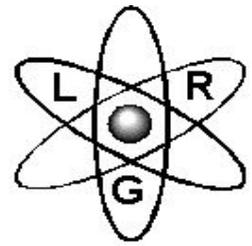
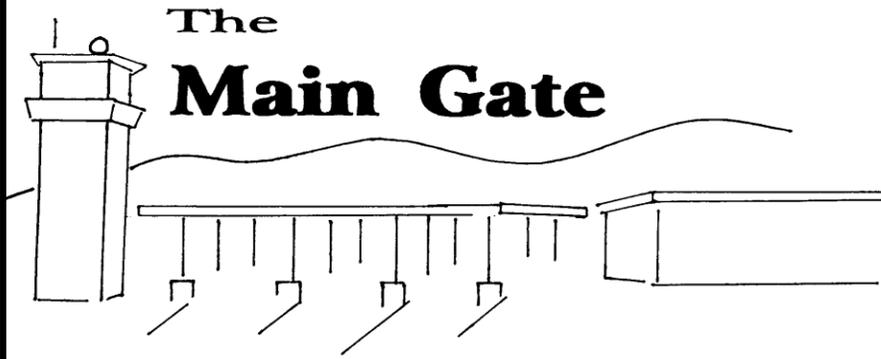


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Reaching Out From a
Common Experience

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Greetings from a unique group of people - the retirees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) is a non-profit corporation which seeks to maintain communications with and to serve the needs and interests of retirees from LANL. If you wish to join our organization, an application is available in this newsletter. For more information, please contact our President Dale Thompson at dalethompson@losalamos.com or by mail at P. O. Box 546, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

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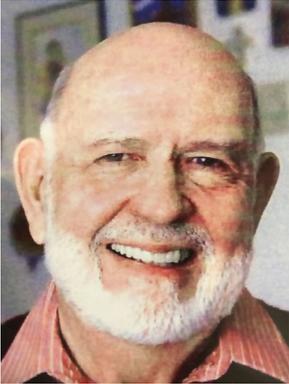
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The **Laboratory Retiree Group** web site is www.lalrg.org.

LRG is looking for two board members and a person to keep track of medical affairs. Contact any of the people above if you are interested.

LRG Tributes for Glenn Lockhart, Chuck Mansfield, and Mary Mariner

The Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) recently lost three long-serving Board Members and founders: Glenn Lockhart, Chuck Mansfield, and Mary Mariner. The LRG Board of Directors appreciated their long-time dedication and help for all Laboratory retirees. They all served LRG and Laboratory retirees with endless hours of their time and service.



Glenn Lockhart (1938 to 2018). Glenn was one of the founders of LRG in 1994, and its first President. He worked to get LRG incorporated as a non-profit organization. He carried his familiarity with personnel benefits from his work at the Laboratory to provide information and guidance to retirees about the often-confusing range of choices and options. He became the primary resource within LRG for questions and concerns about retiree benefits, especially health care. He pushed the Laboratory to introduce a National Medicare Supplement plan as one of the retiree health care options. He challenged DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration about the lack of retiree health benefits in the DOE/NNSA's 2005 management contract Request for Bids. With his help, the LRG mobilized hundreds of members to carry the issue

to a last-minute public meeting with DOE/NNSA representatives. The outcome was that retiree health benefits were added to the new contract requirements. Glenn and Ken Wilson (another long-time LRG member) co-chaired the LRG's Health Issues Committee, which researches the choices available to retirees during Open Enrollment periods. He and Ken presented their information and suggestions to Laboratory retirees in presentations that Glenn referred to as "The Ken and Glenn Show."



Chuck Mansfield (1938 to 2017). Chuck was involved with LRG from when it was founded in 1994 until 2017. He became President of LRG shortly after its founding, and energetically served in that role for more than 20 years. Chuck was deeply involved in getting legal representation of LRG to assist with retiree needs and problems. He started the LRG's Legal Defense Fund to allow the organization to hire lawyers to provide advice and representation on a range of issues. The Legal Defense Fund was key for LRG's oversight of the separation of assets from the University of California's Pension fund during the Laboratory's change of management from U.C. to LANS in 2006. LRG oversight

during the 2006 contract change has also helped assure that retiree pensions and benefits were included in NNSA's solicitation in this year's (2018) management contract change. Chuck stepped down as LRG President in 2016, yet continued to serve on LRG's Board of Directors until 2017.



