


UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

 Engineering Research Associates 1946 - 2016	Our Legacy	February 3	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
		February 10	7 PM – Social hour & Program	UNISYS, Roseville
		March 2	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
		March 9	7 PM – Social hour & Program	LMCO, Eagan
		April 20	11 AM – Volunteer Recognition Luncheon	Joseph's in St. Paul

FEBRUARY PROGRAM AMTRAK and the EMPIRE BUILDER

February 10th, 7:00 PM: Please join us at the UNISYS, Roseville Superior conference room to hear about "AMTRAK and the Empire Builder".

Don Anderson is a station agent for Amtrak in St. Paul. He has worked all over the Midwest in various capacities in the past twenty-five years. (Flexibility and improvisation is a key requirement in passenger railroading.) He is a 1982 graduate of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. Prior to Amtrak he worked for several banks in dealer finance and asset management.

Don's presentation will focus mainly on the Empire Builder route which runs through the Twin Cities between Chicago and Seattle. He will also give a bit of a historical narrative since the train has run continuously since 1927 and is considered by many to be a railroading icon and a part of our national hagiography. He'll also have sample fares and route maps. The presentation also describes different classes of service available and highlights of the route. Q&A to follow. *Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.*

MARCH PROGRAM Air Traffic Control Part II

March 9th, 7:00 PM: Please meet with us for coffee, cookies, and a talk by Steve Koltes. In September of 2014 the VIP Club monthly program, presented by Steve Koltes, covered the first 50 years of our company's involvement in air traffic control. Our customer, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has clearly been satisfied with our efforts and rewarded and challenged us with continued tasks to improve and advance the hardware and software systems of Air Traffic Management (ATM) as it is now called. Steve's

effort, which was held at the LM facility in Eagan, drew a large crowd, many of whom had worked in the ATM group. In our March program, again held at the MN Eagan facility, Steve will present Part II which will build on the history of our first half century and discuss Lockheed Martin's current and future efforts assuring safe and efficient air travel.

Background: In 1964 our first air traffic control system was deployed at the Atlanta, GA airport. It was the result of the FAA's development "Project Beacon" and our company's efforts for NTDS. It was known as the first Automated Radar Terminal System (ARTS I). ARTS evolved to ARTS III and in 1969 the FAA gave us the green light, project build and install the ARTS III system at 64 major U.S. sites. Over time the systems were enhanced and expanded to include many other airports domestically and internationally (see <http://vipclubmn.org/aircontrol.html>).

Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.

If your address label or email subject line has **2015**; your membership expired on December 31st, page 7 has a renewal form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteerism: The March and April issues will have the Survey Form for you to report your volunteer hours accumulated during the 2015 year.

Newsletter inputs: For the March Newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before February 5th, see Contact Data section.

For your 2016 Calendar: April 20th - Volunteer Recognition luncheon at Joseph's in St. Paul. May 6th - Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid. May 13th - Syttende Mai at Casper's. June 15th - Annual Picnic at



the Highland Park Pavilion. November 18th – UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS at Casper’s.

Newsletter Distribution Changes: 1) Did your spouse also work at UNISYS/LMCO? Does she/he have her/his own email address? If yes, send Membership Coordinator Gish Devlaminck the added email address and both of you will receive the electronic newsletter available notices. 2) 4.1% of our membership has not given us a preferred newsletter delivery choice. Beginning with our March newsletter these will default to electronic notices. 3) 42% of our members receive the newsletter via US mail, if you have an email address and would like to help reduce printing and mail costs – send a note to Gish, gdevlaminck@comcast.net. Thanks,

L.A. Benson

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2016, seventy years after our original heritage company was founded. Our VIP Club tries to provide venues that enable many of us who have been part of the heritage companies to continue personal contacts with our “worker family”. Recently we sent a survey to all VIP Club members who have e-mail addresses and experienced a very good response. The Executive Board will be reviewing your opinions and use them to shape our activities in the future. A special thanks to all of those who took the time to respond. Knowing that there are seniors' clubs in many of your locations (see the table on the Recreation Page of the VIP Club web site) that provide a wide range of activities, the VIP Club tries to complement these offerings with special human interest and social programs that relate to our past company relationships. While many of our former employees have scattered across the country in their retirement years; a majority still reside, at least part of the year, in the Twin City area (as of December 2015 – 720 of the 920 membership units are located in the 5 county area). We speak of “membership units” which are basically membership households and because spouses are also considered full members our individual membership count is actually 1625. We look forward to serving all of you with our newsletters, programs and web site (<http://vipclubmn.org/>) during the coming year. Sincerely, *Keith Behnke*, 2016 Club President.



