

NGAA WEST NEWSLETTER

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NGAA West Luncheon

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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3801 Watson Road
314-645-9263

Program: Enjoy Rock & Roll, Oldies and R & B with The Retro Band!

Cocktails 11:30 a.m., Lunch 12:00
Price: \$22.50 per person

Choose from the menu below. Selections will be confirmed at the luncheon.
Chicken a la Pietro – 8 ounce boneless breast of chicken in a white wine and fresh mushroom sauce
Beef Spedini – Seasoned beef stuffed with Provel cheese, in a rich bordelaise sauce.
Grilled Grouper - Seasoned with Italian breadcrumbs.
Dessert: Spumoni.

Entrees served with salad, vegetable, pink sauce pasta, bread and butter. Bar purchases available from the wait staff on a cash basis.

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June 26, 2019 Luncheon Reservation Form

Planned Entrée Choice (Confirm at the luncheon. One per Attendee) **Chicken** **Beef** **Grouper**

Member name: _____

Spouse name: _____

Guest name: _____

Check #: _____ enclosed

CHECK HERE IF YOU WANT A REMINDER CALL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25.

Please mail to arrive **by June 19, 2019** to
NGAA West
9083 Whitehaven Drive
St. Louis MO 63123-2041

NOTE: YOU CAN PAY ON LINE. Add NGAA West to your list of on-line payees and make payment. Send an email to treasurer@ngaawest.org or text to 314-973-8227, stating amount paid, names of those attending and your menu selections.

President's Remarks John Doty

Friends

What season is it? I can't tell. In the last couple weeks of May we've seen 39 degrees and 90 degrees and everything in between.

We learned recently that a former colleague (Steve Pedone, Lt Col USAF, retired) has submitted a memoir of his time with DMA and that the NGA Historian, Dr. Gary Weir, has approved it as Unclassified. This contribution is for the good of the Agency, and I think it's a great idea. Steve says he was inspired by an invitation by Dr. Weir extended to all in the NGA Alumni Association.

It occurs to me that we all have interesting recollections and we don't have to "write a book." There have been so many special projects and interesting events we were allied with. Around the time I joined DMAAC, we were publishing those first-ever maps of the Moon. The Shuttle Orbit charts were always interesting. Opportunities abound to tell our stories and give back.

On a separate note – I'm back in the 2nd Street workplace – working in the area they now call Geomatics (that includes geodesy, geosciences, precise imagery, photogrammetry, and digital elevation data) – pretty exciting stuff, actually. They are having a Geomatics picnic in June – Thursday, the 13th at Cliff Cave Park. Geomatics alums are welcome. Tickets are \$15 covering burgers, hot dogs, a vegan entrée cook-off, and live music. It will be a great way to connect with former colleagues. For tickets, contact Deborah.A.Christiansen@nga.mil.

Check out the upcoming event dates and join us at Pietro's June 26. We look forward to seeing you.

Luncheon Notes Pat Wiese

NGAA West members and their guests met for our annual spring luncheon at Pietro's Restaurant on March 27. John Doty stepped up to the plate and became the new president pro tem (short term) of our organization. He had some very tough shoes to fill and did a very good job at his first luncheon. Thank you, too, Frank Aufmuth, for all you have done for the NGAA West chapter.

John led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation. Forty-eight retirees and guests were in attendance. Janice Hehmeyer brought three retirees with her; her sister, Helen Brown, Carol Mattingly and Dave Jarvis. Other first time attendees were John and Vicky Heard, Denise (Deedee) Moore, Luanne Mulawa, and Charles Wilkins. It was good to see Jeanne Vogt, a long time member, who joined us for the first time in several years.

We were entertained again by Keith Jozsef, Master Illusionist. Keith entertained us last year and was welcomed back again. As guests were arriving for lunch, you could hear them say, "Let's get the tables in front, so we can see how he does the tricks!" And of course, even though they were in the front, they couldn't see how he was able to perform his magic. That included the members of the audience he selected at random to help him. Guests who missed seeing him last year were completely awed by his performance.