Mary Mariner (1927 to 2017). Mary carried her versatility with computers from her work at the Laboratory to the LRG and Los Alamos County's Senior Centers. One work accomplishment she was especially proud of was the implementation of bar coding of Laboratory property, which, along with a computer database, made it much simpler and easier to keep track of the thousands of items of Laboratory property. After she retired from the Laboratory, she started LRG's Computer Literacy Group for retirees. With her interest and abilities with computers, she organized the first personal computer fair for seniors, which brought representatives of PC manufacturers, such as Dell, to

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Paul and Sue Elkins 1992 Trip to Alaska

By Sue and Paul Elkins, February 2018

(Photos are on page 4 and 5)

We (Paul and Sue Elkins) launched our first trip to Alaska in mid-June, 1992. This is a very brief summary of that trip.

We headed north to the border crossing point at Sweet Grass, MT. Then went Northwest toward Banff National Park. We visited Lake Louise where we were directed to Moraine Lake which we thought was more picturesque (see photo 1).

From there we headed north through Jasper National Park and eventually to the town of Jasper, which is located on the Yellowhead Highway; named after a blond headed French trapper from the early days. The drive through the Canadian Rockies in this region is simply beautiful and well worth the trip.

In Jasper we turned west toward a rest area named Teje Juane Cashe (French for yellow hair?) where we gassed up and continued west toward the next town of McBride. Here we stopped for supplies and it was indeed an interesting stop. We bought our BC fishing licenses and asked where we might fish. The clerk said she didn't know but this man might. He appeared to be a painter. He said he didn't have time to go fishing. We proceeded on. Not far outside town we found a dirt road. Taking it, we proceeded to the end and set up camp about 100' from the Frazer River on a nice creek. (see photo 2) While we were getting our fishing rods set up, guess who shows up—the painter and his two sons. We all fished for a while but no luck—that's the way fishing is sometimes. Sue and I settled in for the night. The next morning we caught several fish; 1 Rainbow, 2 Dolly Varden and 3 White Fish; and released all. The local guy warned us there were a lot of Black Bears in the area. We were about to find out he was correct.

Our next stop was Goat River. (see photo 3) It was a medium sized swift river with dense timber and brush covering the country side. We made camp and I walked around a bit but didn't catch any fish. Next morning when we were getting ready to leave, Jed (our dog) went running up the road to chase off a large black bear. The bear didn't run as we ran up after Jed. Jed was dancing around the bear, just staying out of his reach and barking. I asked Sue to run back to the truck and get the ax. While she was on her way I had second thoughts and yelled try the horn. She did and it worked. Jed came running back. I tried to grab him but he got away and went back for the bear. She tried the horn again and he came back. I jumped on him and we threw him inside and wouldn't let him out. We got ready and headed out. I tried for a picture but the bear was gone.

Our next stop was the little town of Hyder, AK. (see photo 4) It is the southernmost entry point to Alaska. It has one large creek that supports salmon and Brown Bears, which is just an over fed version of a Grizzly. We saw a cub but not the adult. (see photo 5) The preferred currency at all stores in town is the Canadian Dollar except at the US post office.

Proceeding on north we reached the famous Signpost Forest (see photo 5A) in Watson Lake. Here we would turn north on the Campbell Highway, a long gravel road with the next gas station 230 miles ahead at Ross River. As always we camped in gravel pits where available. We learned early on that they were the best place for camping. We gassed up at Ross River and continued on west to the Klondike Highway, taking it until its junction with the Dempster Highway. We turned north toward Inuvik NWT. At Milepost 252 we crossed the Arctic Circle at 10 PM and took a picture. (see photo 6) It was that light. Continuing on we reached James Creek; see photo 7 of Sue and Jed fishing in the ice cold water. Caught several Grayling. Jed tried to help Sue land them. We went on further north but came back to James Creek.

