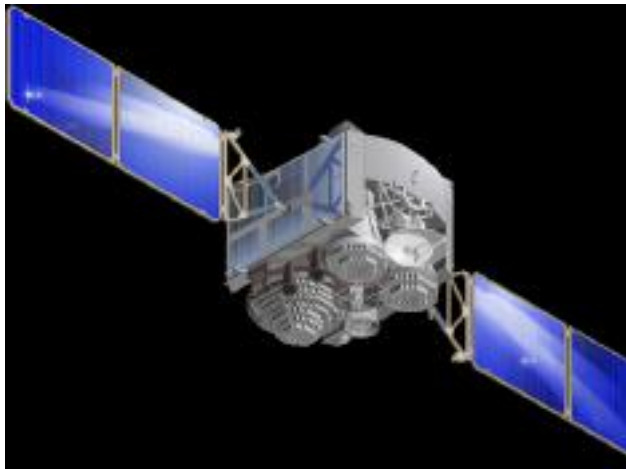




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Cover:

L: The DSCS III, a U.S. military communications satellite constellation, B-12 satellite has reached 20 years on-orbit, double its operational design life. (*Artist Rendering*)

R: Martin B-10 bomber produced in the 1930s.

The B-10 earned the Collier Trophy in 1932. With a top speed of 200 miles per hour (322 kilometers per hour), it was 50 percent faster than other biplane bombers and as fast as most of the fighters of the day. The country was in the depths of the Depression, and winning the design competition was essential for Martin's survival.



President's Corner

By Allen Sanders
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I am sitting here writing this quarter's article extra early to get it to the editors before Sally and I leave for Italy for three and a half weeks. We are going with a tour group that includes one other MARS couple, Lonnie and Claire Farmer. We leave the same day as the MARS picnic and are sorry we will miss it this year. When we get there, we will have a glass of Tuscany wine and toast you all. By the time you read this, the picnic will be long over, but hope all attendees have a great time. I am a fan of any type of country music and am also sorry I will miss the Blue Grass players at the picnic. As you could tell from the reservation slips, we went back to Bennett's BBQ after last year's try with Dickies. Hope the food and fellowship go well. Sally and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Holiday Celebration on December 5 at Pinehurst Country Club.

The Colorado Rockies picnic and game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Aug 15 was a great success. We had very good weather. The food was typical baseball park fare of Brats and hotdogs, with pasta salad, chips, and drinks. The picnic area at Coors Field has real tables, so no need to balance the lunch precariously on our lap in the park seats. Then the game against the Brewers was great. The Rockies had a walk off win that was a great reward for all those who did not leave early to beat the traffic. MARS attendance was off somewhat from last year, though. But you can see the happy faces of those who did attend, in the pictures in this STAR.

Everyone in the MARS golf league would be able to tell you what a novice golfer I am, still after four years since I took up golf and started playing in the league. But like everyone else, I get a lot of enjoyment out of it. Any of you who may be thinking of taking up golf, or taking it up again, or

playing more often, the MARS league next year would be a great opportunity. Sad to say, there is not currently any women in the league, so we are particularly anxious to get some female participation. How about it?

A MARS membership hidden number is again imbedded somewhere in this STAR. Look for details in a flyer with this mailing package. Just match the hidden number with your membership number (yours is on the mailing label of the STAR mailing package or can be obtained from your Membership VP, Barbara Espinoza) and the next year's MARS dues is free. There have been very few who have done this since we started. The number is in text, either imbedded in an article or separate in some blank space between articles or STAR features. It is NOT an integral part of any article or information section of the STAR, for example as part of a phone number in the list on page 2, or as a year or number that is truly part of an article. Rather, it is placed so that it looks out of place and is easy to spot!!

Duane Del Duca and I met in August with Armando Castorena, the Vice President of Human Resources for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company (LMSSC). We meet about once a quarter to discuss the relationships between MARS and LMSSC and how each organization can better assist the other.

Our MARS web site has a button called MARS Moments. If you have an interesting anecdote, incident, or experience from your career with Lockheed Martin or heritage organizations, share it with other MARS members in this section of the web site. For details, access that button on your MARS web site.

Hope all of you enjoyed the summer, in spite of the hot, hot, dry weather.



Next Up!!!

By Duane Del Duca
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As I look at my calendar. I am quick to note that we are in a new season. Yes, the fall season is upon us and a very extreme summer season has passed. We are deep into the planning for your Fall/Winter Holiday Event. Mark your calendars for December 5 because again your Activities VP Bob Lines has a very enjoyable event planned.

Congratulations to Activities VP Bob Lines and all who helped in making the Annual Picnic a great event, in spite of a very badly needed rain storm. The opportunity to see old friends, eat some good food, win some prizes, and enjoy a cool drink while listening to some live bluegrass music couldn't be dampened. To those hearty individuals; thank you. There are a few snapshots included in this issue of the STAR that capture the atmosphere and fun.

Allen Sanders and I attended our quarterly meeting with Lockheed Martin's VP of Human Relations, Mr. Armando Castorena to discuss several items of mutual interest. Among the topics discussed were his and his wife's invitation to our Holiday Event, establishing a contact with his office for the electronic retirement briefings, and other ways to contact recent retirees. Hopefully some good develops for MARS, so we are better able to reach more of the recent Lockheed Martin retirees.

We are preparing for the end of the MARS calendar year where some of the Officers and Board members terms are expiring. Here is an opportunity for you to become a member of your MARS Team and participate in making the Organization even better. Give it some thought.

Remember to look on the MARS Web Site for recent Lockheed Martin news items. We are getting these items from Lockheed Martin and are able to post them on the Web Site: <http://www.marsretirees.org>.

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If you come across an error when studying your STARS, please contact us so corrective action can be taken. Send e-mail to Tom and Linda or snail mail to MARS Associates, Attn: Editor, P.O. Box 1128, Littleton, CO 80160-1128. Thanks in advance.



Activities Updates

Bob Lines
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We had our second Rockies lunch and game on August 15th. There were 65 of us that attended. Last year there were 92, but with the Rockies' performance this year, we were pleased that 65 people still cared enough to show up! The picnic lunch and camaraderie were great. The Rockies surprised us with a box-full of Tee Shirts that honor Juan Nicasio. There were more shirts than needed, and the rest were included in the picnic door prizes. The game itself was interesting to say the least. The Rockies were behind 6-5 going in to the bottom of the ninth inning. Johnny Herrera struck out, but then Wilin Rosario pinch-hit a single to left and Eric Young, Jr. singled to center, sending Rosario to third. Tyler Colvin then doubled to right, scoring Rosario. With his amazing speed, 'EY' also scored and the Rockies won the game. With the win, they swept the 3-game series with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Our annual picnic was again met with rain. Several people made jokes about it, but the best line I heard was from Ted Bornhoeft, who said, "We should take the show on the road. If a community needs rain, just schedule a picnic and call us!" We had 354 reservations, but over 100 no-shows due to the weather. Bennett's BBQ came through with a suggestion on where to put the serving tables (under a pavilion) and their food was, as usual, great. We were entertained by the Lookout Mountain Bluegrass Boys and the feedback was most positive. We got home to see greener grass than we've had since Spring, and in time to see the 4:00 news, which showed a weather map with 1.5" of rain in Littleton. There was no number as big on the map! In general, a good time was had by all who showed up. The drawing prize winners were as follows:

