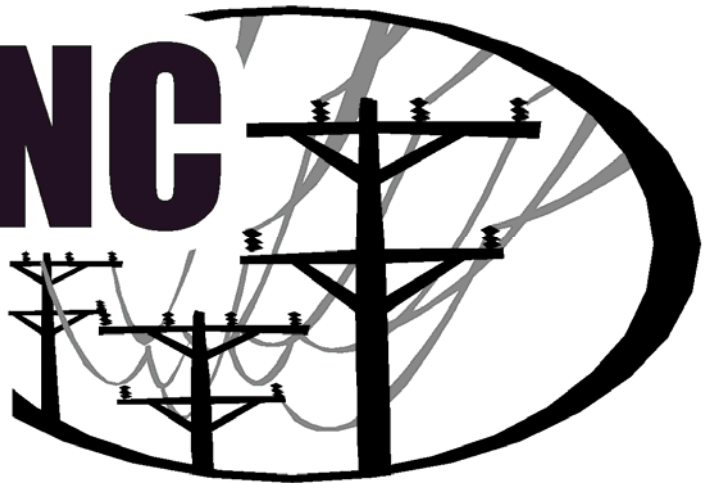


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## PREZ SEZ

It is now late June as I write this. This year is half over. It has been a busy and rewarding year for your president.

SCS/SNC Retirees had some extra funds, so our board of directors voted unanimously to send \$500 each to the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and the United Way for their tornado relief efforts to aid those suffering from the devastating tornados that hit in April. This is in keeping with one of the intents of our incorporation, which is to perform services in endeavors of charitable, social improvement and civic betterment.

Our quote for July is from Winston Churchill. *Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.* This was a tribute to the RAF pilots who fought the Battle of Britain.

This brings us to our speaker for this month, Bill Barnes, and his presentation on the Battle of Britain. Bill is very well qualified to make this talk, being a WW II military pilot who has flown the PTT22, PT17, BT13, AT6, AT11, B-25, B-26, P38, P61 and C47. He continued to fly after the war with the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard and his own personal airplane. He is the recipient of many aviation-related awards.

Bill not only served in England during the war, but has studied this battle extensively. He has met and socialized with primary participants, giving him considerable insight that you cannot find in books. The RAF's Hugh Dundas and the Luftwaffe's Adolf Galland were both known personally by Bill.

This will be a unique opportunity to hear from someone who has known primary participants in this battle. See you at the meeting.

— Wayne Walton

## MEMBER CARE REPORT

**Bill Coughlin** is in Trinity Hospital being treated for an infection, but his daughter told me this morning they think he will probably go home today. (Written June 9)

**John Plaxco** had good results from his tests. I talked with him this morning, and he is feeling much better.

I spoke with **Margaret Carter** this morning, and John is not doing well.

I visited for just a few minutes with **Ozen** and **Ann Batum** June 8 at Brookwood Hospital. Ozen is very sick, but Ann hopes friends will drop by for a short visit..

Please let me know of others that need our concern.

— Liz Winter

Want to keep up with what's happening? Got a computer? Visit the SCS Retiree Website.  
<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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## WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

Wayne mentioned in his article that our July speaker, Bill Barnes, was acquainted with two men who had played important roles in the WW II air war, but he didn't give us any idea what they had done. So, I took a quick look at Wikipedia to get a few facts I might be able to share with you.

Hugh Dundas was Sir Hugh Spencer Lisle Dundas. For his service as a fighter pilot during the Battle of Britain in 1940 and throughout the war, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Order. He rose rapidly through the ranks, and was a Group Captain in the Mediterranean theater until the end of the war. He later wrote for newspapers and rose to chairman of the Thames Television company. He received the Commander of the British Empire knighthood in 1987.

Adolf Galland was a pilot with Lufthansa before joining the Luftwaffe and flying ground support missions in the Spanish Civil War. He talked the commanding brass into letting him transfer to fighter aircraft early in WW II and was credited with nearly 100 kills. However, as the war went on, he fell into disagreement with Hermann Goering and was placed under house arrest.

After the war he spent time consulting with the Argentine air force before coming back to Germany to finish his life operating his own company. Like Dundas, he wore multiple decorations for his wartime service.

## OBITUARIES

### In Memoriam

**Benjamin G. Lacher**, 56, of Birmingham, Alabama died on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Ben was an employee of Southern Company Services for 27 years in Atlanta and for 7 more in Birmingham. He is survived by his wife, Debi, two sons, three brothers and other family members. A memorial service was held for Mr. Lacher at Ridout's Valley Chapel on Wednesday, May 11.

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Adams & Bill Hinton, 30-John Garlington & Mary Sisk Koskiand 31-Mae Gates, Mary Ann Glover, Susan LeFoy, Mary NelleShelton & Tommy Wheelis.

