use computers are available. You also will not have access to all of your personal info and other stored documents when not using your laptop. However, the benefit of this approach is that your laptop is not exposed to the abuse of travel or possibility of theft.

Your Website Committee consists of Jim Kummer, Webmaster, Linda Stearns, Smitty Smettana, Bob Knickerbocker and yours truly, Paul Bingham.

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## Denver News /What's New

By Pat Kenning

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What's new in Denver? Pat Kenning is looking for input from anyone who would like to share a recent experience, or has done something unique or has gone somewhere of interest. Please give Pat a call or send her an email with your input for publication in the next STAR newsletter.

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## Cape Canaveral News

by Carl Welton

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July 1<sup>st</sup> and another retiree luncheon for those of us who remembered to roll the date over on our watches, about 20 of us. The rest whose watches still said 31 June will arrive next Thursday to an empty back room at Kay's BBQ. Bill Graham came down from Gainesville. The first time we have seen Donna and Earl Dunn for several months. Bob Anderson just back from Green Bay and Door County Wisconsin with his travel trailer. Bob had stopped in Georgia and bought two packages of bees. So those of us sitting near Bob for lunch got a real education on raising and caring for bees. He promised never to bring any of his bees for show and tell. Roger Wright was able to attend, as the charter boat business is really hurting right now with the ban on bottom fishing for red snapper and grouper. Others in attendance included Nick Geso, Jimmy Weddle, Del Henry and Joe Kiripolsky.

35 retirees attended the August 5th luncheon. Several retirees we had not seen for a while included Larry Cuppett and Jerry Moskovitz who was just back from a month in North Carolina. Roger Schmidt just returned from a trip into Alabama, Kansas and Missouri. Others attending were Jim Cotton, Pete Gaenicke, Dewey Strickland, Bill Case, and Stan Freas. Thanks to Dick Hinshaw for bringing Dean Willoughby with him from Titusville.

Good crowd of about 40 retirees at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> luncheon. Good to see Larry Cuppett for the second month straight. Marty Blankfield is back attending on a regular basis again. Ed McMechen had good flying weather, first time in several months, and brought his brother Guy with him, Jim Milby and his wife stopped by on their way back to their home in Fort Myers after visiting their son in Huntsville, Alabama. First time to see Jimmy Weddle, Bill Masterson or Brooks Kilgore in several months. Bob Anderson can be counted on for several good stories and new pictures to back them up when he attends. I thanked all the retirees who have attended several recent funerals or sent sympathy cards to the families. I have gotten many comments from the families about how much they appreciated the thoughts and comments from fellow workers. Dick Olson and Bob Rodamer announced the date for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Retiree BBQ & Car Show; it will be on Saturday, 6 November 2010, so mark your calendars.

Jackie and I stopped in at Corky Bells for dinner early in July and ran into former Titan IIIIE/Centaur Program Engineer, from Viking days, Bob Bryson. Bob left the company to sail around the world. After returning, a number of his friends in Denver Engineering worked hard to get him back with Martin. He returned and worked as a Quality Source Inspector in Florida and the South Eastern United States for several years before retiring. Bob still lives in Cocoa. Understand Norm Fox and Fran have been in Eastern Canada the past several weeks with the trailer after working their way up the east coast. The end of July has them back in the USA and finally back home in Colorado in early August with a marriage ceremony soon after. Congratulations to the Cape ULA Launch Crew for the successful launch of Atlas V 019 with Lockheed Martin's AEHF-1 MILSATCOM Satellite on board on 14 August. However, the Satellite's 100-pound thrust Liquid Apogee Engine failed to fire resulting in making it necessary to utilize backup systems to obtain the required altitude, which will take a longer period of time. Ran into Ray Hall and his wife while Jackie and I were eating out early in September. Ray's

retirement volunteer project is providing acceptable reading material for prisoners to a large number of prisons around the country. Talked with Marlene Greenwood and her husband while Jackie and I were having dinner at the New Century Buffet on Merritt Island.

On 3 July 2010, Marc Day passed away from a stroke in the hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. Bob Anderson provided the following information on Marc. He was a Q.E. and then a Metrology Supervisor on Titan at the Cape during the last years. Tom Tyczkowski provided the following memorial for Marc Day: "His engaging personality was enjoyed by those friends in both aerospace and motor sports alike. He was a motocross champion, a successful FTR Enduro racer and AMA professional road racer. His career in the launch industry spanned two decades of commercial, military and scientific Aerospace Missions. Marc's drive and expertise in Quality Control helped ensure the success of the Tomahawk, Atlas, Titan, and Aries Programs."

