

Huntsville TRA Retirees GAZZETTE Again.

Join us tomorrow Tuesday May 10, 11:31 AM 2022 - RED LOBSTER East University Drive in Huntsville City Alabama, formerly Mississippi Territory if you don't keep up.

11 attended last time. Long missing visit from Jackie Worthy. I also learn elsewhere there is a "distaff" retirees monthly Monday meeting. Let me know if interested.

Read This.

- The *initial SLS test flight* is delayed and was rolled back from the pad at the Cape for various fixes. The SLS contractor then, Boeing is moving its HQ to DC area more below. SLS is the largest rocket in history.

- The USSRC (space museum) reports the *bus tour of Marshall* is delayed by Redstone Arsenal due to some security issues with reduced staffing or something. The museum has resumed in force super-excellent dinners for conventions, conferences and meetings. But, not yet Biergartin night.

- A city owned *conference center* also for weddings, is operational across the Tennessee River from Ditto Landing. This small area, cross the bridge and turn left, was annexed into Huntsville City in Marshall County. A pretty spot and new building with view - contact someone with the city parks. I have fished there! I apologize for past treatment of nearby Laceys Springs but you might avoid driving further south into that area to avoid a glandular infection.

- Average *gas prices* today: (Look up: AAA gas prices)

Regular: US average 4.33 AL **4.03** CA 5.83 WA 4.83

Premium: US average 4.98 AL **4.71** CA 6.16 WA 5.20

These are average prices actually vary lower or higher from Costco to Major Brands. I am following this data while planning a grand motor trip up the west coast Oceanside to Vancouver, BC. European higher line cars used in this case, require only premium gasoline. I see \$6.16 in California. Let's see 17 gallons each fill up is ouch \$104.72.

Boeing Company HQ move, lost \$.2B in '22 Q1, moved their HQ again, this time from Chicago, where they moved from Seattle in 2001, to the DC area to Arlington, VA. They hope to be closer to financial associates and also *plan to attract engineers* to a new engineering center at this highest rent and taxed area, also having very large available facilities at Huntsville, AL. Boeing in the past has been a major contributor to Huntsville prosperity in darker days following the great space walks, and into recent history, and has also been a very major contributor to Huntsville area community projects with major donations. At the same time, their major airliner competition Airbus, is now greatly producing popular smaller liners at Mobile, AL at a former Northrop-Grumman aircraft plant vacated following a Boeing protest win of an air tanker from a previous Northrop-Grumman tanker win.

Have not heard of THREE fiber cable services offered to a house, but in my neighborhood with Comcast Xfinity and AT&T competition, here comes a third choice (Google fiber). There is no shared fiber path. oddly and street and yard surgery is required again, repairs are hidden from previous installs. Tracts in Huntsville since about 1975? require underground power and data services to gradually eliminate visible power lines and poles.

A newer airline, well-financed by Jet Blue, here called Breeze is dedicated, and with new Airbus 707 size jets, to provide very different type of flights -not- through hubs, but from "lesser" places to major cities non-stop. Already from HSV to New Orleans, Charleston, SC, Orlando, in August a non-stop HSV to Las Vegas. Initial flights offer very cheap intros like \$39. Another example on their system is non-stop Westchester County airport near NYC to Los Angeles and San Francisco. Keep an eye on Breeze for your next trip to avoid irritating hubs....