

**Reunion Report Part Two**

**Catkiller Reunion, Seattle, Washington  
July 12-14, 2012**



## STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM ACTIVITY TOUR., JULY 12

Mr. John Burns, white shirt, left center, Operations/Site Manager for Quantum Research International, briefed the attending Catkillers and Friends regarding the STRYKER vehicle's capabilities and multiple mission configuration. To the right is a photo of Mr. Burns and Bob Copland. After his briefing, Mr. Burns invited us to examine the vehicles closely, and some got onboard for hands-on experience. The weather was just like this all day!



Bob Domine, below, and Rod Stewart, look over the shoulder of Jesse C. Solis, senior Field Service Representative/Instructor, General Dynamics Land Systems, as he answers questions about the STRYKER in which the observers sit. Jean Stewart poses for a memory shot atop the same tactical STRYKER at right. In a letter from Gene Wilson to Doug Sanders, Project Management Office, "The Stryker Planning & Fielding Support Activity (SPFSA), Stryker Brigade Combat Team, provided a very special part of our day... The up close and personal relationship between the members of our group and the members of your group was a "Stryking" experience that will long be remembered. We hope that all of you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Bill Everett stands with another instructor (Desert Storm veteran) from General Dynamics, as others progress in and out of the various STRYKER vehicles. The uncharacteristically warm and dry weather made being outdoor a treat. We appreciated the reception and thoroughness of briefings offered by the instructor group.

# STRYKER FAMILY OF VEHICLES










**Commonality**

- Common Operating Picture
- Common Chassis & Drive Train
- Common KPP's
- Common Survivability
- Common TMDE, Spare Parts, Tools & Skills

Roger and Pat Bradley consider the chart to the left, as Tim Morarity checks out one of the many STRYKER vehicles on display. This multi-display offered far more than any of us could absorb in a few hours, but once you understood the commonality feature of the STRYKER, the easier it was to appreciate the value of that main benefit.



Mount Rainier was visible as we rode through JBLM, and you should have seen the housing assigned to lucky higher-ranking officers. Nice!



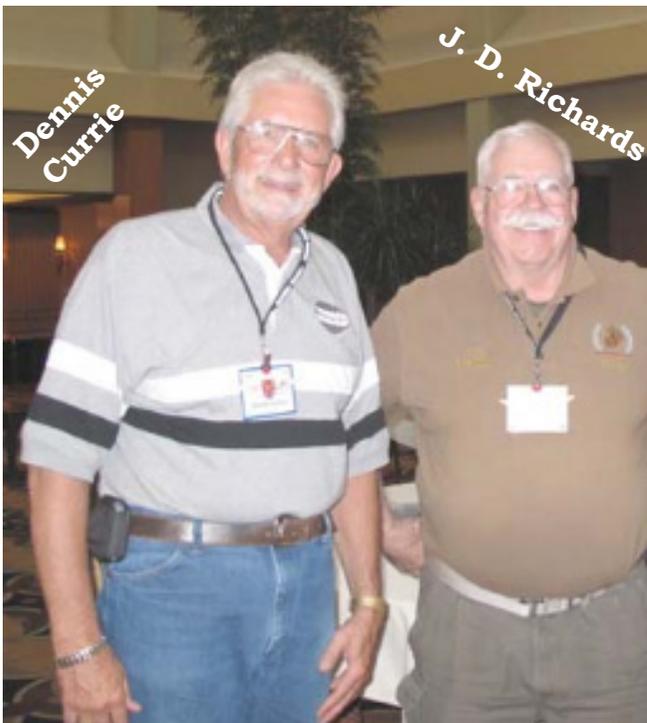
We ate at some point near noon a very satisfying lunch at the busy 17th Fires Brigade Dining Facility, and for many it was a pleasant surprise and an enjoyable full-course meal. We then loaded up at the dining facility and headed for the Military Museum.





There was no much going on at the museum, but we were met by Miles Grant, Director of the Military Museum, for an interesting briefing. Only a limited area of the museum had been set up and opened to the public after partial restoration, mainly part of the first floor. To the right, above, you see a small number of our group taking time to relax at the main entrance sitting room. The tour of Fort Lewis certainly pleased all who took part in it. Thanks to Gene Wilson for his many hours of coordination with JBLM personnel to make this an excellent perk of the reunion, and this was just the first day! Letters of appreciation were sent to the various host units/facilities.

## PIZZA NIGHT AT THE DOUBLETREE, JULY 12



Dennis Currie

J. D. Richards



The Pizza set-up was in front of the hospitality suite, and we had to shut down the room during the event. Many were so busy visiting that they failed to eat much pizza, but it was good.