Ralph Dergance Poncho and Water Bottle

Joe Neri	Poncho and Water Bottle
Dave Martz	\$25 Target Gift Card
Polly Dole	\$25 Target Gift Card
Bob Ballantyne	\$25 Target Gift Card
Richard Jones	Dinner Club Certificate
Bill Richardson	\$50 Certificate to 240 Union
Linda Bareiss	\$50 Cash
Vic Kukel	\$60 Certificate to Mt. Vernon CC
John Pool	Dinner Club Certificate for 2
Austin Fehr	\$25 Certificate to Panera
Diane Wright	\$25 Certificate to Panera
Jerry Unrein	\$50 Cash
Walter Caughran	\$50 Cash
Lyle Bareiss	\$60 Certificate to Pinehurst CC
Bart Wright	\$100 Detailing Certificate to Jazz Car Wash
Keith Houser	\$50 Cash
Gerald Sinn	\$100 Certificate to Aria (Opus)
Sharon Neri	\$50 Cash
Al Hartford	\$25 Certificate to Tavern Restaurant
Gary Wilson	\$50 Cash
Nancy Peek	Four \$13 Certificates to Jazz Car Wash
Charlotte Ondeck	\$50 Cash
Margaret Ringhofer	\$50 Cash
Marilynn Nemes	\$50 Cash
Dick Eggleston	\$50 Cash
Al Hawkins	\$50 Certificate to Terra Cotta
Pat Lukens	\$200 Cash
Helen Wilson	\$300 Cash

Our Holiday Celebration luncheon is set for December 5th at Pinehurst Country Club. The flyer is included in this mailing. We have booked the Dickens Carolers to entertain us at the event. They come highly recommended and we are looking forward to the day.

It has been suggested that we host a MARS Associates event at the (Clive) Cussler Auto Museum in Arvada. It is not going to work out as a MARS event, but it certainly does look interesting. The Cussler Car Museum is at 14959 W. 69th Ave. in Arvada. Hours: Open seasonally May-September,

Monday and Tuesday from 10 am to 7 pm Admission prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors 62 years and older, and \$3 for children under 12 years old. For information: (303) 420-2795 or www.cusslermuseum.com.

We can use this column to share ideas on where to find hidden nearby gems like the Cussler Museum. If you have any ideas, contact me at robtlines@hotmail.com.



Senior Fare

By William Schrott
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As promised in the last issue of the STAR, there have been changes and updates to the health benefits page of our MARS Associates web page (www.marsretirees.org). You get to the pages by highlighting the "Health Benefits" button in the column at the left of the page.

There have been better explanations developed for eye, teeth, and long term programs to aid in understanding each benefit. The contacts listed for each benefit were updated or corrected. I think you will find it easier to navigate amongst the pages. Plus you'll find improved links to dentists for all three of the Delta Dental programs.

We as retirees are always looking for the best bargain and discount, one of our members made me aware of a great web page that provides a large list of companies that offer discounts for seniors. The site shows discounts under these categories: restaurants, retail apparel, grocery, travel, activities and entertainment, and cell phones. The web site is retiredbrains.com. Below is the direct link to the pages of possible discounts. I expect that the main web page will show up some time in the "site of the month" section of the www.marsretirees.com web page.

www.retiredbrains.com/Discounts+For+Seniors/

Each year some of the officers and directors terms expire. We look to the MARS membership to fill these openings. All these positions are voluntary. These officers and directors work to provide events, discounts, and resources in support of the membership. Please consider offering to support MARS Associates.

The following terminating terms are:

Two Board of Director slots

Vice presidents of:

Business
Communications
Membership

If you are interested in filling one of these offices, contact me. Elections will be held before the annual meeting in March. You can reach me by phone (303-683-9566) or e-mail (wmschrott@msn.com).



Membership

By Barb Espinoza
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of October 1, 2012 MARS Associates' active membership is 1,553 including 847 seniors (members who are age 75 and above). These numbers indicate an increase in membership of 18 since July, 2012. Please welcome the following new or returning members:

Colorado

Aurora	Lee Baldwin
Castle Rock	Robert & Diane Baldrige Michael & Sandra Green
Centennial	Henry & Joyce Bilodeau Sue & Lee Janssen Patricia Mills-Sanchez & Carl Sanchez

Colorado Springs	Laurence & Sandra Gilliam John & Eileen Larson
Lakewood	John Zampino
Littleton	Michael & Margaret Callahan Jeanette Corbin Doug & Mary Ellen Haynes Connie & Robert Humes Robert & Natli Molloy Paula Parmentier-Cooper & Wilt Cooper Blaine & Kathy Wiltshire
Parker	David & Frances Lukaszewski

Other States

Grand Rapids MN	Michael & Kathy Pfeifer
Pawleys Island SC	Michele Freeman

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 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. Senior membership status (age 75 and above) is based on the retiree's date of birth, even for the surviving spouse member.

Membership Renewal

If you have friends who are retired or considering retirement, talk to them about the advantages of being a MARS member. We are a social organization; however, the benefits offered such as vision and dental insurance and discounts provided by some organizations are significant. If they are unable to access the membership application on the MARS website, I will be happy to send an application by mail.

Addresses & Phone Numbers

I know I sound like a broken record -- but -- we continue to experience a number of STAR mailings being returned. The United States Post Office will not forward bulk mail. Not only does the USPS charge for any returned mail, but most importantly, you do not receive the STAR and other important information regarding MARS and Lockheed Martin.

If you are one of the fortunate members who reside in another state part of the year, please let me know when you move and we will make sure your STAR mailing is sent to the correct address.

When you move, please remember to include the MARS membership team in your list of people to contact. Notify me by letter, e-mail, or phone of any change to home address, phone number, or email.

In Memoriam Data

This section includes published obituary reports and information received directly from MARS members or their families.

Please contact me or Roy Kannady with any information regarding the passing of a member or their spouse. We want to make sure their passing is acknowledged in the ***In Memoriam*** section of the STAR.

Thank You! Without your help we could miss acknowledging the passing of our retirees.

Please contact:

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In Memoriam

By Roy Kannady

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Etheridge, Elizabeth R. "Betty" (D: Jul 2012)

Colorado Springs, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/8GUTVM9](http://TINYURL.COM/8GUTVM9)

Farrell, Richard J. "Dick" (D: Aug 2012)

(Survived by Esther A.)

Littleton, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/8FAW05J](http://TINYURL.COM/8FAW05J)

Gates, Kenneth S. (D: Aug 2012)

(Survived by Velda M.)

Englewood, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/9V7K7Q5](http://TINYURL.COM/9V7K7Q5)

Goldsberry, John G. "Greg" (D: Mar 2012)

(Survived by V. Marlene)

Ajo, AZ

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/8B466GU](http://TINYURL.COM/8B466GU)

Haas, Florence E. "El" (D: May 2012)

(Survived by Frederick A.)

Arvada, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/CWDXVKT](http://TINYURL.COM/CWDXVKT)

Harris, Robert A. (D: Aug 2012)

(Survived by Roma L.)

Littleton, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/8HAATM9](http://TINYURL.COM/8HAATM9)

Hopper, Fred W. (D: Sep 2012)

(Survived by Mary T.)

Parachute, CO

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Hutchings, Curt (D: Aug 2012)

(Preceded by Dorothy (D: Mar 2012))

Littleton, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/935G5GJ](http://TINYURL.COM/935G5GJ)

Kallweit, Vernon A. "Red" (D: Sep 2012)

(Survived by Dorothy E.)

