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*Looking Forward Towards A Wonderful Retiree Future!*

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

The Grand Canyon: Best 1-Day Float Tours

By: Luke Plunket

Grand Canyon National Park is certainly a lovely place. It is in the state of AZ and consists of about 277 miles of wilderness. A myriad of people visit it each year for its splendor and soothing setting. In the Colorado River, which separates the canyon, people engage in smooth-water rafting. Truth be told, these float excursions are so popular that many consider them to be the best 1-day activity you can do while visiting the South Rim.

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## LMMAR MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME

**Let's welcome the New LMMAR Fiscal Year!** The New LMMAR fiscal year 2012-2013 starts July 1, 2012. If you wish to maintain your membership, please complete and send in the form, "LMMAR MEMBERSHIP DUES" and include with your check for \$15 (or multiples thereof for additional years). Send to address: LMMAR Membership Chairman, LMMAR P.O. Box 3847, Los Altos, CA 94024. If we have not received your Membership Form and Check by end of November 2012, you will not be included in the Biennial LMMAR Membership Directory. Please include and note any changes on the form. If you decline to renew your membership, check box on form and return. Please enter your name on form.

We are sensitive to the unfortunate circumstance that some of our members have passed away. In such cases we continue to mail the Monthly Newsletter for the remainder of the paid fiscal year. If the addressee has passed away, please make note of the circumstance on form and return it. In such cases the **surviving spouse** may maintain membership by continuing to pay annual dues.

How can you tell if you owe dues you ask? Look on the mailing label of the Newsletter. You will see an item above your name to the far right. E.g. P11/12 means "Paid for July 11 to June 12 and is now **DUE**. If you have paid for more than one year, you might see P12/13, which is paid through June 2013. We have received several "Thank You" notes during the past year, they are all appreciated.

Newsletter Sunshine information: Please send us information about retirees who have passed away.

Let's all look forward to another fun and exciting year!

Norman Dhom LMMAR  
Membership Chairman

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These rafting tours run from March through November. They depart from Grand Canyon National Airport in Tusayan, the town that sits a few minutes from the front gates of the main entrance. Don't confuse these smooth-water excursions with the more treacherous white-water rafting trips. You won't encounter any rough water during float trips.

Make sure you reserve your rafting tour beforehand because these trips have become popular. I usually suggest reserving them one or two weeks before you get there. It's no surprise to meet a traveler who's arranged their seats a year in advance. A part of the issue here are the motorized rubber pontoon boats - they hold only 19 passengers.

Pricing for these types of tours are not terribly expensive. Obviously, each tour operator sets his / her rates accordingly. However, plan to pay around approximately 200 dollars for the most rudimentary packages, which generally include Park fees, a meal, drinking water, river pilot/guide and bus transportation from the airport to Glen Canyon Dam (the kick off point for all smooth-water trips) and back.

Lots of vacationers choose the package that features a plane trip to Page, Arizona, and a Jeep excursion to Antelope Canyon, which is popular for its "slot canyons," before rejoining the rest of the group for the river tour. If you possess the budget, book this one. The aerial views are spectacular

and the Antelope side-trip is world-class.

There's a great deal of wildlife to observe while you are on this kind of adventure. It is extremely unforgettable particularly if you go with family (kids as young as 4 years old can do this trip). You can take photos and keep it in a journal and album forever. What a keepsake that'll be. I know from my personal experiences on the river that I still talk about drifting past Horseshoe Bend. There aren't any requirements to wear a life vest but I advise you to err on the side of caution. Other things to carry along include a hat, sunglasses, a lightweight long-sleeved shirt, sport sandals, sunscreen, lip balm, salty snack foods and water. I also recommend preparing a dry bag with an extra set of clothes. The motor coach ride back is approximately two hours and you'll want to be dry and comfy.

In addition to reserving your journey ahead of time, I highly recommend you book your seats using the net. It nearly goes without saying nowadays that the best rafting promotions are on the net, and float trips are no different. Be mindful that the excellent deals you see on the internet are Internet-only promotions. If you fail to complete your transaction on the web page, you'll end up having to pay full list price. Not a good thing, especially when you can utilize the savings to purchase spectacular Native American crafts at the Cameron Trading Post on the return part of your trip.

Grand Canyon smooth-water float excursions are a wonderful way to

enjoy the National Park. Visit here to learn more about rafting trips and how to get them cheaply.

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**Membership Dues** Are Now Due For The July 12 To June 13 Year.

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Membership Chairman

**BRIDGE**

**May 1, 2012 - individual duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Bill Yeast, **2nd place** - Alex Fucile, **3rd place** - Roger Abegg , and **4th place** - Ken Christie.

**May 3, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Gary Bea & Chuck Schmidt and **2nd place** – (tie) Ken Christie & Doug Gordon and John Parker & Tony Zadel.

**May 8, 2012 individual duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Chuck Schmidt, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** – (tie) Ted Hinshaw, Dave Himmelblau, and Doug Gordon.

