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The Number to call for information on Unisys Retirement Status and Benefits: 1-877-864-7972.

The Number to call for information on Lockheed Martin Retirement Status and Benefits: 1--866-562-2363.

Wednesday, February 02	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 09	Program and Social Time	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 02	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 09	Program and Social Time	7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

DEMYSTIFYING TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY TERMINOLOGY

Have you heard about The Cloud or Apps or iPods, iPads or Tablet Computers? Ever wonder what Servers really do or if there's a difference between the Internet and the World Wide Web? Well, February's program features Gary Braley who has been involved with information technology his entire adult life, and it's his passion to help others understand and use modern information tools. Gary has given hundreds of presentations across the country and overseas explaining technology to non-technical audiences.

Like many VIP Club members, Gary's experience tracks back to early technology, having worked on the guidance system for the Apollo Lunar Lander. He has been a software developer, project manager, and consultant for information systems as varied as aerospace and health care. He has provided consulting services to IBM, 3M, AT&T, Allina, Honeywell, and the National Institutes of Health. He is an expert on current information technology and will share with us some of his thoughts on the Mobile Internet and associated technologies. He will further explain how these developments are completely changing our notion of what a computer is and how we will "compute" in the future.

MARCH PROGRAM: EAGAN

Our March program will be at the Eagan Community Center at 7 p.m. on March 9th. Barbara Grueschow will speak about the ins and outs of the National Marrow

Donor Program. Barb is a contract courier for the National Marrow Donor Program, traveling the United States and 30 other countries over the past nine years picking up and delivering bone marrow and stem cells to hospitals for cancer patients. People are generally unaware of the teamwork involved in delivering these important transplants to their destinations: the pilots, ambulance drivers, airline employees and so on. Or the emotions encountered, from the heart wrenching deliveries made to the pediatric hospitals to the humorous interactions with security and customs as the product travels from the donor to the patient. Additionally, she can discuss the various options available to those who wish to give the gift of life to others through organ donations. Barbara is also a VIP Club member along with her husband, Bob, a retiree of the UNIVAC to LMCO corporation sequence.

Last Chance to Renew Your Membership and Continue Receiving the Newsletter.

If the address block of your newsletter shows 2010 after your name, your membership and newsletter subscription have expired and this is your last newsletter. In order to continue receiving the newsletter your renewal check must be received prior to February 4, 2011. Please use the renewal form provided on page 8 of this newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: President Lowell Benson

In January 1946 Engineering Research Associates was formed, the kickoff of the Twin Cities era of digital computers and applications for military defense systems. The November 2010 announcement by Lockheed Martin (LMCO), that they will be closing their Eagan facility, marks the beginning of the end of this 65-year era! Although some of the current employees may elect to transfer to other LMCO facilities, the VIP Club Board is saddened by the thought that many others may be 'forced' into an early retirement or job hunting.

Since LMCO became a co-sponsor of our retirees club in 2000, we have flourished as their support complemented that of UNISYS, Roseville. We celebrated the Club's 30-year anniversary last October - from the 75 initial members in 1980 we've grown to over 1,000 members. **Our VIP Club WILL NOT CEASE to exist** because of this 'plant 8' closing, expected sometime in 2013. We will continue to plan and provide programs, picnics, newsletters, and other activities for our members. The Board already has 2011 venue reservations in place for the April volunteer breakfast, the April Roseville Good Old Days celebration, our June Highland Park picnic, the December Old Timers gathering, and our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance.

Yes, there are and will be issues to resolve - the Club Board will manage a two year transition period as we consider options and take care of the details of future meeting places, program sites, and Legacy Committee storage/working space. **We will continue the Legacy Committee work** because that job isn't done yet. We do feel a sense of urgency relative to the cataloguing of the cabinets full of photos and pictures. Effecting long term repositories for our hardware artifacts will not be easy. The good news is that our 'history' documents already have a destination at the University's Charles Babbage Institute. Let any board member know what you are willing to do to help our Club during this transition time.

Two suggested New Year's resolutions which should be easy for you to keep! 1) Go to one more Club event

than you did last year and 2) Contribute a personal or project paragraph to fill in any history gap you see on the legacy web site <http://vipclubmn.org>. Respectfully, Lowell Benson, VIP Club President

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DINING CLUBS & GROUPS

Breakfast groups and get-togethers:

One breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Tri-City American Legion, Old Hwy 8, New Brighton. Phone: **763-416-3903**.