Littleton, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/9C3F8SQ](http://TINYURL.COM/9C3F8SQ)

Kauffman, James H. (D: Aug 2012)

(Survived by Mary K. "Kay")

Grand Junction, CO

TINYURL.COM/8J4S5Y4

Kelley, Joanne E. (D: Aug 2012)

(Survived by Robert H. "Bob")

Lakewood, CO

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/9VUDK5D](http://TINYURL.COM/9VUDK5D)

Lawless, Charlotte A. (D: Jun 2012)
(Survived by Don R.)
Centennial, CO
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/762V856](http://TINYURL.COM/762V856)

Mitchell, Mary Alice (D: Jul 2012)
Littleton, CO
TINYURL.COM/848Z69C

Nuss, Carl R. (D: Aug 2012)
(Survived by Annabelle M. "Ann")
Billings, MT
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/8B62MQE](http://TINYURL.COM/8B62MQE)

Rollwitz, Joseph B. "Joe" (D: May 2012)
(Preceded by Mary B. (D: Apr 2009))
Roswell, NM
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/CGN9KDK](http://TINYURL.COM/CGN9KDK)

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Castle Rock, CO
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Cook, Thomas E. "Tom" (D: Aug 2012)
(Survived by Esther)
Mesa, AZ
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Dinicola, Donald J. (D: Jun 2012)
(Survived by Carol)
Littleton, CO
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Harvey, Harold Jennigs (D: Jun 2012)
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Huntsville, AL
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/6RA7UHX](http://TINYURL.COM/6RA7UHX)

Jungst, Elizabeth Jane "Bettie" (D: Jul 2012)
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Littleton, CO
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/9TF73XA](http://TINYURL.COM/9TF73XA)

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Historian's Corner

By: Bill Cossaboom
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An Interview with...

Historian Note: This month we hear from Don and Ruth Veasman. Don worked as a Mechanical Technician for Titan I and Titan II in such areas as Final Assembly, Small Parts, and Hydro. Don left Martin Marietta in 1962....Ruth's career with Martin Marietta began in 1967. Ruth worked a series of assignments such as Administrative Assistant, Planner, and Statistician, supporting our Engineering organization. She played a prominent role in the early days of Operation Santa Claus; and was also Editor of the Engineering Monitor, a 1970's newsletter. Ruth retired in 1978. I am sure that all of us will relate to Don and Ruth's dedication - regardless of what our responsibilities were. This is what has made us a family and proud members of this corporation.

- With Special thanks to Suzy Bruce and Shar Petty

Titan I and Titan II Production

Don: I did a couple tours of duty at what was then known as Martin Marietta. I first came on board for less than two dollars an hour in 1957 along with a cost of living adjustment. The company had a training facility near the Englewood Speedway (now the approximate site of Federal and Oxford). We were trained for two weeks before we could report to our jobs at the Waterton Plant. I was assigned a position in Small Parts.

I still remember my badge number from those first days! I was happy to be at Martin Marietta as they were known as a good employer who valued the talents of their workforce.

At this time, the company was building, testing, and assembling the Titan I for delivery and launch. In Small Parts in those days, we would build covers, boxes, and other so-called smaller but no less important items for this launch vehicle. And yes, we had lots and lots of overtime! Overtime became part of my family's vocabulary!

Don: In 1961-62, I was again working at Martin Marietta. The pace of the factory had picked up frantically. The company was now producing Titan I and Titan II launch vehicles. The factory floor was full to the brim with two different launch vehicle designs going through different phases of manufacture, assembly, and test. I worked Final

Assembly and Hydro in my capacity as a mechanical technician. I can still visualize the big fuel tanks and the Stage I engine ring work on the Titan I. I even remember the part number of the engine ring: 80000023. Those were busy but rewarding days.



The Titan I 80000023 Engine Ring circa 1961
(Don Veasman is at far left.)

Ruth: 1967 found me at Martin Marietta as a support staffer assigned to the Engineering organization. I over time became responsible for forecasting engineering manpower needs and weekly 'headcount' reports for various programs. Of course there were also other tasks such as preparing Executive Reports and condensing TAB RUN reports to facilitate a rapid executive review. Wish I would have had a computer in those days!

I am as proud of my efforts supporting Engineering for the Skylab program as Don is of his efforts in support of the Titan I and II efforts. Many people do not realize that Skylab had a crew of astronauts that supported this first U. S. Space Station! These were the early years of the 1970's. I still have an original picture of the Skylab astronauts autographed by them all, in my collection.

I also became editor of the Engineering Monitor, the Engineering newsletter.

Don: Those years were years of growth for Martin Marietta here in Littleton. I remember my first badge number was in the four thousand range and upon my return just a year or so later, my new badge number was in the thirteen thousand range! My wife's badge number was in the fifty thousand range and I hear Bill's was in the sixty thousand range! Talk about years of growth!

Ruth: I attended the 1973 'Family Day' at Martin Marietta. I took Don and my children and it was so much fun. I am glad to hear that at least until the 1990's that family day continued. Good day; good memories.

Don: These were also years that we met so many, many wonderful people whom Ruth and I grew to respect and value as friends, among them were Joy Martz, Bill Kistler (recently retired after 50+ years), and Ken Sedlmayr (who was also one of the original supporting Managers of Operation Santa Claus).

Operation Santa Claus:

Historian Note: Operation Santa Claus appears to have solidified through efforts initiated by at least two Engineering disciplines and other organizations. In any event, we may now celebrate this community effort; its history, and the people who not only made that history, but are still making history today via the corporations' commitment to those in need of a helping hand.

Ruth: Ken Sedlmayr asked me to support Engineering participation in Operation Santa Claus in 1971. The effort had begun in 1958 with a few departments involved to become a company sponsored initiative by 1971.

I have a newsletter, (the Engineering *Monitor*) that states that in 1971, \$5,314.73 was collected and seventy-three families with a combined total of 330 children received a holiday dinner with presents. Of course that was our engineering department. Another engineering department (Design Engineering) had a similar program.

I loved supporting Operation Santa Claus as the holidays were so important for me to share with my husband and children. But at times, that support could be difficult as I had to make some hard decisions.

At that time, referrals to Operation Santa Claus came mainly from what was then known as Denver Welfare and also from a few other county and charitable organizations. My duty was to go through the voluminous referrals received and somehow 'cull out' and send forward to the selection committee those final referrals. I would go through the referrals and sometimes cry at my desk as I spoke with those who had referred the cases to Martin Marietta. I then would forward the most critical referrals to the Santa Claus management committee. There were no restrictions on eligibility - only need was taken into account.

The committee decided which families were to receive the benefits of Operation Santa Claus for the upcoming holiday. The committee would then select which referrals were to receive the Operation Santa Claus gift of a food basket and toys for the children.



Operation Santa Claus volunteers circa 1971
(Ruth Veasman is at far left.)

Ruth: In December 1971, I participated in Operation Santa Claus by delivering food and toys to a Littleton family. It was a most touching and rewarding experience. The mother, with tears of gratitude in her eyes, asked me to stay awhile and talk to her. I was glad I did as I listened to her explanation of her case history. She, like many others, had fallen into difficult circumstances through no fault of her own. The situation was one that could happen to any of us. This time when I cried, it was with tears of joy as I knew Martin Marietta was giving the joy of a holiday.

Bridge Club

By Dave & Kathy Martz
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Did you know? In 2002, the Olympic Committee recognized Bridge and Chess as the only two mind sports, and Bridge was played as a demonstration sport prior to the 2002 Olympics. Whether it will ever receive full status, with official medals awarded, is still under deliberation.

Come join fellow retirees at our monthly get together! All MARS members are welcome. We play on the **3rd 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.

We have couples, as well as singles, playing. If you don't have a bridge partner, the club can assist in finding one for you, if you let us know in advance. Note: Spouses of retirees are welcome, even if the retiree doesn't play!