**May 10, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Tom Counihan & Jerry Vaughan, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Ken Christie & Doug Gordon, and **3<sup>rd</sup> place** - Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw.

**May 15, 2012 individual duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Doug Gordon and **2nd place** – (tie) Dave Himmelblau and Chuck Schmidt.

**May 17, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** - Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Ken Christie & Doug Gordon, and **3<sup>rd</sup> place** - Gary Bea & Chuck Schmidt. .

**May 22, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw, **2nd place** - Gary Bea & Chuck Schmidt, and **3<sup>rd</sup> place** - Ken Christie & Doug Gordon.

**May 24, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** - Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** – Tom Counihan & Jerry Vaughan, and **3rd place** – Dave Himmelblau & Dave Topka.

**May 29, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Ken Christie & Doug Gordon

and **2<sup>nd</sup> place** – (tie) Gary Bea & Chuck Schmidt and Dave Himmelblau & Dave Topka

**May 31, 2012 pairs duplicate - 1<sup>st</sup> place** - Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Angie Schynert & Bob Vigeant, **3<sup>rd</sup> place** - Gary Bea & Chuck Schmidt, and **4<sup>th</sup> place** - Dave Himmelblau & Dave Topka

**LMMAR COMING EVENTS –  
SAVE THE DATES:**

Remaining 2012 Luncheons:  
  
Barbeque August 17 Kiely Park  
  
Halloween October 26 Michael's  
  
Holiday December 4 Michael's

**SUNSHINE**

Summer is upon us....and some warm weather!!! The weird cold weather is behind us.....I hope!!

We have been notified that O.L Teague passed away on Christmas Day 2011. He had moved to Oregon to be close to family. He is survived by his wife Jean who would love to hear from LMMAR friends.

Have not heard much from members....so guess and hope everybody is healthy.....or at least in good shape for the shape we are in!!

Joan Brock  
Sunshine Chairperson

**PRESS RELEASE**

**U.S. Air Force Awards Lockheed Martin GPS III Flight Operations Contract**

**NEWTOWN, Pa., May 31, 2012** – The U.S. Air Force has awarded Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] a \$68 million contract to provide mission readiness, launch, early orbit checkout and on-orbit operations engineering support for the first two GPS III space vehicles. The first and second GPS III satellites are on schedule for launch availability in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

The GPS III program will affordably replace aging GPS satellites while improving capability to meet the evolving demands of military, commercial and civilian users worldwide. GPS III satellites will provide for increased accuracy and anti-jamming power while enhancing the spacecraft’s design life and adding a new civil signal designed to be interoperable with international global navigation satellite systems.

Under the contract, Lockheed Martin will provide technical support to the Air Force’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Operations Squadron (2SOPS) and monitor the health and performance of the first two GPS III satellites from launch through their 15 year operational design lives. The contract will also support the operations of the Launch and Checkout Capability (LCC) at Lockheed Martin’s Newtown, Pa., facility, which will provide the launch and checkout functionality re-

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quired to meet availability for the first satellite in 2014. "The GPS III flight operations contract along with the Launch and Checkout Capability will better synchronize our GPS control and space segments to support the first launch of a GPS III satellite and ensure mission success," said Capt. Alex Rawling, the Air Force's GPS III Launch Operations lead. "We are focused on delivering the critical GPS III capabilities to users as efficiently and affordably as possible."

"Production of the first two GPS III satellites is progressing well and the flight operations contract will allow our team to ensure the satellites perform as planned throughout their mission lives," said Karen Gauthier, Lockheed Martin's GPS III Operations and Sustainment program manager. "As we near our first launch exercise in August of this year, we are committed to delivering GPS III affordably and efficiently to meet the growing demand for GPS services worldwide."

In 2008, Lockheed Martin was awarded the contract for the design, development and production of the GPS III Non-Flight Satellite Testbed (GNST) and the first two GPS III satellites, with priced options for up to 10 additional satellites. In early 2012, the Air Force exercised a \$238 million option for production of the next two satellites, GPS III space vehicles three and four. The Air Force plans to purchase up to 32 GPS III satellites.

The GPS III team is led by the Global Positioning Systems Directorate at the U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center. Lockheed Martin is the GPS III prime contractor with teammates ITT Exelis, General Dynamics, Infinity Systems Engineering, Honeywell, ATK and other subcontractors. Air Force Space Command's 2nd Space Operations Squadron (2SOPS), based at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., manages and operates the GPS constellation for both civil and military users.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs about 123,000 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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Hi every one, it has been awhile since we presented various travel trips for your review.

Most of you know that since October 7, 2011, I have been to the emergency room three times. I had internal bleeding requiring the transfusing of 7 pints of blood, my first time to the emergency room, at Kaiser in Roseville. It has been a battle and I am back to normal,

Thanks to my son Brook, and Irene Douglass, who forced me to go to the Doctor, returning back to normal has allowed me to continue to travel and play softball. I now have been playing two games a week in our recreation league as well as a travel team that plays a double header every Friday.