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Sixty six year old retired Payload Integration Engineer Eddie Thompson lost his life in the crash of the ultra-light home built Mosquito XEL helicopter he was flying on Sunday, 4 July 2010. I believe Kent Hawes described it best by saying "Eddie had a great passion for aviation from ultra-lights through the assembling of the latest helicopter he and his son Mark built. Mark and Eddie enjoyed Sun-N-Fun Aviation Expo in the spring of each year. I first remember Eddie as an Electrical/Instrumentation Operations Engineer in the mid 1970's and later as a Payload Integration Engineer. Eddie was very detailed in his work, very safety conscious, honest and with a lot of personal integrity. He was a periodic attendee at our retiree luncheons and was always a center of conversation, most recently about his ultra-light helicopter. Eddie was also an active musician and played with many local musical groups here on the Space Coast over the years.

Retired Electrical Systems Engineer Wally Perkins passed away on 28 July 2010. Wally retired from Martin Marietta at the end of 1988. I best remember Wally as the Systems Engineering member on the Mod Squad during Titan IIIC. He was also an active member of the Martin Management Club. Wally was also very active in civic activities in Cocoa and Rockledge. He also, on occasion, would join us at the monthly retiree luncheons.

It is with a lot of sadness in my heart I tell you that we lost retiree Earl Dunn early in the morning of

Tuesday, 17 August 2010. The celebration of Earl's life/memorial service was held at the Georgianna United Methodist Church on Merritt Island and was attended by many church friends, family and a very large group of Earl and Donna's Martin friends. As you grow older you tend to watch the people you work with and around with more interest. Some stand out more than others. For me, Earl was one of those that stood out. He was a very accomplished technician and later a fine Operations Engineer who cared deeply about the quality of his work and the way he treated the people who worked for, with and around him. He was a true gentleman in every respect. He was a periodic attendee at our monthly retiree luncheons. He will be missed by many of us. If you worked on any of the Martin or Titan programs at the Cape, Denver, Vandenberg, or wherever, please come join us for lunch at Kay's BBQ located on SR 520 just west of Clearlake Road in Cocoa on the first Thursday of each month. You should be there between 11:00 and 11:15 am. You will meet many of your old friends.

## **REALM (Orlando News)**

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Central Florida-based Lockheed Martin retirees have enjoyed the summer, with many members hitting the road to visit family and friends out of state. The upcoming autumn is packed with activities.

The REALM annual meeting is Oct. 20 at the Lockheed Martin facility in East Orlando, hosted by Dale Bennett, president of Lockheed Martin Global Training & Logistics (GTL). This is a new organization formed with the combination of some other corporate businesses into the former Simulation, Training & Support operation, which operated out of Orlando. The Lockheed Martin GTL team provides lunch, discusses the "state of the corporation," and updates about GTL. In addition, retirees are treated to a tour of the advanced development and production facilities.

Oct. 23, REALM members are joining a few hundred Lockheed Martin employees at the Salvation Army in Orlando where everyone paints, polishes, builds, repairs, and provides other support to the agency, which services hundreds of the less fortunate in our area. This is part of the area's United Way Days of Caring initiative.

The REALM dinner dance and Christmas party are in November and December, respectively, and both are very popular events for our members. In addition, we are taking a day trip to Clearwater, Fla., and attending a fabulous Christmas play in the Tampa, Fla. area.

Our members are generous and active and we strive to report on their efforts to let other members know what each other are doing. In addition, we are conducting a concerted effort to identify community service activities that we can do as a group. In addition to the United Way Day of Caring, we are evaluating these programs: Greet the Troops (home from overseas), Seniors First Holiday Shoebox Project, and rehab projects for the Russell Home for Atypical Children.

The election of officers is wrapping up and the individuals elected will take their seats in January 2011.

We are looking forward to recruiting new members as many are retiring from the corporation.

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## **News From Michoud**

by Greg Kaminski (no email)

No article submitted by Greg for Michoud this quarter.

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## **Martin Marietta Retiree's Club (Vandenberg News)**

by Charlie Radaz

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We met at the Radisson Hotel at the Santa Maria Airport on 29 April with 47 attendees. Our speaker was President Robby Robinson's son-in-law, Dave Stockdale. Dave and Robby's daughter, Gale, own an insurance business in Santa Maria. Dave talked about why he was running in the primary and why he wanted to be chosen as Republican challenger to Incumbent Democrat Lois Capps from our district.

Embassy Suites in Lompoc hosted our 27 May luncheon with 26 attendees. Frank Zaccagnino who was Peacekeeper Test Pad Manager for us gave an excellent program. Frank later worked for the Air Force Civil Service and it was during this time that he coordinated a Scud test launch campaign From Vandenberg by Israeli personnel. Zack gave some



interesting insights about how these launches kept a low profile and were not publicized.