John did something a little different with the 50/50 drawings; randomly having guests pull out a winning ticket. When he asked Gene Sylvester to pull out a ticket, Gene pulled his own number. It was suggested he buy a power ball ticket while he was lucky. The 50/50 winners are Frank Aufmuth, Marge Terhaar, Pat Keller, Paulette Martin, Gene Sylvester, Bob Meinhardt (2), Helen Brown (2), Bob Eddy, and Kent Kenniston.

Welcome New Members

Helen J. Brown

Linda Ehret

Steve Kenyon

Henry Taber

Address Changes

Bill G. Clark

Joseph Corio

Robert G. Edwards

Robert Haddad

Nancy L. Hildenbrand

Joyce and Ronald Hoffman

Sharon A. Houston

Charles McGaugh

Peggy McIntyre

Kathryn Meder

Laura A. Moore

Joseph Mullins

Jeanette D. Provaznik

Ronald S. Ruffin

Jean E. Seymour

Barb Speiser

Connie Tancock

Karen Thomas

Patricia A. Tolefree



Saint Louis 2019 Science Fair
Jerome Lenczowski

At the 2019 K-12 Saint Louis Science Fair held May 8 at Queeny Park, ASPRS members Dr. David Alspaugh, and Bobbi and Jerry Lenczowski served as judges for the ASPRS Heartland Region's Special Act Awards. Over 1500 projects were on display, and three projects were selected as relevant to ASPRS core disciplines.

A second grade student created a detailed report that showed he understood the importance of 'where' by including images and maps in a "MO Water Survey."

An eighth grade Crossroads College Preparatory Academy student learned that his hypothesis, that photo quality was a function of the size of the box for his pinhole cameras, was incorrect in his project, "Which type of Pinhole Camera Works Best?" He is now prepared to work with more accurate measurements for focal lengths and object distance from the lens,

A twelfth grade Kirkwood High School student in an Honors project presented a detailed earth science and geospatial information analysis that incorporated 3D topography in "Intersection of Sustainable Conservation and Outdoor Learning Environments."

The ASPRS Region provided each winner with a monetary award, certificates and letters of congratulation, and a Heartland Region coin.

Alive and Well

Bob and Lila Meinhardt Sail the Caribbean



This photo of Lila and Bob was taken on March 21 in Cozumel, Mexico.

They took a seven day Western Caribbean Cruise on the Norwegian Pearl, which is behind them in the photo.

“We began our cruise on St. Paddy's Day, sailing out of Tampa and stopping in Harvest Caye (Belize), Roatan (Honduras), Cozumel (Mexico) and Costa Maya (Mexico).”

Nick and Ginny Bekanich Move to Gulf Shores



Ginny and Nick are relocating. “We have a beach house in Gulf Shores, Alabama and have recently bought a second home in a golf course community about fifteen minutes from the gulf. The club pro is a grand nephew of Stan Musial.

“Hope to make the final move sometime this summer and put our Shiloh, Illinois home up for sale. If you or another of the Alum group visit Gulf Shores I will certainly welcome you. Above is a photo of our beach neighborhood. Nothing like the island life!”

The D-Day Pilot and the Flight Nurse

Steve Pedone and his wife, Ximena, will be attending the 75th Anniversary of D-Day ceremonies and special events

scheduled in England and Normandy in June. The anniversary has special importance to Steve. His dad was co-pilot of a C-47 dropping the first 101st Airborne paratroopers into the invasion area, His mother was a flight nurse who flew into Normandy on the same C-47s to evacuate the wounded. Steve says, "It's an honor to represent my dad and mom, who were there in 1944." The full article provides an interesting historical perspective, and is on the D-Day Squadron's web site at this link:

