



## Events & Dates to Remember

### AMPRA 19th Annual Pig Roast

**When:** Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
**Where:** Mechanicsburg Club  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per person  
**Reservation Deadline:** September 7, 2011

### AMPRA Annual Christmas Party

**When:** Wednesday, December 14, 2011  
**Where:** Sheraton Harrisburg – Hershey  
**Cost:** \$25.00 per person  
**Reservation Deadline:** December 7, 2011

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all AMPRA members. Yes I am truly back again. Why? Only GOD can answer that. First I must congratulate Hugh Rozman on a great two (2) years and Five (5) months of leadership to AMPRA, Inc. Hugh will not be retiring from active service to the Board. He has volunteered to be Chairman of the Partners Committee. His goal is to find more companies that will provide cost saving programs for our Membership. It will be a big job but Hugh Rozman will be the person to see it through.

Our Website Committee has the site [www.ampra.net](http://www.ampra.net) up and running. Any member needing information on our social events, membership list, Membership/Contribution forms or needing to E-mail us with your questions and comments, can do it all on AMPRA's Website. (GREAT JOB WEBSITE COMMITTEE)

We are still looking for personnel to serve on AMPRA'S Board. If anybody is interested and needs more information about the Board, please contact me at (717) 545-1670. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month except August, and our December meeting is held the morning of the Annual Christmas Program.

I want to thank Winslow Brown for his time and dedicated Service he gave to the Board. The best to you Winslow on your continuing retirement.

Our Editor of the News & Notes, Mary Ann Swartley, is always looking for new articles to publish. We would like to hear about our Retirees new hobbies, projects, adventures, or anything else your fellow retirees would like to read about.

I would like to send out my personal congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Andy) Green on their 50th Anniversary. If any member of AMPRA has an Anniversary they would like us to know about, please let us know. We will publish the information in AMPRA's News & Notes (which you can also get on-line)

This July 4th 2011 we celebrated this Nation's 235th year of Freedom. Thomas Jefferson when writing the Declaration of Independence, said these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness". Our young Men and Women of the Military are in Harms-Way making sure that we have these Rights. They are giving their all for our Freedom. Please keep them in all your prayers.

**THANK YOU TROOPS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.**

*Joe Hopple,*  
President

## A Letter from Your Editor

Did everyone have a wonderful 4th of July? I was pondering this holiday when I was on vacation last week and it came to mind that when I was growing up, the 4th meant that summer was half over and we were very happy because we would soon be going back to school. Say it isn't so..... summer is not rushing by that fast. Strange, isn't it how our perspective changes with age?

I hope everyone is having wonderful relaxing vacations. I spent last week in the Endless Mountains in beautiful Pennsylvania with my oldest daughter and her family. We hiked; the men fished, ate endlessly and laughed most of the time. It is true that laughter is good for the soul. If you had a memorable vacation, please share the experience with us. The next deadline for articles will be October 6, 2011.

*Mary Ann*

## Mystery Trip

*Presented by Harrisburg Travel Club*

**Date: Saturday, October 1, 2011**

**Price: \$130.00 per Person**

Have you ever been on a Mystery Trip? This mystery venue will remind you of the olden days on the Mississippi River during the heydays or the 1800's and the early 1900's. It will keep you guessing with your old fellow AMP employees and friends.

- A highlight of the trip will be a luncheon with a spectacular view.
- On our way home after the mystery has been solved we will stop for dinner at a mystery location.