Another breakfast group meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, (Wabasha and Plato) St. Paul. Phone: **651-222-2435**.

Luncheon Groups & Dinner Clubs:

One Unisys Luncheon group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. For information call **651-552-1465**.

Another Luncheon group (engineering/drafting) meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 S. Robert, West St. Paul. For information call **651-456-0750**.

And another Luncheon group (Unisys and Burroughs) meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. For information call **952-854-7855**.

Dinner Club. A Unisys Dinner Club meets monthly, from September through April, on the 4th Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Champs located at 35E and Larpenteur Avenue.

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2011

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Jan. 12, 2011			No Meeting
Feb. 09	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan.	Program - Social Time
Apr. 20	8:30 a.m.	Legion	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 11	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
June 08	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 13			No Meeting
Aug. 10	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Sept. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct. 12	6.30 p.m.	Rsvl	Social Program
Nov. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social time
Dec. 15	5:45 p.m.	USAF	Christmas Party

Note: Rsvl = Roseville, Eagan = Eagan Community Center, Park = Highland Park Pavilion, USAF = OFFICERS Club at Fort Snelling.

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Dagon, John & Sarah	L	Eagan, MN.
Hoaglund, Bob & Patricia	L	Eagan, MN.
Griffin, David & Lisa	L	St. Paul, MN
Sprecher, James	L	Burnsville, MN.
Thom, Dennis & Jane	U	Prior Lake, MN.
Wilks, Charles & Sandra	L	Cottage Grove, MN.

U = Unisys B = Burroughs L = Lockheed Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE

Casey, Edward C. - Age 92, of Minneapolis, MN. Passed away on December 10, 2010. Preceded in death by his loving wife, Dolores Ann. Edward was a retired Univac engineer and long-time IEEE member,



Flom (Weber), Joan H. - Age 79, of Edina, MN. Passed away Monday, 11/29 after a prolonged illness. Joan is survived by Keith, her husband of 54 years. Keith is a Sperry/Unisys retiree.

Hargesheimer, Fred – Age 94, of Lincoln, Neb. Passed away December 23, 2010. Fred was a World War II Army pilot whose rescue by Pacific islanders led to a life of giving back as a builder of schools and a teacher of children. After returning to the U.S. following the war, Fred got married and began a sales career with the forerunner of computer makers Sperry Rand, his lifelong employer.



Owens, Kenneth A. - Age 92, of Arden Hills. Passed away on Thurs. 11/25. Preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine. Kenneth worked at

TCAAP, PACAL, and Sperry-UNISYS as a security guard.



Schwartz, Wyman E. - Age 88, of Eagan, MN. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Betty). Wyman was a Sperry retiree and member of the VIP Club

Worms, Paul H. - Age 52, of St. Petersburg, FL. Passed away Dec. 27. Survived by his loving family. Paul recently retired from Lockheed Martin in Eagan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations on an excellent presentation booklet in honor of the 30th anniversary of the VIP Club! We were very impressed and pleased with this document and enjoyed immensely the history and pictures. Please give our sincere thanks to all those who worked to put this interesting publication together. Curt and Eunice Nelson

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Submitted by Bernie Jansen

On April 20th the VIP Club will host the annual Recognition Breakfast for VIP Club members who performed volunteer services in 2010. (Please see the “*Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2010*” provided on Page 9.) The Breakfast will be held at the Tri-City Legion Post in New Brighton. The month of April is National Volunteer Month and our Breakfast honors all VIP Club members who perform volunteer services where ever they reside. We thank all VIP Club members for the many hours of volunteer services you provide each year. Last year, the 136 VIP Club members who responded to our 2009 Survey, donated approximately 25,000 hours to various organizations in Minnesota, Arizona, California, Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Fifty six members attended the Breakfast last year and we hope this many or more will attend this year. Please note that all members who respond to the “Volunteer Survey” are invited to attend this Breakfast. The Breakfast will be hosted by the VIP Club and will begin at 8:30 A.M. at the Tri-City Legion Post in New Brighton. Management representatives from Lockheed Martin and Unisys will be in attendance as our guests.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

RE-LOCATING?