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Donations to the LRG Legal Fund will be accepted at P.O. Box 546, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Pictures for the "Paul and Sue Elkins 1992 Trip to Alaska" Article
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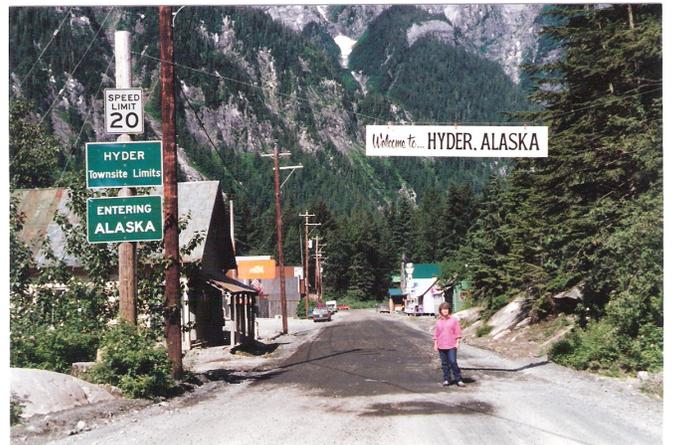
1. Moraine Lake Banff Prov Park



2. McIntosh Creek BC



3. Goat River CA

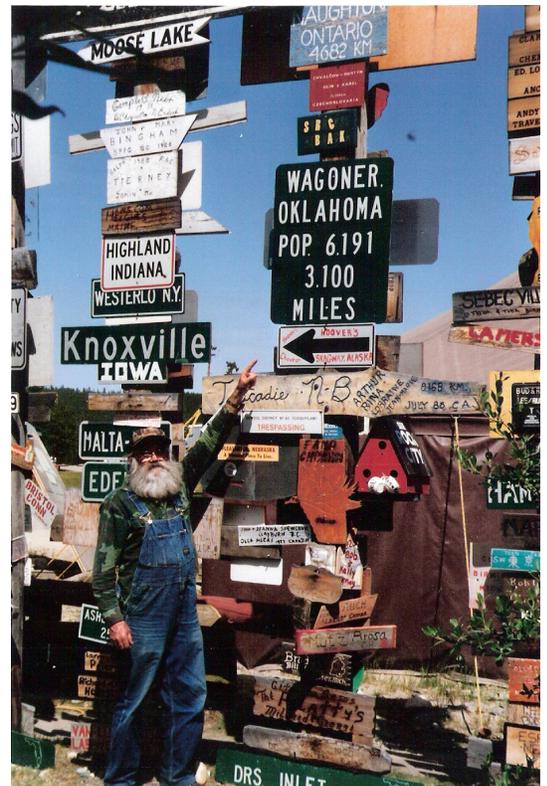


4. Hyder AK

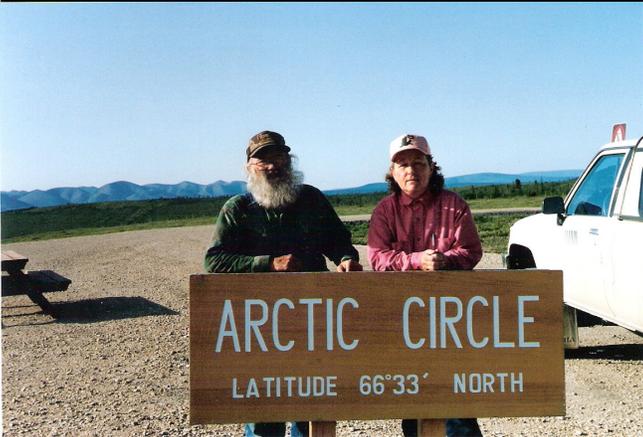


5. Hyder bear cub

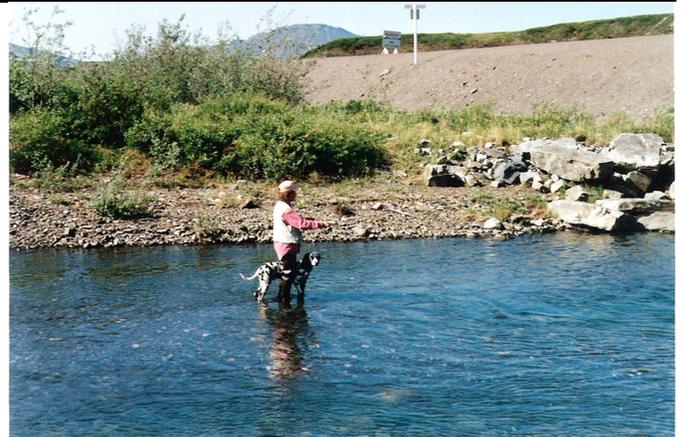
5A. Sign Post Forest At Watson Lake YT



**Pictures for the “Paul and Sue Elkins 1992 Trip to Alaska” Article
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6. Arctic Circle on the Dempster Hwy



7. James Creek

**Bathtub Row Brewing, Los Alamos
The Nation’s Fourth Beer Coop**

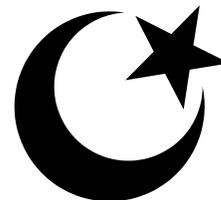




LANL In Memoriam

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By Jack Clifford



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Retirees' Scholarship Fund by Norman Delamater

The LAESF Workforce Retirees' Scholarship Fund is a newly endowed component of the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund. It has been funded with generous contributions from Laboratory retirees, including contributions from Laboratory Retiree Group members. The LAESF Advisory Committee will now be able to award a \$1000 annual scholarship in the name of the "Workforce Retirees' Scholarship Fund". These awards will be based on both scholarship and financial need. Thanks to all LRG members who have contributed to this fund or may contribute in the future.

LRG Annual Meeting

This meeting is planned as a luncheon at the Betty Ehart Senior Center on Friday, May 18, hosted by LRG. The menu is chicken or beef soft tacos with beans and maybe a salad bar. All the above is tentative. A post card will be sent closer to the meeting date.

Coffee and Conversation (and Breakfast)

1st Tuesday of the month, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Morning Glory Baking Co.

(Across from the High School)

Coffee or tea is paid by LRG.

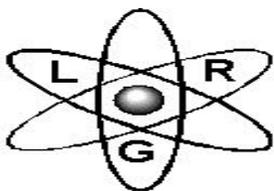
Please, need articles for the *Main Gate*.

Experiences, humor, travels, work.

With or without pictures.