<http://ddaysquadron.org/the-d-day-pilot-and-flight-nurse>

One of Our Own: Jack Graham

By Pat Reed and David Alspaugh

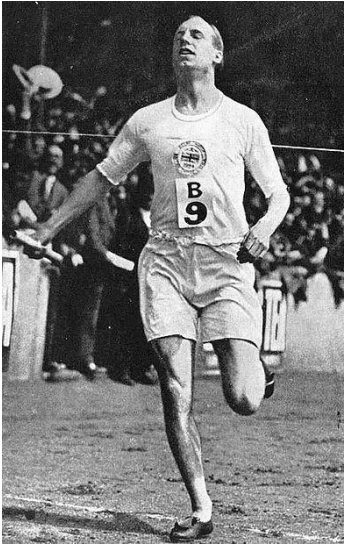


Many of us have known John (Jack) Graham for many years. He had a long, productive and interesting career at DMA. He was in the first team that deployed the PPDB (Point Positioning Data Base) system in Viet Nam. What many people don't know is his early history. Jack and his younger

sister were born in southern China to missionary parents. They were living in a boarding school in northern China the day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the day after Jack's tenth birthday. They became prisoners and were interned in Japanese prison camps for the duration of World War II.

During the last half of the war the camp where Jack and his sister were confined was combined with a larger prison camp where Eric Liddell, a Scottish missionary, was interned. Eric Liddell was the subject of the 1981 movie, "Chariots of Fire." The movie immortalized him as the Scottish athlete who in the 1924 Paris Olympics refused to run the 100 meter sprint because it was to be held on Sunday.

Instead, he was entered in the 400 meter race the following Thursday, a race for which he had only limited practice. But he won, setting a new world record in the process.



His world record is not the chief thing for which Eric Liddell is best remembered: It is the strength of his religious convictions. His refusal to run on Sunday was adamant, in spite of the efforts of the future King of England, Edward VIII, to persuade him otherwise.

Jack has fond memories of Eric and the impact he had on younger members of the camp. To keep the many

young people occupied in their spare time, Eric organized evening activities, games and entertainment.

One of Jack's jobs was serving on KP (Kitchen Patrol) duty in one of the mess halls, and occasionally he worked on Eric Liddell's shift. Times were hard and food was short, but Eric displayed such contagious cheerfulness that being in a Japanese concentration camp and on KP duty was much more bearable.



Just before the war ended Eric suffered a massive brain hemorrhage and died the same day. All the detainees mourned his passing. A fellow prisoner and missionary later wrote, "The entire camp, especially its youth, was stunned for days, so great was the vacuum that Eric's death had left."

He was laid to rest in the cemetery in the Japanese portion of the camp. Jack said he would always remember Eric as a totally unselfish person who did his best to make life better for his friends.

SICK MEMBERS / FAMILY

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Edward M. Black | Joel Frazer |
| Jane de la Pena | Debra and Ron Neustadt |
| Norma Doolin | Carol Stamer |
| Tony Ferguson | Gene Vogt |
| Ron Foster | Martin Zschiegner |

TREASURER'S REPORT

The NGA West account activity for February 15, 2019 to May 17, 2019

SAVINGS:

02/15/2019	Balance	\$ 4124.27
3/5, 3/31, 4/30	Dividend (\$0.32, 0.35, 0.43)	\$ 1.10
4/3/2019	48 Lunches, 50/50 \$55 (\$10 to Petty Cash)	\$ 1125.00
5/17/2019	Balance	\$ 5250.37

CHECKING

02/13/2019 **Balance** **\$ 1672.76**

Checking Transactions

Credit Debit

		Credit	Debit
1/23/19-5-2-19	4 Life and 6 Annual dues	\$ 460.00	
3/7/2019	Print and Mailing March 2019 Newsletter and Directory		\$ 283.81
3/28/2019	March Entertainment		\$ 175.00
4/2/2019	Restaurant Luncheon		\$ 1080.00
3/12, 3/25, & 5/2/2019	2 A->L and 1 L overpayment Rebates		\$150.00
4/3/2019	Postage Stamp Purchase with March Luncheon 50/50 funds		\$10.00
4/3/2019	New Member Annual Dues	\$10.00	

05/17/2019 **Balance** **\$ 568.95**

TOTAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

05/17/2019 **Balance** **\$5 819.34**

INVESTMENT FUNDS

<u>CD Live Oak</u>	Matures 03/06/2020	\$ 8,203.30
<u>CD ACU 1202</u>	Matures 07/09/2019	\$ 4,251.67

TOTAL NGA-W FUNDS

\$18,274.68



NGAA West members extend sincerest sympathy to loved ones and friends.