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

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Dave & Kathy Martz, 303-683-9524
Vice-President:
Bill Kacena, 303-973-2685
Secretary:
Theodore Bornhoeft, 303-933-9730

The 3rd Quarter 2012 winners are as follows:

July 20 (4 ½ tables)

1st – Bill & Mavis Kacena
2nd – Trudy White & Nica Romero
3rd – Ernie & Cecile Berliner
4th – Bill & Connie Lutes

August 24 (4 tables)

1st – Loman & Pat Park
2nd – Paul & Marie Stanton
3rd – Dick & Madeline Maginn
4th – Bill & Connie Lutes

September 21 (4 tables)

1st – Ernie & Cecile Berliner
2nd – Fred & Mary Ems
3rd – Loman & Pat Park

Dinner Club

By Ralph & Carole Dergance
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Your Dinner Club continues to enjoy very fine, cost-effective meals in 2012. Your level of participation just keeps increasing with each year. We also continue to receive suggested venues from our members.

The following events have been booked for the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013:

- Luncheon at **The Bistro at Aspen Grove** (formerly the **Café de France**) on **October 17 (Sold out)**;

- Luncheon at **The Garden Terrace** at Inverness on **November 6 (Sold out)**;
- Luncheon at **The Chinook Tavern** on **January 14, 2013**;
- Luncheon at **Sansone's Bistro** on **February 18, 2013**; and
- Luncheon at **The Buckhorn Exchange** on **March 20, 2013**

Thanks to your continued enthusiastic support, many of our events reach capacity **well 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 spaces for multiple Dinner Club events. Please do not combine Dinner Club events with other MARS events (i.e. Holiday Celebration, Annual Meeting, Senior Luncheon, 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.

As we reported in the last issue of the Star, **Dave and Carol Zeller** have stepped forward and will assume "command" of your Dinner Club starting in January, 2013. We are supremely confident that the Zellers will continue the tradition of excellence in venues and meals that we all have enjoyed for the past 12+ years. **One caution note:** Please send all reservations and checks to the Zellers at the address shown on the fliers for the particular events.

It was a genuine privilege being Presidents of this very successful club. We would like to profusely thank all of the MARS Associates for their participation in the Dinner Club for the past 12 years. All of us looked forward to each monthly event. The sharing of food, camaraderie, and the true friendships that developed over the years has been very special. Again, many, many thanks to all.

Some final "food" for thought:

"Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body." [Marcus Tullius Cicero](#)

"There is no sincerer love than the love of food."
[George Bernard Shaw](#)

"Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water."
[W. C. Fields](#)

Buono L'appetito!!!!!!!

Golf League

By Robert Demoret
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July and the start of August was hot, but we had done well in the golf league since we started play at about 9:00 am. This also generally eliminated the afternoon thunder storm problem.

We got ready for the annual two-round Club Championship tournament. We had about 40 players in the tournament. It was on 8/23 and 8/30. First round was at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood and the second was at Common Ground Golf course in Aurora, where part of the US Amateur Championship was held. It was always fun to see how very good golfers do on a course you play regularly.

The golf league is now winding down after a great year. The weather cooperated amazingly well and the courses stayed in good shape in spite of the drought. The Championship tournament was played in September, so we had no weather delay. Tournament results have been posted on the MARS web site. Prizes and trophies will be handed out at the League dinner on 6 October, which will be held at Bob Snodgrass' farm. League play will continue through October, as possible. Let's all hope for snow to end the drought and start the ski season.

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. Sometimes room scheduling conflicts arise and the meeting date may have to be changed. The most current date can always be found on the main MARS web site as explained at the end of this report. Normally scheduled meetings for the year are February, April, June, August, October, and December. Meetings always feature a program of projected images presented by members or invited guests. **Visitors are welcome even if they are *not "photo geeks"*.**

At many meetings, the subject of **the presentation is a TRAVELOGUE** in which slides or

video of a vacation are shown and the presenter adds narration. If you enjoy seeing images and hearing experiences from others' travel vacations, give the MARS Photo Club a try. After the program we have a coffee break during which members share travel and photography tips.

Some programs are related to photographic techniques and tools and are illustrated by slides, prints, and/or equipment. **If you** and/or your significant other **are interested in film or digital photography** join us then for interesting programs, fascinating photos, and an opportunity to upgrade technical and creative photographic skills by sharing knowledge and experiences. New members and guests 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 prints category may be in color and/or monochrome (usually black and white). 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 competition, the **Photography Club** page (section) of the MARS web site <http://www.marsretirees.org> is updated to show thumbnail images of the winning pictures and future meeting topics.

Recent Meetings

August 22, 2012 – Friday The meeting was in the Littleton Bemis Library meeting room. A photo travelogue presentation by Roger Giellis featured his trip to visit a vineyard and winery of a friend in the Mendoza Province of Argentina. It is located in a region of foothills and high plains, on the eastern side of the Andes Mountains. Roger also added images of other trips to South America including the northern part of Argentina bordering Bolivia. It was a great presentation with very interesting images and excellent annotations.

Competition subject was "**Open**" and winners were:

1 st	"Heaven's Crown"	John Flater
2 nd	"Reflections on Lily Pad Pond"	John Flater
3 rd	"Aflack!"	John Flater
Hon. Mention	"Gone Fishin"	Art Golubiewski

Future meetings

October 11, 2012 – Thursday, 1:30 pm Littleton Bemis Library meeting room. The meeting will feature a **TRAVELOGUE** presented by Ed and Nancy Bathke titled "**A River Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg**". The competition subject is "**Open**". Come and enjoy both.

December 7, 2012 – Friday, the Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Englewood Country Buffet, 301 Englewood Parkway. Bring up to three pictures on a USB Flash Drive for John to project for the group Christmas Luncheon.

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To verify future meeting dates, competition subject, and program topic, go to the main MARS web site <http://www.marsretirees.org>, click "**Photography**" on the Clubs button at the lower left to get the photo club's webpage. Here you'll see "**Check the Meeting Schedule below**". If the Program has the word **TRAVELOGUE**, it's 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 mat board/cardboard or foam backing of at least 8"x10" or as large as 16"x20" for ease of handling and display.

Planner's Report

By Dolph Hellman

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Thailand – Land of Smiles - Continued

October 8, 2011 Day 7 of our 16 day tour of Thailand.

After a western style breakfast, we boarded our bus and left the deluxe Hintok River Camp for what was the longest leg of our trip. We were heading north, in the center of Thailand, through rice country. Because of the monsoon rains, we had to backtrack on a number of roads that had flooded, but our bus driver was very good at finding back and side roads. I enjoyed taking the "roads less travelled", as it seemed more of an earlier time.

Our Kaiser medical department had prescribed anti-malaria tablets to take as we traveled north, but in talking to Mai, we decided that bug spray on our clothes and exposed areas would do the trick. Mai in all her touring has never contracted malaria, nor have her past clients. I had taken the medication in Africa and didn't like the side effects of nausea, headache, diarrhea, weakness, and dizziness. So we chose to "watch out for flying bugs". Good advice anywhere and anytime!

For lunch we stopped and boarded a traditional wooden rice barge that had been converted to an outdoor restaurant for another great meal, as we cruised past peaceful scenes of river life. It was a nice break from the road.

We arrived at our hotel in Phitsanulok late evening, where we had our dinner. Then we went to bed after the long bus ride.