Don Pepe

Don Ricks

Andy Anderson

Doug Ricks

Ray Caryl



John Hillman

Jack Davis, 108th

Henry Milam

Bud Bruton

What we experienced was a lot of "get-together" time, conversation, and just having a good time with each other. Apparently, there were not many cameras in use at this event, and where were the ladies? We even had an highly decorated two-tour Scout pilot come in and spend time with us.

# CREW BRUNCH, BOEING MUSEUM OF FLIGHT, JULY 13

Though early clouds and cooler temperatures prevailed, these ladies were anxious to lead us into the museum area. These same low clouds and thunderstorms kept the expected Birddogs from arriving at Boeing Field.



Brunch at the museum



The food was good and so was the conversation.



Lloyd Oake presents an interesting slide show regarding Dong Ha.



Nik Dunbar speaks to the gathering, while Larry Deibert looks on.



Old friends meet and smile again.

Dick

Don

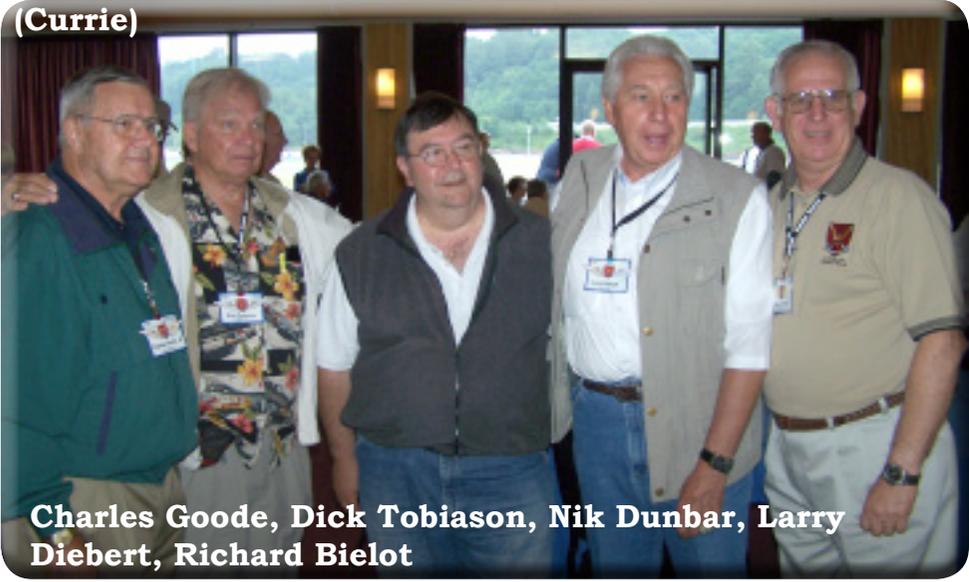
Jerry

Chico

Ray

Roger

(Currie)



Charles Goode, Dick Tobiason, Nik Dunbar, Larry Diebert, Richard Bielot

(Ricks)



Once the speakers finished, we all moseyed on out to the museum area for some interesting free time.



