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Jim's Corner

We had a well-attended March Luncheon with right at 190 retirees and guests. We also were able to welcome 15 new members into our Association since the October 2016 Luncheon, 13 of whom were in attendance. As usual, the Rose Center caterers provided a great meal and a nice venue.



We had a wonderful presentation by Tim Buzza, Senior Vice President Product Development, LauncherOne, Virgin Galactic (now Virgin Orbit). It was a great tie in to our Association, as the Virgin Orbit Development and Production facilities are located on a portion of the former Douglas/MDC/Boeing Long Beach plant. Yes, a rocket factory right where many, many military and commercial aircraft were built. Also, adding to the connection was Tim's former employment with MDC where he had worked on the MD-11 and C-17 in Long Beach, and at our Huntington Beach plant on the Delta rocket.

We are working on the possibility of a tour of the Virgin Orbit LauncherOne facility for this summer. If you have an interest in participating in this tour, let Barbara Callaghan know either by E-mail (itzjbcallaghan@aol.com) or phone 714-522-6122. A U.S. passport will be required. If arrangements can be made, we will advise those who contact Barbara of the details. At this point we are not sure of the timing or the maximum number they can accommodate.

We will not be having our usual mid-June field trip. We had planned a visit to the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. Part of being able to offer



Tim and Joanne Buzza with Jim Phillips, left.

our field trips with a low cost was our ability to secure no-cost transportation through the office of the Los Angeles 4th District Supervisor, where Long Beach is located. This year saw a change in Supervisors and we are working to secure the same favorable treatment we had received in the past. Things are looking positive as we are establishing the process to follow with the Supervisor's office. Due to the timing of getting things in place we will plan for the Peterson visit in the summer 2018.

Boeing hosted a very informative and interesting meeting at their Seal Beach facility with about 200 retirees attending. It focused on Boeings desire to keep retirees more "in the loop" and also to help where appropriate through advocacy of subjects that are beneficial to The Boeing Company. They have created a program called "WATCH U.S. FLY". You can sign up to receive updates and get involved on the advocacy website WatchUsFly.com. I signed up and it is quite informative and easy to use.

Make sure to keep that 1st Tuesday in October (the 3rd) open so that you might join the Luncheon – always good to catch-up with our past work colleagues and friends.

Jim Phillips, President, DAC-MDC-Boeing Retirees of California

Membership

Recently our association was given the opportunity to invite our membership to a Boeing Retiree's Advocacy meeting at the Seal Beach facility. The timing to notify membership of this event did not fit into the publishing cycle time of our Roundup newsletter. Therefore, we notified the membership by email where the email address had already been provided. It became evident that our email database was incomplete. The reason for this was in the past membership information cards for new members did not request their email addresses, whereas the more recent new members are asked to provide this information. In order to develop a more complete database, I am requesting that you provide me with your email address if you haven't already done so and if you wish to be informed of events such as the one mentioned above in a timely manner. Please send your email address to me at itzjbcallaghan@aol.com.

Spring Luncheon \$50.00 Raffle Winners;

Marvin Ballard, Herb Mailander & Patricia McKay.

Barbara Callaghan VP Membership

JOIN BOEING'S FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Dear Colleagues,

For more than 100 years, The Boeing Company and its employees have made significant contributions both here in the United States and across the globe. At Boeing, we do amazing things in the skies, in space, and now even in the seas, but we also do inspiring things here on the ground – in the communities where we live and work.

Boeing and its employees have long recognized the value in giving. Last year, we gave nearly \$170 million and donated hundreds of thousands of hours to volunteer service. Whether it's supporting our nation's veterans, inspiring today's youth through engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education programs, assisting our neighbors who are affected by natural disasters, bringing cultural and educational opportunities to underserved populations, or our commitment to environmental programs, Boeing and its employees

are united in a collective effort to drive powerful, lasting change.

Today, I want to highlight another opportunity for employees to once again become agents of change in our communities. This year, Boeing has partnered with the American Cancer Society (ACS) to help end cancer. With one in two men and one in three women being diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes, nearly all of us in communities across the globe have been impacted by this terrible disease. But there is good news. Advances in treatment and research – made possible by organizations like ACS – are helping more and more people fight back, improving outcomes and making it possible for survivors to lead happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives.

To build on this momentum and to help raise the money needed to fund additional research, education programs, advocacy efforts and patient services nationwide, Boeing has committed its support in 2017. We are embracing the theme – **Discover Your Power** – which challenges each of us to share our story and reminds us that by uniting in the battle against cancer, we have the power to make a difference.

I encourage each of you to visit our [Boeing-ACS website](#) and donate, share your story via our social media campaign hashtag #BoeingAgainstCancer, and become part of the next big breakthrough in the fight against cancer.

While donating is strictly voluntary, increasing our impact will only be possible with the support and generosity of employees like you.

Boeing will match all contributions made to ACS using the [Boeing-ACS website](#), and it will not be counted towards your annual Gift Match Program allocation.

I hope you will join me in this very worthy cause.

Thank you,

John Blazey-Vice President, Global Corporate Citizenship

HAVE YOU BEEN TO “FLABOB”?

I came across this event in my e-mail, or who knows where? I think many in our organization will find it interesting?

Coming up soon is a DC-3 Fly-In, which many may want to attend? First I will introduce the event and then try to inform you about the history of FLABOB for those, like myself, who had never heard of it.