The following morning we traveled a short distance to Sukhothai Historical Park. Sukhothai is considered the birthplace of Thai culture. The park preserves what's left of the 1st capital of Siam, and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site features temples, palaces, stupas, and awesome Buddha statues, some four to five stories in height. There are 193 ruins in total, in a city that flourished between the mid 13th and mid 14th century. Between and around some of the structures are water ponds and water moats, with wooden bridges to get you over the moats. The park was beautiful and a definite plus of the trip. To return to our bus at the park entrance, we were treated to a ride in a "Skylab". That's right a "Skylab"! A Skylab is a rickshaw with a motor scooter in front and the passengers behind the driver. Mia didn't know how it got the name but it sure was funny to hear it, half way around the world.

After a full morning at Sukhothai, we lunched at a river view restaurant and visited an Indigo workshop. Here hand-woven cotton is dyed and stamped with Indigo dye. We got a chance to use an elephant stamp and test our design abilities. Of course we could also purchase beautiful shawls and scarves at really low prices. Then back on the bus to Phrae, Thailand. The trip is through hilly and densely forested terrain on a curvy two-lane road. It was very scenic.

This is a good place to talk about the "munchies" on the bus. Whenever we were traveling between towns or sites, Mia would pass around Thailand treats to taste. Sampling such treats as: Banana

flitter, Mangoesteen (Queen of Thai fruit) sweet & salty, banana chips, sweet taro root chips, pumpkin chips, and rice crackers. All were tasty and very common in the Thai diet, and usually a snack we "fa-rangs" (foreigners) would be afraid to buy ourselves.

The town of Phrae has a population of about 18,000. It is more of a business town rather than a tourist stop. The Hotel, The Maeyom Palace although OK, was our least favorite. To be fair some floors of the hotel were being remodeled, but our room had electrical wires visible and in a jumble at some connections and beneath our bedside table. "Scary!"

Day 9 – October 10: After breakfast and before leaving Phrae to travel to Chiang Rai, we stopped at a market to play a game. The couples were each given a slip of paper with a fruit or veggie written in Thai. We were also supplied with 10 baht. The object: Find and buy the item. Ours was "grat-tiem".

"Now picture this scene in your mind.

Six old couples and three old singles running through a busy open market trying to find a native who spoke English and would help them find an ingredient that the fa-rangs couldn't read or pronounce! It was hilarious!

The Thai vendors were helpful, pointing which way to head. Quickly an English speaking Thai greeted us with a smile, looked at our slip of paper and led us to the proper vendor, staying with us until the product was purchased, using "Sib Baht" (10 Baht), and then led us back to Mia, through laughing vendors and customers.

For those who are curious "ma-nao" is garlic.

All the stuff we purchased was used later to prepare "Som-tam" (green papaya salad) at our home hosted lunch.

After the market we boarded the bus to visit the "Baan Boon Ya Park Pre-school". Kids, of course are a delight, especially when they're not yours. These were dressed in blue shorts and pink tee shirts. They raised the flag, sang the national anthem, said a Thai prayer, and did their morning exercises. We then entered the school and some of the ladies sat in small groups and read story books in English to them. The kids were very attentive and our group had a good time.

After leaving the pre-school, which OAT supports, it was off to the other end of the spectrum. Next stop was a "seniors club".

As you can imagine, most of rural Thailand are family farms. When the farmers get old, and can no longer farm, the lucky ones will be able to go daily to a Senior Club, but unlike senior centers here in Denver, these are also places where they continue to be productive.

At the "Don Chum Village" the old men raised chicken, catfish, mushrooms, and other vegetables. They then sell the products and share in the profits. This co-op was overseen by "Aunty Phen" who with a gentle hand, assures that chores are not forgotten, and the seniors are looked after.

Needless to say there is a lot of time for just talking. All of us know that "old people" are experts at talking. Some of the group had a round table discussion with the seniors, which they said was interesting. I stayed outside as it was a nice day and I don't like nursing homes, retirement homes, or anyplace that involves the "end game of life".

After the senior club visit, we had a very good home hosted lunch consisting of Sticky rice, fried pork, stir fried cabbage with oyster sauce and of course our own papaya salad, made with our purchased ingredients and fresh papayas from the trees of our host.

After lunch we continued on to Chiang Rai, stopping at lake "Kwan Payao", the 3rd largest lake (1.49 miles square) in Thailand, for a "happy room" stop, arriving at the Golden Pine Resort in Chiang Rai about 3 pm. The resort was very secluded. Our rooms were comfortable little cottages. Ours had a back deck looking onto a rice paddy. The grounds and pool were located in a palm garden. Many thought it was the best hotel of the trip. After enjoying the pool we all met for dinner in the hotel and were entertained by some in our group performing Karaoke. It was a fun dinner.

Next time more on Thailand.

The Planners meet the first Thursday of each month at 11:15 am at the Country Buffet at Park Meadows. (South of C-470 at Quebec.) All you retirees are invited to come anytime, even you engineers. Call Dolph Hellman at 303-794-0852 if you have questions or need directions.

The MARS Associates Website

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About halfway down the main page of the MARS website, www.marsretirees.org, you'll see a small box labeled "**Search Engines & Links**". There are a number of interesting links that pop up when you click the box with your mouse. For example, you'll see **LOCKHEED MARTIN, HUBBLE, and ROAD CONDITIONS**. At the top of the list is **GOOGLE**, the most popular internet search engine. There's a wealth of information on the internet, and GOOGLE can be your gateway. With GOOGLE you can search NEWS, WEBSITES, and IMAGES. If you start your search with DEFINITION or SYNONYM, then GOOGLE will act as your dictionary or thesaurus. If you type MOVIE and your ZIP code, you'll get a list of all the theaters and movies in your area, including show times.

Sometimes one gets frustrated at the overwhelming quantity of items returned from a search. There are ways to narrow your search to make the return volume less daunting. If your search string contains several words, GOOGLE may return items that contain only one of the words. But if you enclose your search string in quotes, then GOOGLE will search for the precise occurrence of the words in that order. Another way to limit the return results is to exclude terms. Say you want to know the speed of a jaguar - the animal, not the car. Using the minus sign to indicate exclusion, you could type SPEED JAGUAR -CAR to limit the information returned. You can use GOOGLE as a calculator - simply type 25*33-64, for example, or 38 DEGREES F TO C to convert Fahrenheit to Celsius.

There are more GOOGLE tools that can be used to improve you're searching. In GOOGLE, type **SEARCH TIPS AND TRICKS**, and you'll find numerous lists providing tips to aid you're searching.

Here are the monthly sites of the month from the last quarter - these you'll enjoy, and we're sure they're free of virus and malware.

July - www.healthcare.gov/law/full

August - www.lockheedmartin.com/us/100years.html

September - www.airpano.com and
www.votesmart.org

See for yourself what's there; visit often the MARS website at www.marsretirees.org.

Your website committee members are: Bob Knickerbocker, Linda Stearns, Paul Bingham, Duane "Smitty" Smetana, and Jim Kummer (Webmaster).

Denver News /What's New

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No article submitted this quarter.

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Glenn L. Martin Company



A Centennial Message from Lockheed Martin Chairman and CEO Bob Stevens and Vice Chairman, President and COO Chris Kubasik.

A century ago today, a California Superior Court clerk named W.B. Williams signed his name – with a flourish – to the incorporation documents of the Glenn L. Martin Company. That signature marked the [official founding](#) of the Martin Company, the first root in the Lockheed Martin family tree. We're commemorating this 100th anniversary by holding events at more than 230 of our sites worldwide, and by launching a new campaign to collect and share your stories of our history.

When he formed his company, Glenn Martin was just 26 years old and fresh off a [record-breaking flight](#) in his Model 12 seaplane. Brimming with boundless imagination, he was a visionary, self-taught engineer, and entrepreneur who lived for achievement. "There has never been a sensation more soul-satisfying than the first flight of a new design," he remarked, "no field of endeavor half so fascinating as the challenge of each new secret of flight."