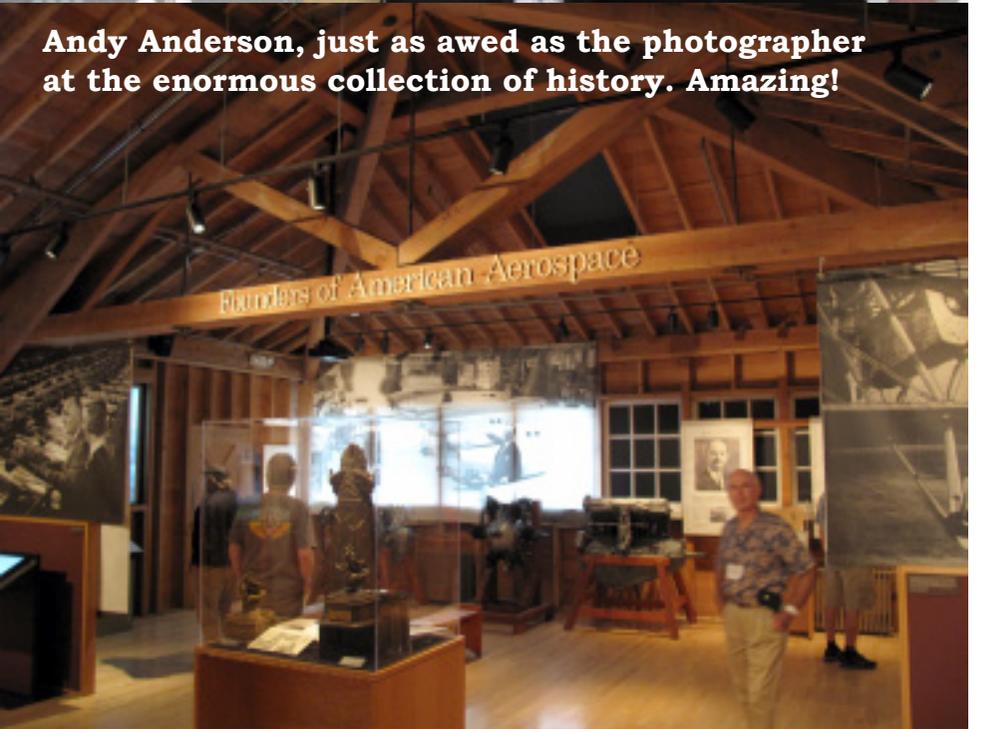
A Catkiller at the Space Gallery



Paul Brennan and Dona Colwell in front of one of the fast ones

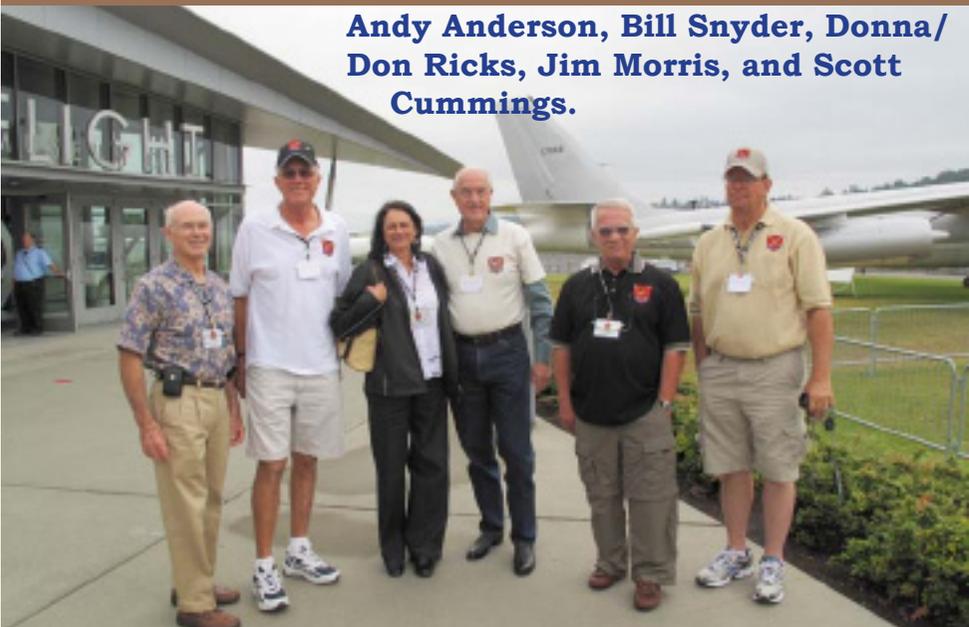


Spirit of St. Louis

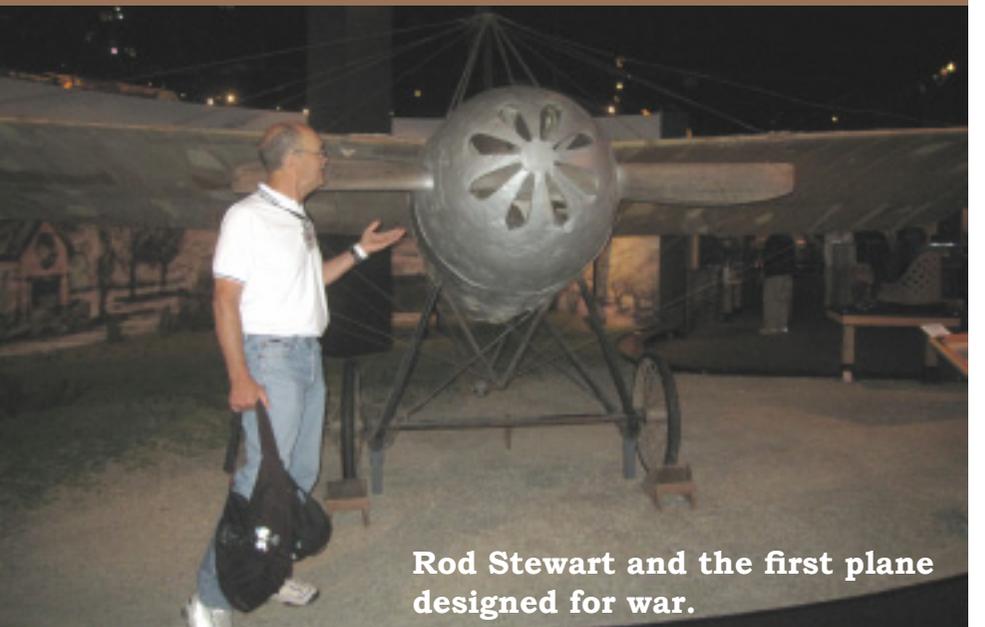


Andy Anderson, just as awed as the photographer at the enormous collection of history. Amazing!

