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| Wednesday, January 04 | Board Meeting, Eagan | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, January 11 | No Meeting           |            |

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| Wednesday, February 01 | Board Meeting, Roseville | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, February 08 | Program and Social Time  | 2.00 p.m.  |

## JANUARY PROGRAM:

No Program is planned for January.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

Our February program will be an **afternoon program meeting starting at 2:00 PM in Roseville.** This program is about issues we deal with and often complain about daily. The issue is TRAFFIC SAFETY, but not the sanitized classroom theory presentations but the straight talk from one who lives where the "rubber meets the road." Minnesota State Trooper John Thompson has often been a first responder to many a crash as well as a crash investigator and crash "reconstructionist." Trooper Johnson, badge #230, will address the importance of seatbelts, the "move over" law, inattentive driving and cell phone usage. He has a power point presentation with lots of good photos and stories from his personal experiences. A Q&A period will follow.

Sgt. John Thompson became a Minnesota State Trooper in 1996. He completed additional training to become a Crash Reconstructionist in 1999 and joined the Metro Crash Reconstruction team in 2001. In 2004, Sgt. Thompson was ACTAR-certified (Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction) which is the highest accreditation in crash reconstruction. Since becoming a Reconstructionist, Sgt. Thompson has investigated over 400 fatal/serious crashes. He also is an instructor at the Minnesota State Patrol Training Center and teaches a variety of courses on Crash Investigation and Vehicle Contacts. Sgt. Thompson is currently assigned to the 2510beat, the geographical area of Scott and Carver

Counties, in addition to his crash reconstruction work. Sgt. Thompson lives in Chaska with his wife Leann and three children Noah, Ellie and Isaac. He spends most of his off duty time coaching his kids in basketball and football.

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## MARCH PROGRAM: EAGAN

An opportunity has emerged to put **OUR HISTORY ON DISPLAY** and tell the story of our Legacy in a venue open to the public. Choosing the proper location was quite a tough decision. We've had numerous requests to host our exhibit from many of the world's preeminent museums, but we've had to turn them down. Among them were The Smithsonian (too "nation's attic"-ish), the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry (too windy), the Louvre (too artsy), the Hermitage (they'd be jealous),

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the Vatican (really?) and the British Museum (too tight upper lip-ish). Only one offer was realistic, genuine, and relevant. The **Dakota County Historical Society's (DCHS) Lawshe Memorial Museum** in South St. Paul was by far the most appropriate as it fit with our heritage of more than six decades of operations in Dakota and Ramsey counties.

The exhibit, which is currently in the conceptual stage, is the result of cooperation between key figures of the Lawshe Museum, Lockheed Martin, and the VIP retiree club. **Chad Roberts**, the DCHS Executive Director, will be our speaker for March. He will discuss the DCHS Mission, their South St. Paul Museum and his vision of what the future Lockheed Martin/Unisys exhibit at the Museum might look like. A Q&A session will follow; all inputs are welcome. **The March 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon program meeting will be held at 2:00 PM** at the **Unisys MACS** building conference room.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**From: President Tom Turba**

With the New Year comes changes not only to the Officers to the VIP Club, but a change in when we will be having program meetings. Due to member requests, the Club will now try to have program meetings during the day. This will start with the February meeting, which will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon at the Unisys plant in Roseville. Meetings after that are still being arranged, so check the monthly listings for time, date and place.

Lowell Benson is now our immediate past president and remains our webmaster for the Club site. I am the President, and Bob (R. C.) Hanson is now our new Vice President. Keith Behnke takes over as our Database Administrator to replace Quint Herkert, who has left the snowy north and moved to sunny Arizona. The other members of the Board remain as they were.