Martin would lead the company that bears his name for four decades, delivering innovations almost too numerous to count. The MB-2 bomber was the first to sink a battleship in 1921. The B-10 earned the Collier Trophy in 1932 for its unprecedented

combination of power and versatility. The [B-26 Marauder](#) delivered the highest survival rate of any bomber in WWII. The Matador became America's first operational cruise missile in 1952.

When he retired in 1953, Martin had built an impressive legacy and a strong foundation for the future. His company would go on to [power the space race](#), revolutionize manufacturing with the Zero Defects program, and blaze trails in rocket and [missile technology](#). Some 83 years after its founding, Martin's company would cross paths with one founded by two barnstorming brothers named Lockheed, who also got their start in 1912. We'll celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lockheed on December 19.

Martin's story is one of achievement, purpose, and integrity. And now, we want to hear yours. Today we're launching a [Share Your Story](#) campaign; open to anyone with a connection to Lockheed Martin. Tell us about the achievement you're most proud of, a problem you helped solve for a customer, or an innovative idea you turned into reality. Tell us what inspires you and what drives you. Your stories define us. They explain who we are and why we've thrived over a century of change. We want to hear them, share them, and celebrate them.

It's unlikely that W.B. Williams understood, on that August afternoon 100 years ago, that he was witnessing the birth of a company that would span more than a century, comprise hundreds of thousands of people, and contribute immeasurably to our world. Today, as we mark our founding, let's build on that legacy and give our future colleagues a story they'll be proud to tell on our 200th. Thank you for all that you do to make Lockheed Martin a great company.



SUNNYVALE, CA, July 30, 2012 – The U.S. Air Force's Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) B12 satellite, built by Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT], has reached 20 years on-orbit, double its operational design life. The B12 satellite will continue to serve in a reserve capacity providing secure and reliable communications capabilities for the war fighter.

Launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL., on July 2, 1992, the B12 satellite is one of 14 DSCS III spacecraft designed and built by Lockheed Martin for the Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA.

The DSCS constellation provides uninterrupted secure voice and high-data rate communications to Department of Defense users; essential tools in monitoring events and deploying and sustaining forces anywhere in the world. The DSCS III constellation in its entirety has the longest total on-orbit operational experience of any U.S. military communications satellite constellation.

"The high performance and longevity of the DSCS III constellation is a true testament to the joint U.S. Air Force/Lockheed Martin team dedicated to providing the war fighter with secure and reliable satellite communications," said Mark Valerio, vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's Military Space line of business. "Lockheed Martin has a distinguished 100-year track record of solid performance and the DSCS III constellation is no different. We are continuing to deliver innovative solutions for our customers."

To meet increased military demand for space-based communications, Lockheed Martin is also progressing on the Air Force's Advanced Extremely High Frequency ([AEHF](#)) satellite system and the Navy's Mobile User Objective System ([MUOS](#)). The AEHF system will provide global, highly secure, protected, survivable communications for war fighters. MUOS is a next-generation narrowband tactical satellite communications system designed to significantly improve ground communications for U.S. forces on the move.

Headquartered in Bethesda, MD., Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs about 120,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration, and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products, and services. The corporation's net sales for 2011 were \$46.5 billion.

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RAMM – Baltimore News

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The RAMM organization enjoyed our June picnic indoors. Maryland weather can feel pretty miserable as we deal not only with high temperatures, but high humidity also. This summer broke all records, so picnicking indoors was most welcome.

We also had to seek another place for our meetings. Turner's Hall was sold to a church group and would no longer be renting the hall. We had two months to find something within our budget. We are now meeting in a hall of an establishment called – "Chug-a-Mug." I love the name!

The committee is concerned if any members will find the change difficult and not able to attend. Let's face facts – most of our members are in their mid-eighties and nineties so transportation is a problem, but RAMM's are from a tough generation and if there is a way to Chug-a-Mug, they will find it.

The RAMMs, here in Maryland, enjoyed our summer, munching on crab cakes and steamed crabs, as only Baltimore can make them. The first thing out-of-state visitors request are our steamed crabs quickly followed by those delicious crab cakes. You will never find them anywhere in the world as tasty. So, we RAMM's sat those hot summer days, in our air conditioned bars or homes, mallets in hand banging those huge spider-looking creatures to obtain that succulent morsel of meat. Yep, we do get pretty messy eating those crabs, but it's well worth it.

Our Christmas Dance is December 18th and tickets are quickly being sold. The ladies are checking what to wear as the men search for that wild Christmas tie. Yes, RAMM members become excited as Christmas approaches. We are still children at heart.

Well, summer is over and we look forward to the beauty of our fall months. I'll check with you next time. Stay healthy.

Cape Canaveral News

By Dick Olson
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July

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of former KSC Director, Forrest S. McCartney, Lt. General, USAF, Ret.

Forrest was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known, and no one cared more for the KSC team

than General McCartney. He was always out in the processing areas talking with the troops and getting the pulse of KSC. He was a man with the highest integrity who always did the right thing. At one Flight Readiness Review, there was great pressure to launch in spite of a possible issue with the external tank doors. When the launch readiness poll was being taken and it got to Forrest, he said, "You can vote all you want, but Discovery's rolling back to the VAB to be checked out." It turned out that the doors were, in fact, rigged incorrectly.

At General McCartney's request, no services will be held. Please keep his beloved wife, Miss Ruth, and his family in your thoughts and prayers. He will most certainly be missed.

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/kennedy/about/biographies/mccartney.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forrest_S._McCartney

August

We had a little better turnout at the luncheon yesterday. Mickey Moffitt and Gordon Nielsen made an appearance, Rich Tennis was down from up north and Barry House joined us. Larry Gleason brought along his son Lon. Regulars where Hal Castleton, Nick Gesso, Harry Holmes, Mac McDaniels, Jimmy Weddle, Abe Smith, Joe Karopolsky, Chris Hutchmacher, Bill Rhody, Hank Ambrose, Dick Hinshaw, Don Anderson, Cal Moser, Ken Hawes, Brooks Kilgore, Walt Starkey, Ray Hall, Bill Masterson, and Bob Rodamer.

Mickey reports that his wife Patty is back working for Lockheed Martin on the Balloon program down in Melbourne. Gordy and Susan continue their travels, Antarctica this spring and the South Pacific in a couple weeks.

I heard from Jack Johnson that he left Cape Canaveral for good. Will be living in their summer home in North Carolina, while they build a new home in the Chattanooga area where they will be closer to family.

I hope that everyone is well. I got a lot of requests for shirts for the **50th Anniversary**.

Nick Krebs 12/1/1965 - 8/9/2012 - It is with great regret that we bring you news of the passing of Nick Krebs. Nick was born in New Jersey and was a member of the US Marines before serving as an Aerospace Technician for Launch Operations. Nick

started out with the Titan program then moved on to the Atlas program at SLC-36A/B, and then on to support Atlas V. Nick is survived by his wife Christina, son Chace (7), daughter Sanora (3), and son Heath (1) in Puryear, TN. Nick's other surviving family members are his parents (Maria and Bruce, Sr.), brother (Bruce, Jr.) and sister (Ana) in NJ. There was a benefit planned for the family on Aug 14 at the Old Florida Grill & Oyster House, Cocoa Beach, FL. The restaurant donated 10% of their sales of the day for the family. Plans are also in work to provide funds for each of the children. If you would like to make a donation, please make payable to Stephanie Smith, 6165 Dees Rd, Port St. John, FL 32927. Her number is 321-403-0744

Lowell Schell, 48, of Palm Shores went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 16, 2012 in Melbourne, FL. Lowell moved here in 1995 from Cheyenne, WY. He proudly served his country in the USAF until he retired as a Master Sergeant in 2004. He continued his devout patriotism as a civilian at Lockheed Martin as a Field Engineer. A son and daughter could not have asked for a more loving and influential father. The love he shared could not be felt more than his best friend, his wife. The impact he left on his friends and family will never be forgotten. He was a lifelong Alabama football fan, who loved to hunt and fish. Later in life he proved to be an avid motorcycle rider.