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PERIODIC GROUPS

A Luncheon Group [engineering/ drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday in West St. Paul at 11:00 AM - at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 S. Robert.

One Breakfast Group now meets monthly at 8:00 AM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.

A Second Luncheon Group [Unisys and Burroughs] meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 AM at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. Contact phone is #952-854-7855.

Another Breakfast Group meets monthly at 9:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Coordinator Marv Brown's phone is 763-416-3903.

A Third Unisys Luncheon Group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. Coordinator phone is 651-552-1465.

A Fourth Luncheon Group (SCF) meets in the odd numbered months on the 2nd Saturday at 11:30 AM at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-3319.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Our Blue Bell 'Brethren': The UNISYS Blue Bell retirees club delivers their quarterly newsletter electronically to 326 of their 647 members and a complimentary copy to our VIP Club Officers and Directors. We in turn send their Board a complimentary copy of our newsletters. Do you want to read about what they do? We have links to their recent newsletter issues on our website, <http://vipclubmn.org/Newsletters.html>.

L.A. Benson

December Surveys: The Club board authorized two surveys with a Survey Monkey application. One survey went to current members with email addresses, the second survey to former club members. Thanks to all who responded. Results of the surveys are covered in the Presidents message of this newsletter.

RECAP OF FALL MEETINGS: The Old Timers', UNIHOGS, and Christmas Dinner gatherings are summarized with collages on pages 5-7.

RECREATION – GOLF

The combined Lockheed Martin/Unisys golf league (ULGL – Unified Legacy Golf League) completed its fourth year with a banquet at Mancini's in St. Paul on October 20th. The league has shrunk somewhat over the last four years primarily due to Lockheed Martin reducing its presence in Minnesota. We currently have 270 registered members playing in the five leagues (Phalen – Mon., Emerald Greens – 2 leagues on Tue., Southern Hills – Wed. and Coon Rapids –Thu.) Membership is open to employees or former employees of our heritage companies as well as their friends and

relatives. Most leagues are always looking for new teams and/or new individual players. Contact me if interested and also look at the league's website - <http://www.ulglmn.org>. We also have nine tournaments at different courses using a variety of formats each year with an average participation of around 80 in 2015.

Keith Behnke - keithbhnk@comcast.net

IN REMEMBRANCE



Bender, Robert W. - Age 77 of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Austin, MN. Bob was a Navy Veteran and devoted employee of 35 years at Sperry Univac

BRODERSON, Phillip M. "Phil" - Age 74, of Iron River, WI and formerly of Afton, MN. Passed away on Monday, December 21st, 2015 at his home. Phil is survived by his wife, Sandra. Phil worked for Unisys in St. Paul, MN and for Team Quest in Iowa.

Cognetta, Philip Vito - Age 71 of North Oaks, MN. Phil passed away on New Year's Day in the comfort of his home surrounded by family and friends. Philip is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy (Dixon). Judy is a Unisys retiree and they have been long time members of the VIP Club.



Illi, Jerome "Jer" - Passed away December 19th, 2015, after a courageous struggle with cancer. He was born August 1, 1935 in Minneapolis, MN. He became a mechanical designer, and worked for Lockheed Martin for 35 years. Jer is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Betty Potasnak.

Knighton, Raymond Nay - Age 81 of Eden Prairie, MN. Passed away on October 25th, 2015. Ray is survived by his wife of 56 years, June. Ray was born and raised in Texas and worked with Unisys (Roseville) for over thirty years



Melohn, Joel L. - Age 68 of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away peacefully on January 6th, 2016 after a long illness. Joel is survived by his wife, Jane. Joel was a Lockheed Martin Retiree and past member of the VIP Club.

Raycraft, Pat passed away on December 19th. He is survived by wife Jan - a retired Lockheed Martin Program Manager and former VIP Club member.

Reiter, Allan G. - Age 83 of Roseville, MN. Passed away on November 15th, 2015. Preceded in death by

wife, Millie. Allan started with ERA and retired from Unisys after many years of service.

Schaber, Jo Anne - Age 63 of Burnsville, MN. Passed away peacefully at home on December 4th, 2015. She is survived by husband, Douglas. Douglas was a long time employee and Lockheed Martin retiree.