There is always room for more people to help run the retirement club. We are looking for another Vice President come fall, and there is always room for more people to help arrange programs and run events. Just let one of us know if you are interested or have ideas that we could use. New blood and new ideas are always welcome

The Christmas party was an outstanding success and a survey of attendees showed that the earlier time of 4:00 p.m. was a good idea. This year's Christmas party will again be at the earlier time and again be at the Officer's Club at Ft. Snelling. I hope to see you at Club events

during the New Year. Remain healthy, wealthy and active until then. Respectfully, Tom Turba, 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 Gina's Café at the Eagles Club, 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 2012**

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Activity</u>       |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Jan. 11, 2012 |             |                 | No Meeting            |
| Feb. 08       | 2:00 p.m.   | Rsvl            | Program - Social Time |
| Mar. 14       | 2:00 p.m.   | Eagan           | Program - Social Time |
| Apr. 18       | 9:00 a.m.   | Gina's Cafe     | Volunteer Breakfast   |
| May. 09       | 7:00 p.m.   | Eagan           | Program - Social Time |

**June 13 4:00 p.m. Park VIP Club Picnic**  
 July 11 No Meeting  
 Aug. 08 7:00 p.m. Rsvl Program - Social Time  
 Sept. 12 7:00 p.m. Eagan Program - Social Time  
**Oct. 10 6.30 p.m. Rsvl Social Program**  
 Nov. 14 7:00 p.m. Eagan Program – Social time  
**Dec. 13 4:00 p.m. USAF Christmas Party**  
**Note: Rsvl = Roseville, Roseville; Eagan = Unisys**  
**MACS Bldg.; Park = Highland Park Pavilion, USAF**  
**= OFFICERS Club at Fort Snelling.**

**WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS**

Brophy, Daniel & Judy L Park City, UT.  
 Janda, Jodi & Jerry L Northfield, MN.  
 Kane, Lawrence & Miriam L Rosemont, MN.  
 Miller, Regan & Gerry L Cannon Falls, MN.  
 Nelson, Kathy & Gary L Burnsville, MN.  
 Poblete, William & Barbara L Vadnais Hgts, MN.

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

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

**Arntzen, James E.** – Age 67, of Blaine, MN. He is survived by his wife, Carol. James retired after 35 years of employment with UNISYS

**Doehling, Raymond E.** - Age 75, of Fredericksburg, Texas. Passed away Monday 01/02/2012. Ray is survived by his wife, Kay. Ray was a Lockheed retiree.



**Hernandez, Gerald C.** - Age 69, of Spring Hill, FL. Passed away December 7, 2011. He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret. Gerald was employed for 38 year at Unisys/Lockheed Martin.

**Oberg, Carol A.** - Age 76, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away peacefully on 11/26/2011. Carol worked as a secretary at Lockheed Martin Corporation, Eagan, MN for 18 years.

**Pearsall, Phil Born** – Phil passed away on 12/17/2011. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elsie. Phil had a 30 yr. career at Unisys.

**Tisdell, William "Bill"** - Age 76, of Prior Lake, MN. Passed away 12/5/2011. Bill is survived by his wife, Lois. Bill was a Unisys retiree and long time VIP Club member.

**Wellumson, Howard E.** - Age 80, of Northfield, MN. Passed away November 6, 2011. Howard was a Unisys retiree.



**Welshinger, Paul H.** – Age 84, of Shoreview, MN. Passed away 11/22/2011. Preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Marilyn. Paul was a Unisys retiree and a long time member of the VIP Club.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – ROSEVILLE GOOD OLD DAYS REUNION**

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 4th. This year, the Good Old Days reunion will again be held at the Mermaid in Mounds View, but in the larger Atlantis ballroom, on the lower level. If you used to work in Roseville, have friends that did, or just like to get together with people that used to work for Univac/Unisys, this could be an event for you. An entry fee of \$1 will be charged to cover the room rental, but everything else is up to you. A selection of foods will be available at a reasonable cost and the bar will be open. If you plan on attending, please send a message to Tom Turba at TNTurba@Comcast.net so we can get a count of the number of people. Indicate if you plan on eating. This is again expected to be a very large event. Pass the word on to your friends and come together. We will have the room from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come for lunch if you can't stay longer.