By golly, this was a fun and informative day. All the hard work by the committee certainly showed as everything went so well without a glitch. One commonality noticed by everyone were the many smiles of approval at such a nice location, a great group representative of all areas and services. Hats off to Nor



Andy Anderson, Bill Snyder, Donna/Don Ricks, Jim Morris, and Scott Cummings.



Rod Stewart and the first plane designed for war.



**Volunteer tour guide briefs tour members at Museum of Flight [left and right] (Wilson).**



## ERA GET-TOGETHER EVENTS, JULY 13



**Chico Fernandez, Gene Wilson, Roger Putnam, Shelley Putnam, Ellie Wilson, Dianne Copland, Bob Copland - Welcome to the Putnams (Wilson).**

**1966-67 group at The Old Spaghetti Factory (less Irene Oake and Toby Decker for some reason (Wilson).**



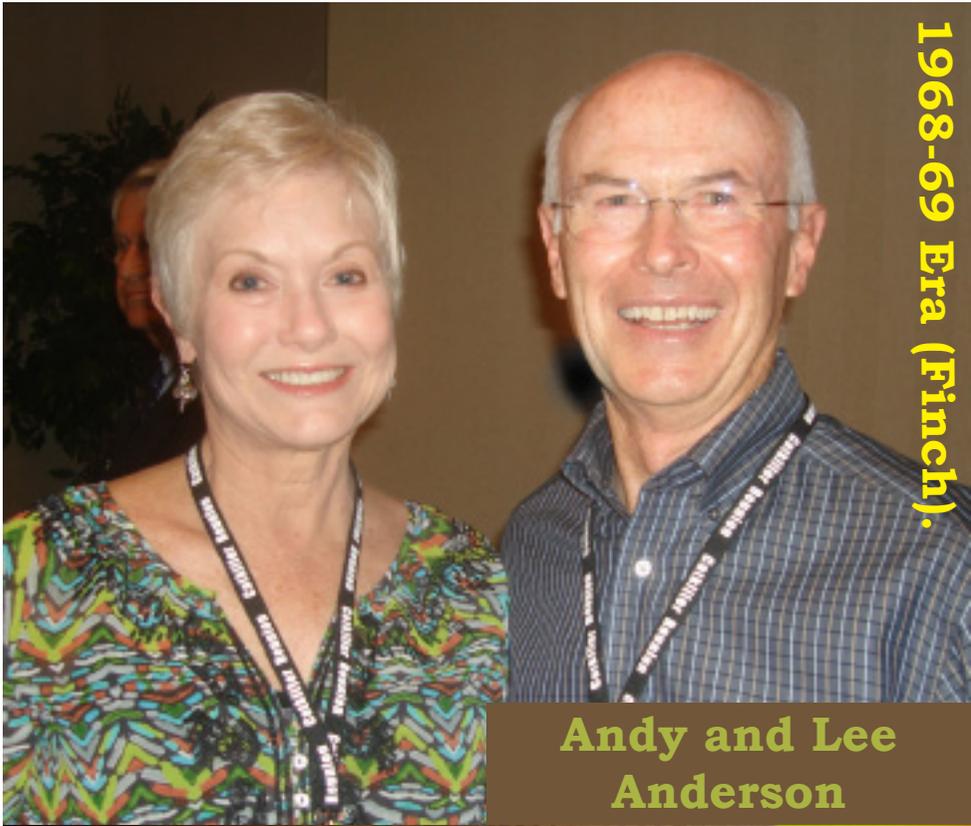
**Lunch at the Fisherman Restaurant on Seattle Waterfront (Wilson).**



**After lunch at the Fisherman Restaurant, 1966-67 Era Group [also below] (Wilson).**



1968-69 Era (Finch).



**Andy and Lee Anderson**



**Jack Bentley, John Hillman, Doc Clement, and Charles Finch. Charles will head up the next reunion (Finch).**



**Kay and Keith Klett, Rodrick and Jean Steward. Right, Paul & Trudy Brennan (inset with Bud Bruton), Teresa & Pete Blevins (Finch).**



**[Left] Darlene Caverhill, Leonard Bumgardner (Finch).**



**[Right] Mrs. Catalina Caldwell and her son, Glenn Caldwell (Finch).**



**[Left] Phil Caverhill, Paul Brennan, Bob Arrington, Charles Finch, Pete Blevins. [Right] Singing, "Phu Bai's a Hell of A Place" (Finch).**