May 19 - 22, 2017, DC-3/C47 FLY-IN

FLABOB AIRPORT, 4130 Mennes Ave.
Rubidoux, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

\$10/Day, Children under 12 Free

The Air show is expected to attract many historical DC-3/C47 aircraft from around the country. When I prepared the article, there were 14 aircraft signed up, ranging from the FLABOB Express, to Western Airlines, the Catalina Express, MIA-POW military version and a couple from our local museums including; Palm Springs, & Lyon Museums. It should be well worth attending and tickets can be purchased early at www.FLABOBDC3FLYIN.com.

Rubidoux, California, located in Riverside County, is nestled in the Jurupa Valley between the Santa Ana River and the Santa Ana Mountains. This

fertile valley is known for its citrus, as one of the first areas in eastern California to be settled by Europeans and more recently, as the birthplace of baseball's infamous Barry Bonds. Aviators and aviation enthusiasts know Rubidoux as the home of FLABOB Airport (KRIR).

Often overshadowed by nearby Riverside Municipal Airport (KRAL), FLABOB Airport, originally founded in 1925, is one of California's oldest continuously operating airports. At 3,200 feet in length and 50-feet wide, this is the size airport the DC-3 made available for commercial flight.

FLABOB Airport has a rich and colorful history. “Cowboy Aviator” Roman Warren operated his barnstorming ventures from what was then Riverside Airport in the early '20s. He flew (his Jenny) from town to town doing loop-the-loops. Among his most famous stunts was flying under the Rubidoux Bridge, which is only 16-feet tall at the height of the arch.

Flavio Madariaga and Bob Rogen purchased the airstrip in 1943 and renamed at that time to FLABOB to avoid confusion with a neighboring airfield (the spelling has changed several times, but has now settled on FLABOB). Legend has it that in 1943 they were looking for a place outside of Los Angeles for their burgeoning machine shop with room for an airstrip. This would enable them to make aerial deliveries of supplies and parts. A little airstrip, adjoining the village of Rubidoux was purchased and history was made.

FLABOB is home to EAA Chapter One and a chapter of the Antique Airplane Association. EAA Chapter One, the mother of all chapters. Founded by pioneering aircraft designer Ray Stits, Chapter One is the first and largest locally authorized chapter outside of the original Milwaukee, Wisconsin, location. Over 11,000 Young Eagles have taken flight from the airstrip. Legendary stunt pilot Frank Tallman had a hangar that housed a military aircraft restoration shop and a production company that produced aerial photography and flying sequences for movies and television shows. Stunt pilot and aerobatic legend Art Scholl owned and operated an aerobatic school here. Needless to say, FLABOB has a long and deep history in homebuilding, experimental and antique aircraft and aviation stewardship.

Like many precious gems, time, neglect and Flavio's passing took its toll. In 1998, the Wathen Foundation, founded by the former head of the Pinkerton security company, Thomas W. Wathen, bought the airport and saved it from going under, or being picked up by real estate developers.

Tom Wathen created a non-profit foundation to encourage the study of science, math, technology and civic responsibility. "His dream was to use aviation education as a springboard of instruction and to nurture youth in the area.

"The Tom Wathen Center, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to education through aviation. Founder Tom Wathen believes that aviation is a powerful stimulus to learning, especially the vital STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Tom Wathen Center, beginning in 2000, has offered a growing number of programs of instruction, using aviation to stimulate an interest and competence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, with a special emphasis on aeronautics and on developing a sense of civic obligation and leadership. These programs have been offered to students ranging in age from pre-school through post-secondary, emphasizing secondary-school students. The programs of instruction are related to build a continuity of learning, starting with simple concepts and progressing through increasingly sophisticated subject matter, all designed to use the fascination of flight to inspire the love of learning for successful careers and satisfying lives.

Aviation fascinates and motivates young people, if only they can get to it. But to most youngsters today, an airport is a forbidden place behind security fences, and an airplane is just a big aluminum tube stuffed with tiny seats where a lady asks you for two bucks for a bottle of water. At FLABOB, aviation is up close and personal. Our dozens of programs of instruction provide many ways to turn a casual interest into lifelong learning. Once our youngsters find out that they can actually commit to aviation themselves, most of them are hooked, and they are even willing to learn math, physics and history to feed their aviation habit."

By [Stuart Stein](#) July 6, 2012

The Wathen School has been instrumental in using aviation to turn local gang bangers into responsible citizens.

My thanks to the FLABOB Website (flabobdc3flyin.com), Art Kressly for old news articles and Wikipedia, for the material I used to develop the article.

Ron Beeler, VP Communications

Welcome New Members

Pam Anke, Seal Beach, BDS Business Operations

Tom Constable, FedEx, MD-11 Pilot

Marti Furman, C1, Flight Operations

Jim Jordan, C1, Structural Design

Frank B. Lennert, C1, Quality

Jeffrey Luckey, C1, Supplier Management

Pam Mabry, C1/A3/Seal Beach/El Segundo, H.R.

Vivian Merwin, Seal Beach, Law Department

Luana Pearson, C1/Seal Beach, Engr./Info Technology

Lloyd Roberts, C1, MD-80/DC-9 Engr. Flt Guidance & Control

Mark L. Schiffner, C1, Supplier Quality

Patricia L. Schmoll, C1, Engineering Operations

Wai-Cheng Seetoo, Seal Beach, BCA Maintenance Engr.

Lester Shobe, C1 Vendor, UTC (formerly Lucas)

Tim Smith, C1/A3/Seal Beach/El Segundo, Finance

Marjorie Turner, Seal Beach/A3, Law Department

Barbara Callaghan, VP Membership