Please keep these departed in your thoughts and prayers.

Casey Szpak	December 6, 2018
Margaret (Margy) Spezia	February 21
Herman Westrich	March 1
Kenneth Lee Sherertz	March 28
John Gerald (Jerry) Willett	March 31
Iris Reynolds Soscia	April 2
Peggy Garavaglia	April 4
Vincent Robben	April 12
Glenn Williams	April 14
Sanford (Sandy) Osborne	April 19
Sheldon Anderson	May 11
Ray Fish	May 16
Walter Rothermel	May 18

Arsenal Mixed Bowling

Pat Wiese

Congratulations to Spare Change, the winners of the 2018-19 season of the Arsenal Mixed League. Members of the team are Marv Staloch, Cindy Haegle, Wanda Haertling, Tim Peplaw, and Tom Berra.

Spare Change had to win the second half of the season to qualify for the roll-off. They eliminated the Alley Slugs in the roll-off for second half by winning one game in the roll-off by 11 pins. Alley Slugs members are Pat Wiese, Paul Estes, Gene Sylvester, and Jerry Lenczowski.

Spare Change went on to beat the Rollercoasters, who were the winners of the first half. The members of the Rollercoasters are Ruth Walters, Janis Schneider, Ernie South, and Denny Dummeyer.

It was an exciting end of the season, to say the least. Congratulations to Marv Staloch, who bowled his first 700 series this past season. He can take that off his bucket list.

If you want to have fun bowling, come join us next season. Contact Pat Wiese, 314-750-2586, if you are interested. We can always use new bowlers.

Jeff Delaplain Invitational Bowling

Doug Nolte

The Jeff Delaplain Thursday Invitational Bowling League had its final day on the 18th of April. It also marked the last time

this league will be bowling at Sunset Lanes. For the foreseeable future we will be moving back to Shrewsbury Lanes for our matchups.

As we always do, the 18th of April saw the roll-off for the league championship which matched the winners of the first half, Pappy's Smokehouse, against the winners of the second half, The Stretch Runners. The Stretch Runners won the second half by virtue of tying, in points, the Jollys, but because the tie breaker is the number of pins (including handicap) knocked down during the half, the Stretch Runners won.

That did not help them in the roll-off. Pappy's literally smoked the Stretch Runners for all three games. In the Stretch Runners defense, on average they probably out-age Pappy's by 15 to 25 years. The only member of Pappy's that could qualify for the Stretch Runners would be Jack Panula. who is still a quite good bowler in spite of the years under his belt.

So next season we move back to a semi-familiar bowling establishment and show off our skills, at the same time (4 p.m.) on Thursdays, beginning in August or September. Stay tuned.

Negative Engravers

Don Lippold

The following showed up for the March luncheon: John Carty, Rich Egan, Millie Jackson, Ernie South, Gus Ullo and Don Lippold. For the April meeting we had John Carty, Millie Jackson, Larry Weisz and Don Lippold. Only John Carty, Rich Egan, Harry Lemakis and Don Lippold showed up for the May meeting. The threat of storms and rain probably scared off the rest.

Come Watch the Cards Game

NGAA West alumni will gather at the Fox Sports Midwest Live venues, Ball Park Village, , on July 25 at 11 a.m. to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the Pirates. You get three (3) hours free parking if you park in the Ball Park Village lot on Walnut Avenue. Please contact Walt Rohn at 314 882-5083 or superwalt13@gmail.com by July 22 to confirm a spot.