Schneider, Louis "Greg" - Age 64, died on Sunday, October 25th, 2015 after a long battle fighting cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Ilsemarie Schneider. Greg worked for many years as a systems engineer at Unisys.

Wisdorf, Jerome "Jerry" - Age 73 of Roseville, MN. Passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer. Jerry is survived by wife, Mary. Jerry was a long time employee of Unisys in Roseville.



He and John Mauchly were also having difficulty arranging for financing. We offered to join forces, but Eckert declined. Ironically, we came together later when Remington Rand acquired EMC in 1950, and in 1952 acquire ERA. These two companies constituted the Univac Division of Remington Rand. In 1955 Remington was acquired by the Sperry Corporation to form Sperry Rand. I was given the job as general manager of the Univac division of Sperry Rand."

70 Years Ago, February 1946: "The first general purpose electronic calculator was formally dedicated at the MOORE School of Engineering at the U of Pennsylvania in Feb 1946." "Built to do ballistic calculations for the US Army, it was named the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, and called after its initials the ENIAC".

In recognition of this event, Bill Mauchly is coordinating celebration events and displays at the University of Pennsylvania and a few other sites in the Philadelphia area on February 15th.

Thanks to Al Rollins of the Blue Bell retirees group for this activity information. LABenson

NEW MEMBERS

Kamrath, J. & Karen	Unisys
Bennett, Craig & Mary	LMCO
Kochevar, Al & Jane	LMCO
Mathews, Len & Diane	Unisys

LIGHTER SIDE

Brains of the Elderly: Brains of older people are slow, because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; scientists believe it just takes them longer to recall facts, because they have so much information to sift through in their brains. Much like how a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing-down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored a lot of information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak; on the contrary, they simply know more so take longer to recall the required 'data'.

Also, older people often go to another room and then stand there wondering what they went there for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of helping older people get more exercise.

SO THERE! Now, when I reach for a word or a name, I will not excuse myself by saying "I'm having a senior moment". I will just say, "My start up disk is full!" from *Brent Jordahl:*

Thanks to all of you who have already renewed!

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

70 Years Ago, January 1946: In recognition of the beginning of our Twin Cities Information Technology (IT) Legacy, for the January 'Article for the Month' we are posting *William C. Norris' WWII Experiences*. An extract from page 12 "Since the history of ERA has been well publicized, I won't repeat it here, except for three aspects. One is the name, which initially was Research and Development Associates. We hoped it projected an image of a technically oriented company where there was extensive employee ownership. After using the name for a time, it finally dawned on us that an abbreviation by competitors would likely be RED ASS. Needless to say, we didn't want to take that risk, so we changed it to Engineering Research Associates.

Second, ERA was one of two companies that launched the computer industry. The other was Eckert-Mauchly in Philadelphia, which was established during June 1946, six months after ERA. Interestingly, Engstrom and I met with J.P. Eckert during our search for funding.

Annual Christmas Dinner, December 10, 2015

Forty-six people enjoyed the early evening of friendship and soft Christmas music at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan. Emcee Lowell Benson introduced VIP Club board members in attendance then guest Steve Koltes gave an overview about what is happening at the local LMCO operations.

Thanks to board associate Bill Galle for handling the reservations and to member emeriti Marion Scott for decorating the name tags. Nick Benson again volunteered to snap pictures and create this collage.

The three meal choices of chicken, walleye and steak were nicely presented. We had three innovative eaters, Bob Grueschow, wife Barb, and sister-in-law Rita each ordered a different meal. When served, they cut their respective meats into three pieces so that each could enjoy some of all three culinary delights. We hope that in 2016 the



Vikings will pick a different Thursday evening to lose another game as several attendees chose to skip the Lyndon Peterson background music to watch their television.

Board members at this event were more than satisfied with the venue and service so have decided to reserve the Lost Spur for next year's Christmas dinner. By *LABenson*

A SMILE SIGN



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OLD TIMERS' REUNION ON DECEMBER 3rd.