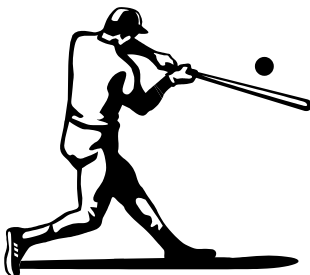
For more details on this trip or others scheduled by the Harrisburg Travel Club contact:  
**Jim Shoop, Director of the Harrisburg Travel Club.**  
**Phone: 717-761-7606 or Cell 717-645-1683**  
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**Submitted by Harry Woods**

### Harrisburg Senators

#### To those who missed a good AMPRA outing.

On June 10th, 2011 a total of 21 people, AMPRA retirees and guests attended a Harrisburg Senators game at Metro Park on City Island. We started the evening with a picnic consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni salad, chips and cookies. All of the food was very tasty. There were also sodas and cold water included and available until about the 5th inning. The picnic area we had this year was along the first base line. Before the game started we moved to seats along the right field line. They were comfortable seats with back and armrests, not bleacher type seats. Much more comfortable that what we had last year along the third base line where we ate and sat at four foot square picnic tables both to eat and watch the game. Also the sun was in our faces for most of the game on that side. Needless to say the Senators lost this evening, for the first time that AMPRA was present. Akron beat them 9-5. The Senators scored 5 runs in the first inning and we thought a chance for another win. Akron scored 7 runs in the third inning and the Senators could not make a come back. Then after the game we

were treated to a fantastic fireworks display. If this event is scheduled again next year, I would highly recommend it for consideration and I am not really a baseball fan.



Jay Whye

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# AMP a good place to work

When I was asked or rather told, by president Hopple, to write an article for the next AMPRA News & Notes, I was not quite sure just what to write. When given two books by Hopple, perusing them and thinking about my days at AMP, I began to realize there is so much history, so many memories, that if all recorded would fill volumes of books; certainly more space than permitted for this article.

So, I start by asking the question, "how much do you know or remember about you former employer or company?"

Well, here's a very short version of the history of AMP and its founder.

Uncas Aeneus Whitaker, you can now understand why he preferred and was known simply as U. A. Whitaker. He was born in Lincoln, Kansas, on March 22, 1900. He was a very successful engineer, with three college degrees, for the Hoover Company, a manufacturer of vacuum cleaners, when he met Stephen Buchanan, the creator of the solderless terminal. Whitaker, with his keen insight and entrepreneurial spirit recognized the many applications and the tremendous business potential this terminal presented.

So it was, on September 15, 1941, U. A. Whitaker, at the age of 41, founded the company known as Aero-Marine Products, with its headquarters located in Elizabeth, NJ. Shortly after its founding, its name was changed to Aircraft-Marine Products, Inc.

With the start of WWII, the use of this solderless terminal skyrocketed. The ease of sliding this terminal onto the end of a wire and crimping it in place using a special tool made it extremely more desirable than the required labor intense, labor skilled soldered terminals.

This solderless terminal soon became the terminal of choice for washing machines, dishwashers, television sets, computers and automobiles with all its complex systems.

Within 10 years, the A-MP product line increased to thousands of specialized products. The company's official slogan was "Precision Engineering at the end of Wire;" however, Whitaker adopted a philosophy for all his engineers, to take the simple electrical device and "engineer the hell out of it."

In 1943, A-MP moved its headquarters from Elizabeth, NJ to 1523 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg, PA, then in 1951, to 2100 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, PA, a former roller rink.

The mid 1950's proved to be an eventful time for A-MP. In August 1955, construction began on a 3-story building at 449 Eisenhower Boulevard, which in 1956 became the location of the company's headquarters. Also, on October 5, 1956, Aircraft Marine Products changed its name to AMP Incorporated. In November of that same year, AMP went public with its first offering on the New York Stock Exchange of 307, 000 shares at a price of \$16.25 per share.

Whitaker was no doubt, "one of a kind." He founded his company recruiting strong, motivated and skilled people and he truly believed in his people. His never ending pursuit of quality truly made AMP the envy of all companies and the company that all potential employees dreamed about joining as a place to work. It truly was not only a "good" but a "great" place to work.

Many great leaders followed Whitaker at the helm of AMP, growing the company so that in 1966, AMP's 25th anniversary year, it became a Fortune 500 company.

As the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end," so it was for Uncas Aeneus Whitaker, in 1975, at the age of 75 years old, he died.