Please send permanent address update information to our database Membership Director at, VIP Club - P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN 55113. Also, please remember that for temporary address changes, (vacations/snow birds, etc.) the U.S. Postal mail forwarding service should be used. Submitted by Quint Heckert

OLD TIMERS

We set a new record for attendance this year, 385 by counting name tags printed, subtracting no shows, and adding sign-in people. The previous two years had had about 250 participants each, preceded by about 220 in 2006 and '07. Larry Bolton and Lowell Benson provided Legacy displays to stimulate discussions (one of them was the Aerospace display used at the Unihogs.) Thanks to the 'notification' helpers: Tom Eykyn, Clint Haggerty, Quint Heckert, Dave Kolling, Earl Lillestrand, Jack Ross, and John Westergren. A special thanks to our O'Club host, Fred Vihovde. Next year's gathering will be on Thursday, December 1st - same place, same time.

UNIHOOG/UNITURKEYS

Forty-one people participated in the 11/19 social hour, the luncheon, and the remembrances discussions. Several of the people commented on the Legacy display (Aerospace history) shown in the photo below. The City View building won't be around next year, rather the bar and event rooms are being combined with a new Lost Spur golfing club house. The committee has penciled in November 18th for next year's luncheon at the new facility, however we will re-evaluate in September.



CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

Fifty-two of us met at the Ft. Snelling Service Club on December 9th for hors d'oeuvres, a social hour, sit down dinner, and listening or dancing to the music of the Connie Villars Quartet. Ron Q. Smith gave the group a brief status report about UNISYS. John Westergren followed with an LMCO status report. Both reports are summarized in this newsletter. Thanks to Dorothy and Warren Becker for coordinating this annual event. Mark your calendar for Dec. 15th, next year's Christmas dinner & dance date. Pictures from the 2010 dinner dance are shown on pages 5 and 6.

UNISYS STATUS by Ron Q. Smith:

Unisys has had a good year so far with 2010 running ahead of 2009 in overall revenue and profit and that was after 2009 being the best year in a while. At the end of November we released a new mainframe computer in our 1100/2200 Series, the Dorado 4100. We expect to have more new systems to release next year as well. We have also started hiring new employees including new grads and a few experienced people. We hired 6 in Roseville in 2010 and expect to hire at least that many in 2011. The Roseville facility lease runs out at the end of 2012 so we may move to another location, possibly the MACS building in Eagan. It will probably be the winter of 2011 before we know more as negotiations for several possible locations, including just staying in Roseville, are underway.

LMCO IN TRANSITION by Peggy Mullikin

Washington, DC, November 18, 2010 – Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] today announced that it will close its Eagan, MN facility by 2013 and move manufacturing work from its Middle River, MD., site by the end of 2011.

The decisions, announced by the company's Mission Systems and Sensors (MS2) business, will affect about 1,000 jobs in Minnesota and 60 in Maryland. Additionally, the majority of the Ground Vehicles business, including the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle program, managed by Missiles and Fire Control (MFC) and based in Owego, will transfer to MFC's facility in Dallas, Texas, in 2011. That move will result in the elimination of 40 jobs in Owego, bringing the total impact of these actions to approximately 1,100.

Layoffs will be partially offset by the transfer of approximately 650 jobs from Eagan to Owego, NY., San Diego, CA.; and Manassas, VA. In addition, about 35 positions on the Ground (continued on page 7)

VIP CLUB

Established in 1980

Annual Christmas Dinner
& Dance
December 9th, 2010



*.jpg files available, send e-mail to newsletter @ vipclubmn .org



Left to right, top to bottom: Nancy and Joe Schwarz, Paul and Lynn Lindholm, Warren Becker, Al Bloomquist, and Linda Foster, Mel and Marv Janisch, Geri and Hank Dotzler, Linda and Harold Schertner, Brian Berggren, Vern Elverson, Bert and Anita Johnson, Chuck and Mildred Homan, sisters Rita and Barbara w/spouses Loren Conrad and Bob Grueschow. and John and Sharon Booher.

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Left to right, top to bottom: John and Pat Westergren, Marion Scott, Ron and Judith Smith, Nancy Gountanis, Dale Phelps and Ruth Sanford, Janice and Arlo Pannkuk, Nancy Hanson and Lee Granberg, Barry and Esther Katz, Dick and Rosy Lundgren, Millie Gignac, Lowell Benson, Al and Pat Kazynski, Ginny and Tom Turba, Kathy and Bernie Jansen, and Larry Pinska.

OOPS, the photographer completely missed Jim Larson.

Vehicles program will transfer to Dallas and additional jobs will be created in Camden, AR, when some Middle River, MD manufacturing work moves there.

Layoffs and transfers will commence in the first quarter of 2011 and continue over the next two years.