In Lowell's death he gave the gift of life by donating his organs. The family he left behind include his wife, Cindy; son, Corey; and daughter, Devin; parents, Richard and Paulette Schell; brothers, Bryan and Justin; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held on Wednesday, August 22nd at the Brownlie and Maxwell Chapel. Anyone planning an expression of sympathy is asked to consider the Wounded Warrior Project at www.WoundedWarriorProject.org. (Published in FLORIDA TODAY on August 19, 2012) He was our friend, co-worker, and brother in arms. Lowell lived life to the fullest with his family and friends. Lowell was a proud Air Force veteran, and after his retirement as a Master Sergeant, continued to serve his country here with us as part of the

NRO/PLSSS Team and PGO family. Lowell was a true American Hero and will be missed by all. Please keep Lowell's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert A. Listy, 60, of Merritt Island passed away Thursday, August 16, 2012. He was born in DeKalb, IL and raised in Elgin, IL. Served in the US Air Force at the Pentagon under two Presidents, in satellite communications for the White House. After that, he worked for Martin Marietta at the Kennedy Space Center for 29 years. Survived by wife of 40 years, Diane; son, Robert, Jr., both of Rockledge; brother, Thomas Listy, Rockledge; three sisters, Jean Fonda, Orlando, Carol Hosterman, Bristol, IN, Mary Warner, Casey, IL; father, Robert H. Listy, Sr.; mother, Jessie M. Dewey, both deceased. Services were held at Calvary Chapel, on August 25, 2012, with Military Honors. Robert has made his final mission, he is with God. (Published in FLORIDA TODAY on August 22, 2012)

Ken LaBorde passed away early August 18, 2012 with his wife, Linda by his side. The nurses told Linda that he was in much pain and even if he got better, the cancer was spreading so rapidly, that it would only be a matter of time. Services were held, August 21, 2012 at the Beach Funeral Home in Indian Harbour Beach.

September

We had a pretty good turnout for our luncheon today, about 25 folks. Some we hadn't seen for a while were Jimmy Bryant, Bill Case, Phil Pendleton, Bob Matchner, Ed Kitta, Cecil Snipes and Ken Girard. Phil was still nursing his broken back and undergoing cancer treatments. Regulars were Hal Castleton, Jimmy Weddle, Hank Ambrosh, Abe Smith, Nick Geso, Dave Kintigh, Bill Rhody, Harry Holmes, Dick Hinshaw, Walt Starkey, Cal Moser, Bob Anderson, Don Anderson, Larry Gleason, Brooks Kilgore and Bob Rodamer.

The last couple months have been kind of hard on our Titan family. In July we lost former Director Forest McCartney and in August we lost Payloads Engineer Ken LaBorde, Bob Listy from Quality, and Technician Lovell Scholl. They will all be missed.

We had some bad news come to us on 9/6/12 about the passing of Lowell Chisholm, a former Titan Quality Engineer and current LM Courtland Operations Quality Engineer. We do not know of any services as of yet but we will hold a memorial at Courtland next week in his memory.

Heard from Lynn Johnson and Norm Heap and we have decided the obituary was indeed that of our Ann Barnett. Ann worked in Contracts at the MRL building at the end of her career.

Betty Daymude, wife of former Chief of Quality Engineering, Paul Daymude, passed away at the age of 86 on September 18, 2012. A memorial service was held at the family's home on Sunday, 9/23. Donations may be made to the hospice center of your choice in Betty's name. Anyone wishing to share a memory or send the family a message is asked to please visit Betty's guestbook at www.beachfuneralhome.com. She was cremated and there were no services planned.

An email from Phil Pendleton – "I am still alive and kicking. Have not started chemo yet, but the operation was good. Got the kidney and major cancer. I still have some spots on my lungs that want the chemo to take care of. That should start before the end of the month.

It's going to take a year for my back to heal from the explosion. Thanks for checking up on me."

Phil

October

We had a pretty good turnout this month, nearly 30 people. Roy Hunter who we haven't seen for months joined us and Ken Gerard, Barry House, Ray Hall, and Bob Matchner have made it two months in a row along with regulars Hal Castleton, Harry Holmes, Ken Hawes, Walt Starkey, Jerry Moskovitz, Abe Smith, Cal Moser, Brooks Kilgore, Joe Kiropolski, Larry Gleason, Dick Hinshaw, Mac McDaniels, Dave Kintigh, Bob Anderson, Herb Paugh, Jimmie Bryant, Jim Weddle, Bill Rhode, Roger Wright, and Bob Rodamer. Marion Durant, who was a MCDAC payload fairing tech rep, also joined us.

ULA had a beautiful Delta launch this morning right on schedule with another GPS satellite.

Former Martin Marietta employee Brian Hanson passed away September 25, 2012. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 4:00 pm at Newcomer Cremation and Funeral Service, 2400 S. Washington Ave., Titusville FL. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit "www.newcomercremation.com".

REALM (Orlando News)

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Each November we celebrate both Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. These holidays embody the culture, spirit, and enduring traditions of the ethnic diversity and history of the people of our great nation.

On Veteran's Day we honor our armed service veterans. It coincides with Remembrance Day, which is celebrated in other parts of the world and also marks the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice between Germany and the Allied nations that ended World War I. Hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time by President Wilson. Following World War II and the Korean conflict, the veteran's service organizations in 1954 urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans." Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served. All living veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on this day. Veteran's Day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving.

REALM, through its volunteer support of the Honor Flight and Welcome Troops Home initiatives, extends this national day of honor and thanks throughout the year to those surviving veteran's of past wars and those actively serving today.

Our Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly traced to a 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. It has been an annual holiday in the United States since 1863. This year it is celebrated on November 22.

In times like these when national unemployment is high, national debt is high, and national threats of terrorist activity is high, one must realize we still have much for which to be thankful. We give thanks for our freedom, families and friends, the highest standard of living in the world, and our many other blessings. We hope that future generations on Thanksgiving Day will always be able to offer thanks for their many blessings in this great country. This is a day for everyone to internally reflect on what they have to be thankful for.

On Saturday, September 22, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control hosted an employee family day. Eighteen REALM volunteers distributed the Lockheed Martin family day mementos and gave bottled water to employees as they arrived. REALM also had a display table promoting its Honor Flight and Welcome Troops Home community volunteer activities and provided REALM applications and copies of *REALM News* to employees who are within a year of retirement. This proved to be an excellent venue to explain one-on-one what REALM was all about to potential members.

Bill Rivera

President, REALM

Martin Marietta Retiree's Club (Vandenberg News)

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We held our 28 June meeting at the Historic Santa Maria Inn with member, April Hardy presenting photos and details of her most recent volunteer trip to Israel. This trip she went with Christian Friends of Israel (CFI) and worked in their Distribution Center providing services to immigrants into Israel from Europe, Russia, Africa, India, and America. She provided us with first hand info on sensitivities in the area and described daily rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip into Jerusalem.