And, for AMP, it all ended on April 2, 1999, at the age of 58 years old when it too died.

AMP Incorporated, "truly a great place to work."

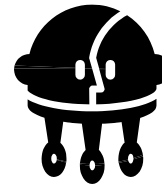
AMP was purchased by Tyco.

Written by,  
G. Dean Miller,  
Sr. Product Engineer,  
retired.





## “The War of the Martians”



Although many of you may not remember the year 1938 or the Atwater Kent type radio (we had no television sets), we spent a lot of time listening to your battery driven radios.

It was during this time period that a young man by the name of George Orson Welles a director and narrator presented to us via the air waves his adaptation of the GC Welles novel “The War of the Worlds”. This broadcast was performed for a program entitled “Mercury Theater on the Air”.

We were led to believe that we were being invaded by Martians. This caused nationwide panic and of course elevated Welles to instant notoriety. We later learned that neither the Martian invasion nor the nationwide panic were true.

As a seventeen year old at that time I can remember very well the excitement caused in our small town in Schuylkill County PA, by the Welles presentation. Ironically several years later, in 1941, soon after I enlisted in the US Navy and reported to and boarded my ship “The USS Texas BB 35”, (a battleship which was moored in the channel at Portsmouth Maine because of insufficient water depth to receive our ship), we were confronted with a similar alert. At the time, I was assigned to a small group responsible for the maintenance of the boat crew. As a result of the alert, I was directed to man my 50 foot launch driven by a diesel engine, as were 4 or 5 others in smaller launches, and to head for the city of Portland Maine. This alert was also proven to be false and we were called back to the ship.

Since these earlier occurrences we have learned about and have seen pictures of so called flying saucers. To my knowledge the existence of the origin of flying saucers has not been proven. However, during the last few years we have learned that life sustaining ingredients such as water do exist on planets like Mars.

We have also learned that our NASA folks do plan to land on Martian soil and spend some time on Mars, the nearby planet.

In closing, wouldn't it be ironic of our NASA folks, upon landing on Mars, would be confronted by human like organisms, and in doing so, would give a great deal of credence to the author GW Wells, and his adaptation of “The War of the Worlds”?



Submitted by:  
Bob Rickert (Carver Bob)

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## Member Services

Retirement! Now you can finally do those things you always wanted to do – fish, golf, gardening.....

Many of you have turned your hobbies into full or part time work – either offering a service such as landscaping, carpentry work, or being a general handyperson. Or you may have turned your hobby into a product that others might want to purchase such as woodworking, weaving, etc....

And I know you would like to make these products and services available to your fellow AMPRA members. Well we are working on an enhancement to our website that will allow you to post your information. This feature should be available in the near future.

We will need the following information to post to the AMPRA website:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (Telephone number or e-mail address) \_\_\_\_\_

A Brief Description of the products or service you provide \_\_\_\_\_

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How can you get your info posted???

Mail the information to:

**AMPRA, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 15130  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-5130

Or---

you can send the information via e-mail by accessing the **Contact Us** tab on the AMPRA website and enter the information:

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**AMPRA 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PIG ROAST**  
**WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2011**  
**AT THE MECHANICSBURG CLUB**  
**JUST OFF WERTZVILLE ROAD**

This is the 15th year we've held our Pig Roast at the Mechanicsburg Club, which offers us a large area with the advantage of being under cover in case of inclement weather. Come and enjoy a relaxing day with old friends and former co-workers, and meet and make new friends as well. A free shuttle will be available from parking lot.

We will have the same excellent caterer we've had for the past twelve years, and you will surely enjoy the succulent roast pig and the delicious side dishes. The menu has proven delicious enough to satisfy the most finicky pig enthusiast. **Directions on opposite side of page.**

10:00 AM.....Registration & Socializing  
12:00 Noon.....Buffet  
1:00 PM (approximately).....Bingo

**THE PRICE IS \$20.00 PER PERSON**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!**  
**THIS IS OUR SECOND LARGEST ATTENDED EVENT.**  
**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

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Make check payable to: **AMPRA**  
Send to: **Loretta Phillippy, 3208 Andrea Avenue, Harrisburg PA 17109 – (717) 652-3865**

I plan to attend the **Pig Roast**. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for myself and guest(s) as noted below.