Feedback from many attendees was [as usual] quite positive. We had pre-printed 178 nametags and ordered 69 pre-made sandwiches; ham, beef, and turkey. As usual, there were some no shows and drop-ins so the best guess is that there were 170 attendees. 115 people responded to the reminder email that they could not make it this year but please keep them on the list for next year. The Lost Spur's sandwich count was 80. Nick Benson created this attendee photo collage. Mark your calendar for December 1, 2016, as we will return to the Lost Spur again next year. Thanks to the dozen participants who took care of name tags, etc. in my absence. *Lowell*



A SMILE SIGN!

UNIHOGS/ UNITURKEYS on November 20th: The VIP Club had decided to hold its' November program meeting in conjunction with the Annual Unihogs/Uniturkeys' Meeting. Before the luncheon, Club members in attendance voted for the 2016 slate of officers. Lame duck Club president, Lowell Benson, introduced the attending candidates. In the next page collage, just below the VIP Club logo are the Unihogs/Uniturkeys Committee, Emcee Jack Ross and Head Hog Fred Vihovde. At the collage top (page 7) is our guest speaker Dr. Tom Misa – Director of the Charles Babbage Institute at the U of MN and his 'Women Into Computing' introductory slide. The fourth snapshot has Don Weidenbach and Glen Hambleton with incoming 2016 Vice President Orrin McGill. The top right picture has Mike Svendsen and incoming Club President Keith Behnke. At the right of Casper's chuck wagon sign is the audience - about half of the 43 attendees. Others in the collage are Tom Turba, Bill Galle, and Frank & Johanne King; Millie Gignac

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talking with Dr. Misa while Jim Donaldson listens; Dennis Thom, Keith Behnke, Jack Metzger and Ernie Lantto; Bob Pagac, John Westergren, Keith & Tricia Myhre and DCHS Trustee, Greg Oxley and then Marv & Mel Janisch. Next years' meeting will be on November 18th, same venue. Submitted by *Lowell*.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If the address block of your Newsletter shows **2015** after your name *or* if the subject line of your Enews notification shows member list **2015**; your VIP Club membership and newsletter subscription expired on December 31, 2015



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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

Car-pool if possible to all events or contact a board member for possible ‘ride-with’ suggestions.

Directions to UNISYS in Roseville: Set your GPS unit to Roseville MN, 2470 Highcrest Road. From Hwy 35W north; exit onto W County Rd C to go west a mile, then turn left onto Walnut St. Then turn right onto Terminal Road for half a block, turn right at Highest Rd. to building entrance. From 35W south, exit on Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd off ramp, turn left, drive under the freeway, then turn right onto Walnut St. Follow it 0.8 mi north then turn left on Terminal Road. Go ½ blocks and enter the UNISYS parking lot on the right. From Hwy 36 east, drive west until 36 joins Hwy 35W just past Hwy 280, then exit at the Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd. off ramp of 35W. Go north on St. Anthony Blvd. to Walnut St. [the first street on the right]. Turn right onto Walnut Street.



Directions to Unisys MACS in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN, 3199 Pilot Knob Road. From Hwy 35E take the Pilot Knob Road exit ramp. Then go north on Pilot Knob Road about ½ mile to Tower View Road. We use the Unisys north parking lot and the visitor entrance thereby.



Directions to the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul: Set your GPS unit to South Saint Paul, 130 Third Avenue. From the Roseville area, take Hwy 36 to I-35E south toward downtown St. Paul. Get into the left lane then take the I-94/Hwy 52 left exit to merge onto Hwy 52 going south. 3.4 miles later, take the Butler Ave exit and turn left. Go 0.7 mi and turn right onto MN156 S. After 1.8 mi, turn right onto Grand Ave. W – Drive up the hill a block and turn left, the parking lot is then 400 ft. on the left. From the Eagan area, take I494 toward the Mississippi river then take exit #65 onto 7th Ave. Turn left and drive a mile to South view Blvd, turn right at the light. After 0.3 mi, turn left onto 3rd Ave – the museum parking lot is then 0.2 mi on the right.

Directions to LMCO in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN, 1303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 100 Eagan, MN 55121. From Roseville area, take 35E south through St. Paul then exit to the west onto I-494. Then take exit 71 for Co Rd 31 (Pilot Knob Road) and go south. Turn left onto Corporate Center Drive, then when you see the LMCO sign, turn left, start up the hill then turn left into the parking log - drive through the parking lot to the west side of the building and turn left into that parking lot section. Enter the building through the west door. From Minneapolis or Bloomington, get onto 494 going East then take exit 71 onto Pilot Knob Road going south - then follow the Corporate Center Drive instructions above.