My companion, Irene Douglass, made sure I stayed on the diet imposed by my doctors.

Back to travel, we will be having a presentation of our trips JULY 10, 2012 at HOBEE'S RESTAURANT in SUNNYVALE AT 3:30 PM. The flyer with our trips are enclosed in this issue of the newsletter.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Lockheed Martin-Built Trident II D5 Missile's Reliability Record Reaches 142 Successful Test Flights

#### Navy Launches Four Missiles in Tests

SUNNYVALE, Calif., May 31, 2012 – The U.S. Navy conducted successful test flights April 14 and 16 of four Trident II D5 Fleet Ballistic Missiles (FBMs) built by Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT]. The Navy launched two unarmed missiles each day from the submerged submarine USS Maryland (SSBN 738) in the Atlantic Ocean.

These tests marked the 139<sup>th</sup>, 140<sup>th</sup>, 141<sup>st</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup> successful test flights of the Trident II D5 missile since design completion in 1989 – a reliability record unmatched by any other large ballistic missile or space launch vehicle.

“Under the leadership of Navy Strategic Systems Programs, the Trident Strategic Weapon System continues to demonstrate solid reliability in operationally representative flight testing,” said Melanie A. Sloane, vice president of Fleet Ballistic Missile programs, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, the Navy’s Trident missile prime contractor. “These tests are an important part of the strategic deterrence mission because the mere presence of this highly capable system discourages aggression. The stealth and mobility of the submarine-

based Trident Strategic Weapon System give it a unique role in deterrence as the most survivable leg of the strategic triad, which ensures the security of our nation against any potential adversary.”

The Navy launched the missiles as part of Follow-on Commander’s Evaluation Tests. The Navy conducts a continuing series of operational system evaluation tests to assure the safety, reliability, readiness and performance of the Trident Strategic Weapon System, as required by the Department of Defense’s National Command Authority. The Navy conducts the tests under the testing guidelines of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The missiles were converted into a test configuration using a test missile kit produced by Lockheed Martin that contains range safety devices, tracking systems and flight telemetry instrumentation.

First deployed in 1990, the D5 missile currently is aboard OHIO-class and British VANGUARD-class submarines. The three-stage, solid-propellant, inertial-guided ballistic missile can travel a nominal range of 4,000 nautical miles and carries multiple independently targeted reentry vehicles.

Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Sunnyvale, Calif., has been the strategic missile prime contractor for the U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Programs since the inception of the Fleet Ballistic Missile program more than 50 years ago. Lockheed Martin employees, principally in California, Geor-

gia, Florida, Washington, Utah, Virginia and Scotland, support the design, development, production, test, and operation and sustainment of the Trident Strategic Weapon System.

Lockheed Martin leads the industry in performance and domain expertise in strategic missile and missile defense systems. Lockheed Martin designs and produces ballistic missiles, interceptors, target missiles and reentry systems with unmatched reliability. Lockheed Martin’s focus on operational excellence yields affordable high-quality systems and services.

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## Activity Calendar

1. **LMMAR Executive Board Meeting.** First Monday of each month unless holiday conflict, then second Monday. 9:30 a.m. Bldg. 157-Front Lobby Conference Room.
2. **LMMAR Newsletter Mailing Session.** Volunteers needed. Second Thursday of each month. 9:00 a.m. Bldg. 157-Litrium. Contact Norm Dhom (408) 732-2742.
3. **LMMAR Travel.** Cruises and Tours. See Travel Section of Newsletter.
4. **LMMAR Bridge Card Players.** Join the fun! Every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 noon at the Willow Park Condominiums located at the NE corner of Moffet Blvd. and Middlefield Road in Mountain View. Entrance is from Moffet Blvd. Contact Chuck Schmidt (408) 253-4965.
5. **Lockheed Martin Blood Bank.** Second Wednesday of each month. 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Bldg. 163. LMMAR Contact Norm Dhom (408) 732-2742.
6. **Lockheed Martin Toys-For-Tots.** Donations Accepted. **LM Toys-For-Tots Cookbooks are available: \$8.00 Ea. or four for \$25.00.** LMMAR Contact Patti Voshall (408) 742-7667.
7. **Lockheed Old Timers' Picnic in the Park** – “Hats off to Summer” – on 20 June 2012 at Washington Park in Sunnyvale. Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring pot-luck dish for 8 or \$7.00 per person. (Pot-luck dish preferred). For information call Flo Fiance at (408) 446-1873 or Lucille Wilson (408) 225-9566 or contact any Committee Member listed on the web at [www.lockheedoldtimers.org](http://www.lockheedoldtimers.org)
8. **LMMAR Picnic August 17, 2012 at Kiely Park** - Mark your calendar. For additional information call Lucille Wilson at 408.225.9566 or Gay Morgan at 408.243.2233.

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