NGAA West Events: 'Save the Date'

NGAA West Quarterly Luncheons

Pietro's, 3801 Watson Road

- Wednesday June 26
- Wednesday September 18
- Wednesday, Dec. 11

Ball Park Village Lunch: July 25 at 11 a.m. Walt Rohn

Arsenal Mixed Bowling 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Sunset Lanes

Men's Invitational Bowling 4 p.m. Thursdays at Sunset Lanes

ACS Golf New season in progress. For schedule and standings see the NGAA West Home Page on the web, www.ngaawest.org

Negative Engravers Luncheons
El Maguey restaurant in Concord Plaza

Second Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

Photo Lab Breakfasts
Ambrosia Restaurant, 9416 Gravois Road in Affton
Fourth Monday of the month at 9 a.m.

Points Group
Golden Corral Restaurant, 6110 S. Lindbergh Blvd,
First Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

NGAA West Fall Picnic Monday, October 7. Cliff Cave County Park. Paulette Martin and Pat Reed.

March Luncheon Photos / Walt Rohn



John Doty

Ron Hoffman

Joyce Hoffman



Walt Rohn

Kent Kenniston

Betsy Middleton

Charles Wilkins

Nancy Foster



John Heard

Carol Mattingl

Dave Jarvis

Janice Hehmeyer

Helen Brown

Vicky Heard



Marjorie Terhaar Sharon Aufmuth Bob Eddy Frank Aufmuth Dennis Terhaar



Larry Knopf Pat Wiese Lew Rosenbaum Pat Keller Bob Pankey Bob Meinhardt



Wells Huff Dede Moore Luanne Mulawa Lynn Troeckler



Paulette Martin James Stanton Nick Decker Mary Decker Jean Seymour



Claire Andraseck Ron Ruffin Bev Leindecker Grace Boyd Jimmy Boyd Ron Andraseck



Loretta Keil George Keil Gene Sylvester Jimmie Hilterbrand Jeanne Vogt

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

1. Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____
Preferred Title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr., Military rank, etc.) _____ Preferred Name (Optional): _____
2. Birthday (Optional): _____ Retirement date (if applicable): _____ OR Transfer date: _____
3. Organization from which retired or transferred/current employment (NGA, NIMA, DMA, Other): _____
4. Last position held: _____ 4b. Professional affiliation(s): _____
5. Post-retirement work experience/position held, with whom: _____

6. Name of Spouse/Significant Other:
Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ Preferred Name (Optional): _____ Title: _____

In the case where both spouses are eligible in his/her own right, only one fee will be assessed (and a joint listing will be used). If separate listing is desired, and one spouse is already a member, the other may join at no additional fee.

-Is spouse: A current/former employee of NGA or predecessor organization: ___ Yes ___ No. If YES, retirement date: _____

-Is he/she a current NGAA Member: ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, indicate Chapter(s): ___ NGAA-East ___ NGAA-West.

Main Address:

Street/PO Box: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ e-mail: _____

Alternate Address (if applicable):

Street/PO Box: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell/alternate phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Specify time period at alternate address: From: _____ To: _____

Chapter affiliation (check one). Please note that while participation in Chapter informational/social functions is reciprocal, voting privileges are accorded only to dues-paying members of the specific chapter. Access to Chapter directories is accorded to dues-paying members of either Chapter. General information on the Chapter web site is in the public domain.

NGAA EAST

Dues: \$40.00 – Lifetime Membership*

**Our sponsor, Constellation Federal Credit Union (CFCU), will pay the membership fee for CFCU members. If you are not yet a CFCU member, join online at www.constellationfcu.org Provide your CFCU account number _____, and then email your application to Paul.F.Mich@gmail.com*

If you do not wish to be a CFCU member, send this application, with your \$40 check payable to NGAA East, to Paul Mich, 1308 Rock Chapel Road, Herndon VA 20170-203

NGAA WEST

Dues: \$10.00/year or \$100.00 Lifetime Membership.*

Send this application, along with your check, to: NGAA West, 9083 Whitehaven Drive, St. Louis MO 63123-2041.

**Our sponsor, Arsenal Credit Union (ACU) will credit \$40.00 to the ACU accounts of new NGAA West Lifetime Members who have been ACU members in good standing for at least one (1) year and be retired after 2013. If you qualify, please provide your ACU account number: _____. After we process your application we will notify ACU and they will credit your account with \$40.00.*

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