Our 24 June meeting was at the Santa Maria Inn with Dave Stockdale sharing what he had learned from the primary campaign and discussed how the lack of voter participation assures "business as usual". We had a nice turnout of 40 members and guests.

The 29 July meeting was held at Pea Soup Anderson's in Buellton. A good number of attendees tackled Pea Soup's Monster Burger. Board Member, Neil Baker shared his recent experiences in Denmark, as well as his museum visiting trip across the U.S. in a car with 200,000 miles on it!! We all admire Neil's many explorations and activities but very few of us are able to keep up with him.

On 26 August we were back at the Radisson Hotel at the Santa Maria Airport. Santa Maria Detective Steve Ridge presented a shocking program by sharing stories about identity theft and all manner of scams.

It was an informative program and resulted in several attendees telling their personal scam experiences. There were 35 members and guests.

Gordon and Susan Nielson stopped by after visiting Gordon's mother. They are retired and live on Merritt Island.

It was with sadness that we reported that Gloria Vigil, Executive Secretary for many years, had passed away in August after a long battle with cancer. Fermin Graves, a key Peacekeeper employee, passed away in Santa Maria on 4 September.

Our next meeting will be on 30 September at the Lompoc Embassy Suites with the speaker being a local WWII pilot that "Flew the Hump" ferrying supplies to China.

MARS editor, Ken Jones, insisted that I share my experiences on the 3-week Mediterranean cruise that I mentioned in the July MARS *STAR*. So, in summary here are some of the high points of our trip. My wife, Marilyn and I travelled with another couple from Vandenberg Village on Regent Seven Seas Mariner. On the cruise, we visited Istanbul, then Ephesus, Santorini, Mykonos, Tunis, Tunisia (our first time on the African continent), Malta, Sardina, Sicily, Pompeii, Florence and few extra days in Rome. I would strongly recommend visiting the Galileo Science Museum in Florence. It has an excellent collection of astronomical instruments, maps, devices and electrical apparatus. Strikingly

they had not only Galileo's original telescopes but had preserved his thumb and forefinger he used to tweak his telescopes!!

Our Club normally meets the last Thursday of each month at noon. We rotate meeting locations between Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Buellton. All former employees and associate contractors are welcome to attend, visit and informally share stories. Call Aubrey Collins (805) 937-8299 for location and reservations.

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## United Launch Alliance News

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### ***ULA Leverages a Major Presence at the Annual AIAA Space Conference***

**\*\* GASS WINS 2010 GEORGE M. LOW SPACE  
TRANSPORTATION AWARD \*\***

The AIAA Space 2010 conference brought the spectrum of the aerospace community together, including ULA's high-level customers from the U.S. Air Force, National Reconnaissance Office, NASA and the commercial sector. The conference's close proximity to Los Angeles also allowed opportunities for additional high-level meetings with the Air Force. In addition to the activity at the conference, ULA hosted a special VIP reception for 150 guests at the Discovery Science Center, one of the most prominent hands-on science museums in the nation. ULA sponsors several exhibits within the Boeing Rocket Lab, including the Rocket Fuel station and air and water rockets—activities that align with the company's support of science, technology, engineering and math programming for students.

During the conference, ULA President and CEO Michael C. Gass was awarded the 2010 AIAA George M. Low Space Transportation Award. Gass was honored for his "leadership in combining the Atlas V and Delta II and IV launch vehicle programs in United Launch Alliance while successfully launching 36 rockets in ULA's first 36 months."

"I am honored and humbled to receive the George Low Award," Gass said. "On behalf of the men and women of United Launch Alliance, I am very proud of both our successful formation and our record of mission success. It is a ~~credit to our employees'~~ dedication and professionalism."

The AIAA George M. Low Space Transportation Award honors the achievements in space transportation by Dr. George M. Low, who played a leading role in planning and executing all of the Apollo missions, and originated the plans for the first manned lunar orbital flight, Apollo 8. The award is presented for a timely outstanding contribution to the field of space transportation.


ULA also was a major contributor to the conference's proceedings. ULA representatives participated on 12 panels, ranging in topics from Sustainable Commercial Launch Systems Development and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Launch Site to Fuel Depots and Reusable Launch Vehicle Concepts and Technologies. Business Development team members Jon Barr, Mari Gravlee, Mike Holguin, Jeff Patton and Frank Zegler also presented papers on forward-thinking topics like EELV Phase II, CRYOTE, Commercial Crew Development, Human Rating and Exploration Architecture.

The ULA team also presented and staffed one of the more dynamic and engaging exhibits in the conference's exhibit hall.

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### **About United Launch Alliance**

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