PLEASE PRINT  
Retiree's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Retiree's Address \_\_\_\_\_.

Guest(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

Intending to be legally bound hereby, I agree that participation in the event is entirely at my own risk, and I accept total responsibility for all claims and liabilities resulting from such participation, further agreeing to indemnify and hold AMPRA and its officers and directors harmless from all such claims, liabilities and expenses.

Retiree's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Guest(s) Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

## Directions to the Mechanicsburg Club

www.themechanicsburgclub.com  
80 Glendale Dr, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

### From the North:

- I-81 South to Exit #57 (Pa-114 W/Conodoguinet Pkwy)
- Turn right off exit onto Pa-114 West.
- Go 1.1 miles and turn left onto Pa-944 W/Wertzville Rd.
- Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Glendale Dr.
- Go .7 miles and arrive at The Mechanicsburg Club

### From the South:

- I-81 North to Exit #57 (Pa-114 W/Conodoguinet Pkwy)
- Turn left off exit onto Pa-114 West.
- Go 1.3 miles and turn left onto Pa-944 W/Wertzville Rd.
- Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Glendale Dr.
- Go .7 miles and arrive at The Mechanicsburg Club





# Holiday Cheer

*Once again it's time for that very special Holiday Season!  
Come join us with your fellow retirees to make  
this year's AMPRA Christmas Party the most memorable ever!*

Place: SHERATON HARRISBURG - HERSHEY  
4650 Lindle Rd., Hbg. (Off I-83 & Eisenhower Blvd.)

\*\*Park in rear & enter under canopy. Take elevator to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (lobby level)

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 Price: \$25.00 per person

Schedule:	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	-	Reception
	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	-	Entertainment (musical trio)
	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	-	Cash Bar
	12:00 p.m. (Noon)	-	Meal Served
	1:30 p.m. to ??	-	Meeting and Ham Distribution

*Reservation Deadline: December 7, 2011*

Make check payable to: **AMPRA**

Send to: **Loretta Phillippy, 3208 Andrea Avenue, Harrisburg PA 17109 – (717) 652-3865**

I plan to attend the **Christmas Party**. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for myself and guest(s) as noted below.

PLEASE PRINT

Retiree's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Retiree's Address \_\_\_\_\_.

Guest(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

Intending to be legally bound hereby, I agree that participation in the event is entirely at my own risk, and I accept total responsibility for all claims and liabilities resulting from such participation, further agreeing to indemnify and hold AMPRA and its officers and directors harmless from all such claims, liabilities and expenses.

Retiree's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Guest(s) Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.



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## AMPRA Newsletter is Going Paperless

The AMPRA Newsletters is now posted on the AMPRA website. It is posted as a PDF file which allows you to read it on-line or print it on your computer's printer. You can also print selective pages such as sign-up sheets for AMPRA events.

By going paperless AMPRA will be able to save on postage. However, for those of you without a computer, or those who want to continue to receive a hard copy you will be able to specify your preference.

Starting with the 2011 AMPRA enrollment form which will be available in the fall, the form will have a place to specify whether you want to continue to receive the newsletter via hardcopy or via on-line access. Until then you will continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

Dick Hoffman



## September 2011 Death Report

Arlene Nicklow	PA
Russell Beaumont	CA
Herbert Norris	NC
Ralph Sherrick	FL
Carl Thoman	PA
Robert Briggs	TX
Raymond Rowland	PA
Mildred Hoff	PA
Esther C. Maun Kessler	PA
Barbara (Bobbi) Lehman Knerr	FL
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Q. Eleanor Lissner	PA
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1-800-778-3827  
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