From a paragraph to a page and a half.

E-mail them to jns@rt66.com



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LABORATORY RETIREE GROUP (LRG)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LRG works to protect retiree benefits

Membership in the Laboratory Retiree Group, Inc. (Los Alamos) is open to any person age 50 or older who currently receives or expects to receive an ongoing financial benefit (health or other insurance, retirement income, or other forms of remuneration) from having worked or having an association with someone who worked for the prime contractor of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ACTIVE MEMBERS (described above) pay \$20 per calendar year, have voting privileges at Annual Meetings, and are eligible to serve as LRG Officers and/or Board Members. Active members receive copies of the LRG Directory and LRG's every-four-month publication, *The Main Gate*. Spouses of deceased Active Members become Active as long as yearly dues are paid.

FRIENDS are persons who do not meet the criteria of an Active Member but support LRG. Friends pay dues of \$20 per year to cover the cost of printing and postage of issues of *The Main Gate*. Friends cannot vote, hold office, be listed in or receive the LRG Directory.

THE LABORATORY RETIREE GROUP, INC. (LRG)

New Membership Renewal Friend Change of Address

Check here if requested information remains unchanged (including phone no. and e-mail)

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Los Alamos. When Los Alamos County established the Senior Center, Mary started the Computer User Group to help make it easier for seniors to learn how to use personal computers. Mary was chosen as the LRG representative to CUCRA (the Council of UC Retiree Associations) and was elected CUCRA's Secretary for three years. She also organized three week-long "homecoming" trips for LRG members: two to the Nevada Test Site, and one to her native and much-loved Tennessee. Mary served on the LRG's Board of Directors until 2017.

The LRG Board of Directors salutes the important contributions that Chuck, Mary, and Glenn made to the LRG, and the entire community of Laboratory retirees. We all have benefited tremendously from their continued commitment and energy and will miss them very much.