



**MAC's Old Team  
November 2007 Lunch Meeting  
Bevo Mill, 4749 Gravois, St. Louis  
Wednesday November 14, 2007**

Updated 12/05/07

**Lunch at the Bevo Mill**

There were 46 Mac's Old Team friends who showed up at the historic Bevo Mill on Gravois Avenue in St. Louis. The food and service was excellent, and meeting old friends again was enjoyable.

Following is a summary of the activity, and photos at the November Lunch meeting:

**Gemini archiving project**

**Mr. Craig Hadley**, a graduate student at the University of Missouri - St. Louis (UMSL), visited with us and discussed his activity in an interesting GEMINI historical archiving project. Craig currently is working at the University in the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection which maintains a collection of St. Louis related documents, photographs, and film in the archive. He is now working on an exhibition project involving Gemini space program photographs. Photographer Art Witman of the Post-Dispatch took these photos during late 1966. The 250 photos mostly depict the Gemini 12 capsule being readied for launch (many of them include McDonnell employees), but some of them also show the capsules being manufactured in St. Louis.

The photos are online on the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection website. They can be accessed by going to the following website and searching for "gemini". You should get 252 results. The website is: <http://tjrhino1.ums1.edu/whmc/> Although the Art Whitman photo collection (circa 1966) is quite large, they have very little information on the pictures. Craig would like to get as much information as possible for a virtual web exhibition that they will be developing this upcoming Spring. Also, they are planning a museum exhibition in the UMSL library as part of the project. Craig is interested in gathering stories from McDonnell employees/retirees on video tape (specifically about their role in the Gemini project--any aspect of it at all).

The Gemini heritage is slipping away. If you can help by providing information about the Gemini program and your role please contract Craig Hadley

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**Jack Abercrombie**, presented information about the *Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum*

Jack is a retired MDC teammate from the aircraft side. He is also on the board of the *Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum*, located at the St. Louis Downtown Airport(CPS) in Cahokia, IL just 5 min. from the arch. The website for this museum is: <http://www.airandspacemuseum.org>

Jack also discussed a book written about the F15 Eagle for good reading. The book is: *Air Superiority Blue--The F-15 Story*, by Donn Byrnes. The author, Donn Byrnes, was a blue-suiter in the F-15 SPO for a number of years beginning in mid-1969. His book covers the period from 1965 through 1979. The book "...describes, in the words of those who were there, exactly what it's like to put a complex fighter program together. It covers the organizational maneuvering mixed

with technical problem solving that resulted in one of the most successful air-to-air fighters ever produced...The Eagle was delivered on time, at the cost specified, and with the performance promised.... Exactly how that was done is between the covers of this book." Although the book can be purchased directly from the publisher, sagemesa.com , the **Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum** gift shop also has the book available for the same price of \$20. Visit the Museum (St. Louis Downtown Airport, 2300 Vector Drive, Cahokia. Take a look at their website: [www.AirAndSpaceMuseum.org](http://www.AirAndSpaceMuseum.org)

**A Christmas Lunch Meeting Dec 12 with the Miss Sherri's Lunch Group**

Macs Old Team has been invited by the "Miss Sherri's Lunch Group", a group of MAC retirees led by Les Eash, to join them for lunch on Wed Dec 12 at 11:00AM. The lunch will be held at the Stegton Regency Banquet and Conference Center, 1450 Wall, St Charles, MO 63303. A buffet lunch will be served followed by entertainment by a choral group from Ft Zumwalt West High School. Wives/friends are invited. The cost is \$18.00 per person. We were invited to the lunch last year and about 20 of our group attended and had a great time. The fellowship, great buffet and a wonderful presentation by another high school group made for a superb affair. Plan to put this event on your calendar.

If you plan to attend please send Norm a check, \$18.00 per person, made out to Norman Beckel, no later than 29 Nov 2007. You can contact Norm at [nbeckel@mail.win.org](mailto:nbeckel@mail.win.org) if you have questions or need further info.

**Norm's attendance prizes**

Although Norm Beckel was unable to attend this meeting, and definitely missed the great german food that he loves, he did see to it that the usual great attendance prizes were available. Here are the winners: Jim Dillon, Don Rebert, and Nelson Weber won golf balls. Bill Osterloth, Jim Blanton, Bill Engel, and Craig Hadley won logo coffee mugs.

**Don't forget to look in on your friends and teammates that may be having a tough time with health problems**

**Have a happy, thoughtful, and thankful THANKSGIVING holiday**

**Hope to see you at the December Christmas Lunch Meeting --- See above for details**

**Earl Robb**

**Photos courtesy of Carl Scheske.**



Craig Hadley

UMSL Western Historical Manuscripts Collection  
Discusses his project archiving the Gemini program.



L to R: Jack Abercrombie, Earl Robb, Tom Rohan



Jack Abercrombie, Greater St. Louis Air Space Museum  
Greater St. Louis Air Space Museum discussion



Bill Mayfield and guest Craig Hadley



Charlie Sherman, Ken Cline, Glenn Bowers, Jim Blanton, Bill Kull



Ron Braunesreither, Josey Page, Gary Eisenhart, Leo Kilcullin,  
Russ Ramberger, Dave Shean



Vern Mueller, Dennis Gerth, Glen Cordes, Nelson Weber,



Glen Cordes, Nelson Weber, Greg McKee,  
Vern Mueller, Dennis Gerth (back)

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