**REPORT - UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS:** Forty-two attendees enjoyed the new Lost Spur dining facility on November 18<sup>th</sup>. John Westergren gave a presentation about the status of the LMCO facility closing sequence and the current Legacy Project status. He expects to be there 'til near the end of 2012. His viewgraphs are available on the Legacy Project- Documents page section 2 article #156 for November, 2011 [http://vipclubmn.org/documents.aspx]. Mark your calendar for Nov. 16, 2012 – the all new Lost Spur facility was great. By LABenson

**REPORT- OLD TIMERS:** 249 UNIVACers came to the annual gathering on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club. There were about a dozen first time participants. It was quite gratifying that many attendees stopped back at the check-in table to say thanks to Fred Vihovde, Jack Ross, Bernie Jansen, or Lowell Benson. The donation box covered the extra bartender and name tag print costs plus putting \$84 into the bank. There were several no-shows, that evening a retired Mechanical Engineer (Rollie) called asking what the date was for this year. The next morning a retired Director (Don) sent an e-mail asking the same question. So, mark your 2012 calendars now! We have reserved December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 11 a.m. at the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club for next year's event. By LABenson

**REPORT -CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE:** The board feels quite gratified that the attendance at this year's Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> event was 67, ~20% more than the previous three years. Thanks to Warren Becker and Marion Scott for taking care of the menu, (cont page 6)



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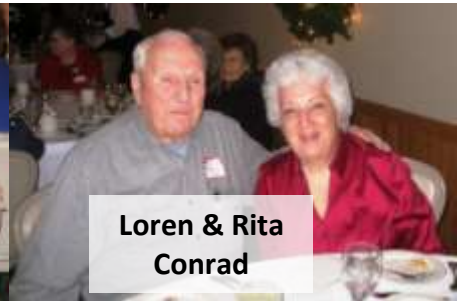
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Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance – 15 December, 2011.

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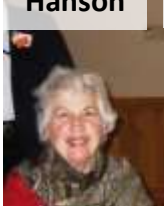
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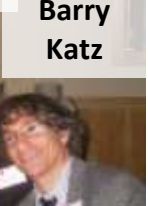
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**Warren  
Becker**



**Marv & Mel  
Janisch**



**Pat & John Westergren**



**Marion, Warren, Dale, Millie, & Kathy**



**Ann Thureen & Jim Dew**



**President Lowell Benson introduced Ann Thureen (UNISYS) and John Westergren (LMCO).**







(cont. from page 3) reservations and check-in. Thanks to Hank Dotzler for signing the O' Club catering contract as our host. Pages 4 and 5 are snapshots of the event taken by Bernie Jansen and Lynn Lindholm.



Thanks to Dale Phelps for arranging the music. We passed out survey sheets to get feedback for planning the 2012 event. The results were: 1pm start – 9, 3pm-2, 4pm-37, and 5pm-5. So, with 72% of the 51 marked forms preferring the 4 pm start, we'll celebrate again Dec. 13, 2012 at 4 p.m. at the O' club. By LABenson

**WEB SITE REVIEW** by Lowell Benson.

This is the twentieth in the Article-for-the-Month review series for Club members who don't have immediate internet access. If you don't have internet in your home, you could go to the public library to re-read previous 'Articles for the Month', linked from <http://vipclubmn.org/documents.aspx>.

In November 2010 we posted a high level [technical description](#) of the CP-754/A hardware and system design, authored by R. P. Blixt in 1963. The CP-754 was UNIVAC Type 1020, a modified AF type 1000 computer. "The first experimental version of the A-NEW data processing system, designated XN-1, was initiated by the Naval Air Development Center at Johnsville, Pennsylvania in December, 1962. Following the completion of a study program to determine the feasibility of the concept, UNIVAC was selected as a team member for the XN-1 program. UNIVAC's role on the SN-1 system was threefold: 1) to assist NADC in defining XN-1 functions, 2) to design and develop the required digital computing equipment, and 3) to develop the computer programs necessary to carry out the system functions. The target date for equipment delivery was 1 July 1963 and 31 October 1963 was established as the date for commencing the first flight tests with the equipment installed in a NP-3A aircraft (a modified Lockheed Electra). The delivery date was met by UNIVAC, the equipment being in operation at NADC on 2 July 1963."