She is planning another visit with the volunteers in October 2012. There were 32 members and guests; the 50-50 drawing winner was yours truly, (C. Radaz)!

If you are interested in receiving her daily blog on her Israel activities, you can contact her at april.hardy@verizon.net.

Sad news at this meeting was the passing of Julio V. Santana who had worked in the MMC Reproduction shop on Titan programs from the late 60's to his retirement.

Also, Roy J. Stovall passed away in St. Charles, MO. Roy worked on Titan, Shuttle, and other VAFB programs.

The July meeting was held in Buellton at Pea Soup Andersons with 36 members and guests present with many attendees choosing the famous Monster Burger for their entree. Our speaker was MMRC

member, Larry Loos telling of some recent travels he enjoyed with his wife, Mary Lou, who is a travel agent.

In August, our meeting was held in the Santa Maria Airport Radisson Hotel. The guest speaker was David Cross, Director of the Santa Maria Chamber's Economic Development Council. Dave gave an inspiring presentation on accomplishments and plans for Santa Maria.

The September 30 meeting was at the Embassy Suites in Lompoc. We were pleased to have Larry Hill, Chief of Community Relations, 30th Space Wing give an overview of what's happening at Vandenberg facilities, activities, and programs!

The next meeting will be back at the Historic Santa Maria Inn with two speakers describing fund raising and assistance given to needy children during the holidays. The meeting will be at noon on 25 October, Thursday.

Our club normally meets the last Thursday of each month at noon. We rotate between Santa Maria, Lompoc and Buellton. All former employees, their spouses, and associate contractors are welcome to attend, visit, and share informal stories.

Call Aubrey Collins (805) 937-8299 or Neil Baker (806) 733-1847 for location and reservations.

United Launch Alliance News

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United Launch Alliance Commemorates Decade of Successful Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Missions

Commercially Developed Atlas V and Delta IV Deliver More Than 50 Critical Payloads with 100 Percent Mission Success

Centennial, CO (Sept. 21, 2012) – United Launch Alliance (ULA) is commemorating a decade of Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) missions, in which the Atlas V and Delta IV successfully delivered more than 50 critical capabilities to orbit for the U.S. Air Force, National Reconnaissance Office, NASA, and commercial users around the world.

The EELV program was established by the United States Air Force to provide assured access to space for Department of Defense and other government payloads. The commercially developed EELVs support the full range of government mission requirements, while delivering on schedule and providing a 33 percent cost savings over the heritage Atlas, Delta, and Titan IV launch systems.

"For more than 50 years, Atlas and Delta launch vehicles have supported America's dominance in space, launching weather, communications, and national security missions that protect and improve life on Earth, as well as science and exploration missions that improve our understanding of the universe," said Michael Gass, ULA President and CEO. "ULA is so very proud to serve our customers and is truly humbled by the trust they place in us by allowing us to put their critical and most valuable assets of our nation into space."

"Congratulations to the entire joint EELV team on the 10th anniversary of the program and achievement of 50 plus successful launch missions," said Roger S. Correll, Air Force Program Executive Officer, Space Launch. "The reliable performance of EELV is a critical enabler of our war-fighting and national security intelligence missions. Each and every day soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and intelligence operators rely on the satellite capabilities EELV enables. We look forward to continued performance excellence as EELV maintains support to National Security Space."

The commercially developed Atlas V and Delta IV are the only fully certified launch vehicles capable of supporting the full range of government launch requirements.

"We are thankful to the founders of the EELV program who helped set us on this course to deliver the improved reliability and operational flexibility at a significantly lower cost, while maintaining an unprecedented level of mission success," said Gass.

"Congratulations to the EELV and ULA teams on the 10th anniversary of EELV," said Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office. "The reliable performance of EELV is a significant enabler of our national security mission. We look forward to sustained excellent performance as EELV continues to support the Intelligence Community and Department of Defense."

Since the first EELV launch in 2002, EELV has delivered extraordinary capabilities for the nation. Atlas V has launched 33 times and Delta IV has

launched 20 times, delivering nine commercial payloads, 10 NASA spacecraft, and 34 national security satellites.

"We are very proud of the manufacturing capacity we've established to build and deliver any quantity of launch capabilities the government needs to satisfy its requirements," said Gass. "We are committed to continuously innovate and improve our products and services to maintain the highest standards of reliability, while continuing to lower cost, achieving maximum value for the taxpayer."

Currently, ULA is on track to complete its most aggressive EELV launch campaign to date with 11 launches this year, 12 launches scheduled in 2013, and 15 launches in 2014 from five operational launch pads.

ULA program management, engineering, test, and mission support functions are headquartered in Denver, CO. Manufacturing, assembly, and integration operations are located at Decatur, AL and Harlingen, TX. Launch operations are located at Cape Canaveral AFS, FL and Vandenberg AFB, CA.

For more information on ULA, visit the ULA Web site at www.ulalaunch.com, or call the ULA Launch Hotline at 1-877-ULA-4321 (852-4321). For more information on ULA, visit the ULA website at www.ulalaunch.com, or call the ULA Launch Hotline at 1-877-ULA-4321 (852-4321). Join the conversation at www.facebook.com/ulalaunch and twitter.com/ulalaunch.

Following photos were taken at:

Colorado Rockies game & picnic on 8/15/12

Annual Picnic at Clement Park on 9/12/12

MARS ASSOCIATES EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT/MONTH	2012									2013		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Board of Directors		2		3		5		7		2		5
Officers	4	2	6	3	7/31	5	3	7	4	2	6	5
Bridge	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	15
Dinner	11	NONE	20	18	22	19	17	6	NONE	14	18	20
Golf	Thu	Thu	Thu	Thu	Thu	Thu	Thu					
Photo	12		15		22		11		7		14	
Planners	5	3	7	5	2	6	4	1	6	3	7	7
EzyBytes	27	25	29	27		7	26	NONE	7	25	22	29
Web Committee	3	1	5	2	7/30	4	2	6	3		5	5
Sr. Luncheon				11								
CO Rockies Game					15							
Annual Picnic						12						
Holiday Celebration									5			
Annual Meeting												6
Items due for MARS STAR			25				1			TBD		TBD
STAR Mailing	18			8/1			24			TBD		

DATED: Oct, 2012

Notes:

1. BOD meets the first Wed of every other month at The Egg & I near Southglenn at 09:30 am.
2. Officers meet the first Wed of every month at The Egg & I near Southglenn at 09:30 am.
3. Bridge meets the third Fri of every month at 10:00 am at the Buck Recreation Center.
4. Dinner Club: 10/17/12 - The Bistro at Aspen Grove @ 11:30 am; 11/06/2012 – Garden Terrace at Inverness @ 11:30 am; 12/12 - No Event; 1/14/2013 - The Chinook Tavern; 2/18/2013 - Sansone's Bistro; 3/20/2013 - Buckhorn Exchange.
5. Golf meets every Thu from Apr through Oct of each year.
6. Photo meets the second Thu of every other month at 1:30 pm at the Bemis Public Library in Littleton.
7. Planners meet the first Thu of every month at 11:15 am at the Country Buffet in Park Meadows.
8. EzyBytes computer volunteers meets at 1:00 PM the last Fri of the month except Nov when we meet on the first Fri in Dec - all meetings at the Buck Recreation Center.
9. Web Committee meets on Tue prior to the BOD and/or Officers meeting at noon at Sweet Tomatoes. There will be no meeting Jan, 2013.
10. 2012 Holiday Celebration is Dec 5 at Pinehurst CC.
11. 2013 Annual Meeting is March 6.

This schedule is maintained by Duane Del Duca, MARS President Elect