“In an era of increased affordability, it is essential we drive down costs and optimize capacity at our facilities nationwide,” said Orlando P. Carvalho, president of MS2. “While these changes will result in layoffs in some locations, they will strengthen employment in others and provide efficiencies that make us more competitive. We estimate these actions are expected to save approximately \$150 million over the next ten years.”

Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 133,000 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 2009 sales from continuing operations were \$44.0 billion.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Paul Welshinger brought an exhibit item to the Unihog luncheon, giving it to the Legacy Committee. This exhibit item has 11 vacuum tubes representing vacuum tube technology advances from 1925 to 1950. This tube history display has been donated to the Computer and Electrical Engineering department at the University of Minnesota. It is now in a glass case just inside the South entrance to the Kenneth Keller Hall. Tubes like the second and third from the right were used in early ERA computers. A small ‘poster’ next to it provides Paul’s mini-bio. Paul was a 1950 BEE graduate from the U of MN, worked at ERA, et al from 1954 to 1986. He built the display in 1991. Thanks to Paul for this fine technology history piece.



MATCAL'S REUNION

Sperry*Univac/Paramax/Unisys/Lockheed-Martin operated the MATCAL'S Support Facility on Mare

Island from 1977 until the shipyard shut down in 1995. MATCAL'S, of course, is the acronym for Marine Air Traffic Control And Landing System. This was the facility responsible for the software development, integration and testing of MATCAL'S. Many people in the twin cities also worked on portions of this program especially the Multi-Mode Display (MMD) and the Control and Communications Subsystem (CCS).

On October 8, those of us still in the area met for lunch. Pictured in the photo from left to right are: Scott Hovey, Doug Mogler, Harold Brondum, Mark Schroeder, Dennis Larson, Vern Sandusky, Jeff Pauling, Foster Poole, Ron Irwin, Gordy Erickson and Ted Lingenfelter. Some of those pictured were on the project from its inception in 1977 until the shipyard closed. Ron Irwin continued to support the program long after it moved to San Diego. With the exception of Mark & Jeff, all are retired.



MATCAL'S featured several significant "firsts" for Univac including Finger on Glass (FOG) overlaying a full-color raster scan display, embedded UYK-44, Serial Data Bus (very similar to the CPF SHINPADS bus), distributed & fault tolerant operating system and more that I just cannot remember. Submitted by Vernon Sandusky.

HEALTH ISSUES by Brian Berggren

The 2011 Health Care Choices booklet is now available to inform Minnesotans about all our Medicare options. Published by the Minnesota Board on Aging, the 172 page booklet has long-term care and fraud alert information in addition to the health and drug plans. Go to www.mnaging.org to get a copy online, or call the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 to request a printed copy.

The December 29th Star Tribune editorial debunked the “Death Panel” falsehoods and concluded that “this is a compassionate and sensible policy.” The editorial quoted U. of Pennsylvania medical ethicist Arthur Caplan: “There is no binding contract that you have to live out. This is not a discussion that you can’t revoke, change or alter.”

A couple years ago I wrote about a Gunderson Clinic (LaCrosse, WI) study that found end of life counseling both reduced costs and increased patient satisfaction and comfort.

On the coasts Dartmouth Atlas studies have found excess hospitalization and specialist referrals generally only increase costs and patient and family anxiety and discomfort.

SUGGESTED READING by Brian Berggren

The December 30, 2010 Pioneer Press front page led with "It Was One Wild, Wacky Weather Year" without even hinting that climate change or global warming deserved a mention. The article listed the 48 June 17 tornados, the October 26 record low pressure, the December 10 17-inch snowstorm, and the September 22 rain and flooding in southern Minnesota. Our little weather adventures are only noise in the global picture; check the flooding in Pakistan, Europe and Australia, the U.K. snowstorm, drought and wildfires in Australia. Below are listed some books that are both informative and good reading. Straight Up by Joe Romm is a collection of blogs from the ClimateProgress website that attempt to properly inform on much of the poor or distorted science writing in American newspapers and magazines. Merchants of Doubt by writers on the history of science look at how our public debates and legislative policy decisions have been skewed by bad arguments and special interest money. A third book, The Coming Population Crash by Fred Pearce, looks at the population changes our children are likely to see and the implications for our world.