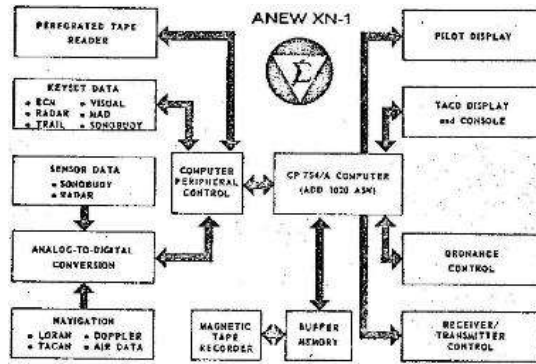


Fig. 1 Block Diagram of A-New XN-1 Equipment

"The digital computing equipment supplied by UNIVAC consists of the following: 1) CP-754/A Computer, 2) Computer Peripheral Control Unit (CPC), 3) Buffer Core Memory, 4) Perforated Tape Reader, 5) Magnetic Tape Recorder, and 6) Computer Maintenance Test Bench. The CPC logic chassis is physically the same as that of a UNIVAC 1218 Computer, employing the same type of logic cards except for a few special input-output matchers. The other major components of the SN-1 data-processing system include: 1) Tactical Situation Display with operator controls, 2) Sensor Operators' Keysets, 3) Ordnance Display and Control, 4) Receiver/Transmitter Control, and 5) Pilot's Display."



The equipment installation in the YP-3 aircraft is illustrated in this drawing from the description document. "As in most data-processing systems, operation is centered around the digital computer. The computer software is responsible for integrating the inputs received from the various ASW sensors, determining the optimum tactics to employ, executing the tactic, computing the probability of success or failure, and navigating the aircraft. UNIVAC developed seven program modules: 1) navigation, 2) search and correlation, 3) contact conversion, 4) automatic tracking, 5) extend track, 6) attack, and 7) post flight analysis." "At the completion of each flight,



the magnetic tapes will be read on a ground-based UNIVAC 1206 Computer.” By L.A. Benson

**MEDICARE CHOICES FOR MINNESOTANS**

For those who want to compare costs and benefits of the plan you selected in the last Medicare enrollment period that ended in December with the other plans available, or need information on other health-related topics, use the Health Care Choices 2012 booklet. Remember, our employer-sponsored plans may not be the most economical or have the benefit range most important to you.

The Minnesota Board on Aging has placed printed copies of the Health Care Choices 2012 booklet in many libraries, or view it online at [www.mnaging.org](http://www.mnaging.org). This booklet has almost 200 pages of plan descriptions, including costs, co pays, and deductibles. It also describes 2012 changes to Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, and has information on special help programs and long-term care guidance. (Submitted by Brian Berggren.)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Delve Research (<http://www.delve.com>) is looking for men & women to evaluate ‘Bladder Control’ products. They will pay a stipend to each person who registers, picks up samples, then reports back after use. If you are interested, call 952-858-1572 and ask for Ann Marie or Mike by January 25th. Delve offices are located just south of the Mall of America. By L.A. Benson.

**PHOTO SLEUTHS WANTED**

Many of you are aware that there has been an ongoing effort to capture historical material from the Lockheed Eagan facility, which has been the repository for material dating back to ERA, and includes Twin Cities (Defense and Commercial) Univac/Sperry/Unisys info right up to the purchase by Lockheed in 1996.

Lockheed will vacate the building, which has been sold, early in 2013 so 2012 becomes the year when we have to get all the material out of there. Most of it will end up at the Charles Babbage Institute (CBI) at the U of M.

As part of this effort, we have “inherited” a huge (thousands of images) photo archive. CBI is very interested in these photos, but has cautioned us that their value is diminished without some documentation as to what they represent, which is generally missing from our archive. To date, volunteers have been manually looking at photos (all forms - negatives, slides, transparencies and prints), attempting to identify the subject, and entering the data in a database. It is clear that we need to greatly expand this effort if we are to finish in 2012.

We envision a series of work days like we put together for the patent data wherein a group of people would work in the Eagan facility, individually taking a group of photos and entering pertinent data into an Excel database. We need to secure some additional resources (access to PC and light boxes) before we start, but we would like to collect our volunteer pool ASAP, so we can arrange schedules and facility access early on 2012.

So, if you are interested in having a good time doing a some photo detective work, please email Harvey Taipale ([hjtaipale@comcast.net](mailto:hjtaipale@comcast.net)) with your interest and availability and we will further coordinate via email early in 2012. Non-VIP club member retirees and employees are very welcome to participate. Submitted by H. Taipale.

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