**AUGUST:** 1-Ruth Shepherd, 2-Bob Jackson, Hubert Pair & Mona Rollins, 3-Jim Coleman, Lawton Grimes, Barbara Harris & Ron Mitchell, 4-Eddie Champan, Willard Payne & Jerry Wilson,6-Robert Beason, 8-Donald East & Tom Harris, 10-Gisela Hancock & Jean Horton, 11-David McCoy, 12-Jim Rooker, 13-Phyllis Lawrence, 14-Lynne Dickerson, Edward Muglach & Annette Todd, 15-Martha McMillan, 16-Margaret Carter, 17-John Naramore & Jane Wuerdeman, 18-Martha Burson, 19-Nancy Moore & Robert Schamp, 20-Mary Anchors, Peggy Case & Rodney Rogers, 21-Stephen Chesnut & Jackie Jackson, 24-Carole McIntyre, Phyllis Mead & Stephen Sisson, 25-Shirley Harrison & Lee Rayburn, 26-LaMar Sumerlin, 27-John Carter, Jay Dorrance & H. Sumner, 28-Tom Dickerson, 29-Barbara Maluff, CharlesPugh & Ty Robin, 30-James Allison & Mary Romano and 31-Charles Biddy, Patricia Ogles & Lee Wetzel.

— Jay Dorrance

**Michael P. Zyne**, 92, of Birmingham, Alabama passed awayMonday, May 9, 2011. Mike retired from SCS in 1986 as the Chief Stress Analyst in the Mechanical Design Department with 38 years of service. He is survived by a brother and a sister. A funeral service was held for Mike at the St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church in Birmingham on Wednesday, May 11 with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

**Don Lee Duckworth**, 78, of Ashville, Alabama passed awayon Friday, June 10, 2011. Don worked in the SCS Engineering and Project Support Department as a cost and schedule specialist. He retired in 1988. Don is survived by his wife, Sue, a son and a daughter, seven grandchildren and a brother. Funeral services were held for Mr. Duckworth on Wednesday, June 15 at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home in Trussville, Alabama.

— Jay Dorrance

**SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at the SCS/SNC Retirees annual open meeting at the Pelham Civic Complex on Thursday, May 19, 2011 was 189.

— Jay Dorrance

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

SCS/SNC Retirees membership meeting on Monday, September 12 will feature Fred Ehrensperger’s daughter in law Brenda. Her subject will be PursuitSafety.

ENERGIZERS, Alabama Power Company retirees, Corporate/Birmingham Division Chapters, will return to the Cahaba Grand Conference Center in Hoover, Alabama for their annual Retiree Luncheon meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

SCS/SNC Retirees Annual Meeting will be at the Vestavia Country Club on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The program will be story teller Dolores Hydock. She is a dramatically different story teller.

— Jay Dorrance

**BIRTHDAYS**

**JULY:** 1-Frank Jones, 2-Howard Hubbard, 3-Elliene Jackson, 4-Mohinder Ghuman, Carolyn Muglach & Robert Clouse, 5-Ann Garrett, Jo Harrison, Bill Hungerford & Lilla Nesmith,6-Dorothy Bailey, 8-Ella Burr, Robin Dyle, Jeanne Plaxco,& Eukie Woodall, 9-Lee Hanbein & Jim Newton, 10-Linda Merki, 11-Elaine Chambless, 12-William Cole, 14-Sherry Runyans & George Russell, 15-Chris Anderson, Peggy Brashier & Dave Morey, 16-Jim Anchors, 18-Jack Faulkner, 19-Bill Echols, 20-Dan Wise, 21-Dennis Runyans & Rosemary Wright, 22-Jo Ann Stallings, 24-Patricia Cone, Sandra Morgan & Karen Summers, 25-Gerald Aultman, 27-Carter Leonard, 28-Kerry

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### **A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT**

#### **About the Month of August**

In common years no other month starts on the same day of the week as August. However, in leap years, February starts on the same day.

After Julius Caesar's grandnephew Augustus defeated Marc Anthony and Cleopatra, and became emperor of Rome, the Roman Senate decided that he too should have a month named after him.

Not only did the Senate name a month after Augustus, but it decided that since Julius's month, July, had 31 days, Augustus's month should equal it—under the Julian calendar, the months alternated evenly between 30 and 31 days (with the exception of February), which made August 30 days long. So, instead of August having a mere 30 days, it was lengthened to 31 days, preventing anyone from claiming that Emperor Augustus was saddled with an inferior month.

The extra day needed was taken from February, which originally had 29 days (30 days in a leap year), and was now reduced to 28 days (29 in a leap

year.). To avoid three long months together, the lengths of the last four months were switched around, giving us 30 days in September, April, June, and November.

Among Roman rulers, only Julius and Augustus permanently had months named after them.

—Senior Living,  
August 2009

#### **DUI or Don't I?**

Hummer H2 driver Yvonne Sinclair, 29, was convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter in November in Rancho Cucamonga, California, from a 2006 crash that killed two people and in which her intoxication was a major factor. Sinclair had bought the Hummer from proceeds of a lawsuit settlement over the 2003 death of her boyfriend, who was killed by a drunk driver.

— News of the Weird,  
Birmingham Weekly,  
December 11-18, 2008

## **SCS RETIREES**

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#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

*When: Monday, July 11, 2011*

*Where: Building 42, Room 130*

*Board meets at 11 a.m.*

*Program: 1 p.m.*

*Lunch: Dutch treat in Inverness 42  
cafeteria*