The other books are: Divine Wind The History and Science of Hurricanes, Kerry Emanuel; Beyond Oil: The View From Huppert's Peak, Kenneth S. Deffeyes; Storm World Hurricanes, Politics, and the Battle Over Global Warming, Chris Mooney; With Speed and Violence, Fred Pearce; Heat, George Monbiot; The Hype About Hydrogen, Joe Romm; Hell and High Water Global Warming-the Solution and the Politics and What We Should Do, Joe Romm; Six Degrees, Mark Lynas; Storms of My Grandchildren, James Hansen; The Oil Depletion Protocol, Richard Heinberg; Field Notes from a Catastrophe, Elizabeth Kolbert; The Long Emergency, James Howard Kunstler.

DO YOU ENJOY READING? ARE YOU GOOD AT MATH Submitted by Millie Gignac

As a retiree, are you looking for a way to make a difference in your community? If you like mentoring kids and you enjoy reading, math, or science, take a look at a terrific volunteer opportunity. As a DARTS Learning Buddies volunteer, you would work with elementary school students on their basic skills and, as important, you would share your time and life experiences. Learning Buddies spend 1 to 2 hours once a week in neighborhood elementary schools. Volunteers are needed for schools in Rosemount, Eagan, and Apple Valley, MN.

DARTS provides volunteer training. To learn more about the Learning Buddies program, contact JoLynn Bucki at 651-234-2277 or jolynn.bucki@darts1.org . DARTS is a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization that serves older adults in Dakota County and their families.

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<p>VIP CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM: New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dues are: \$7.00 for 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> or \$ 18.00 for 3 years <input type="checkbox"/>.</p> <p>I worked <input type="text"/> years at UNISYS <input type="checkbox"/> or Lockheed Martin <input type="checkbox"/> or Predecessor Company <input type="text"/>.</p>			
<p>MAIL FORM WITH CHECK TO: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020</p>			
Name, _____	First _____	M.I. _____	Spouse _____
Street Address or P.O. Box _____		City, _____	State _____ Zip Code _____
(____) _____		@ _____	
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Newsletter delivery mode? Electronic* <input type="checkbox"/> or U.S. Mail <input type="checkbox"/> . *DSL or faster recommended			
<p>Include my information in the Club's Directory? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>©8/25/2009 <i>The DIRECTORY is only available to members!</i></p>			

The VIP Recognition Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. on April 20th at the Tri-City American Legion. Your Volunteer Survey Forms must be received by April 6th for Breakfast Program 'names' listing.

VIP CLUB Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2010		
Member/Spouse Names _____ *Service Code	Your City _____ State ____ Organization(s) your for which volunteer Services were performed	Member & Spouse Hours per line
**Please indicate how many of you will attend the volunteer breakfast. Enter 0, 1, or 2: _____		Total Hours: _____

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Mail the form to Bernie Jansen 848 Ivy Lane Eagan, MN 55123-2425

OR -

E-mail your volunteer information directly to Bernie at bjskj@hotmail.com. Be sure to include how many of you will be at the breakfast on April 20th.

OR -

Go on-line to <http://vipclubmn.org>, scroll down to section 7 of the home page. First enter your first name, last name, and e-mail address into the first three boxes. Then enter your volunteer information into the message block – followed by how many will attend the volunteer breakfast. Then click on the ‘Submit’ button.

***VIP Volunteer Services Areas with Samples of Organizations in each Category:**

Code	Service Area	Code	Service Area
1	Community and Related Services AARP Volunteers Civic/Government Support Services Community Services DARTS Minnesota Senior Federation/VISTA Scouts Senior Centers United Way	2	Meals, Food and Housing Services Dorothy Day Center Food Services / Senior Dining Habitat for Humanity Loaves and Fishes Meals on Wheels Sharing and Caring Hands
3	Health and Disaster Services American Cancer Society Arthritis Foundation Courage Center Red Cross & Bloodmobile Services Signet Health & Rehab. Center	4	Religious and Related Services Basilica of St. Mary Church Missions and Camps Lutheran Missions Presbyterian Homes Related Charities
5	Schools and Educational Services Historical Societies Volunteer Services in Schools Wright Brothers National Memorial	6	Music and Theatrical Services Guthrie Theater Northern Lights Variety Band North Suburban Chorus
7	Other Services Animal Humane Society Law Enforcement Services Small Business Consulting Veterans & Armed Forces Support		Juvenile Court Guardian Mutual Interest Association UNISYS & LMCO Legacy VIP CLUB

Directions to the Tri City Legion Hall are as follows: Tri-City Legion is located at 400 Old Highway 8 NW in New Brighton. To get there from I-35W take Co. Rd. D west to Old Highway 8 and go north about one mile. Legion hall is on left side of Old Highway 8.

