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A Night

It started with the arrival of our Founder and Chairman, and Mrs. M.C. Gill

Director Frank Capra's "Night To Remember" would place second to the M.C. Gill Corporation's 55th Anniversary gala dinner dance at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, California this past stardate 1027.2.

The Venue, The Events, The Theme

The ladies were stunning in their gowns, the food was sinfully delicious, and the entertainment unsurpassed. Just your typical M.C. Gill anniversary party. In fact, the venue was the same as for the 50th celebration as was the feature entertainer, ventriloquist Ronn Lucas and his "companions" Scorch the Dragon and Buffalo Billy, and a gracious volunteer, Boeing's Mark Hansen. But there, the similarity ended.

Coincidentally, Mrs. M. C. Gill's gown was identical to that worn by Hillary Clinton at the White House's 200th anniversary dinner on November 9th. Later that month, Barbara Walters was pictured in "W" magazine wearing the same dress. We can but imagine what might have happened had all three women appeared in their dresses at the same party.

To Remember!

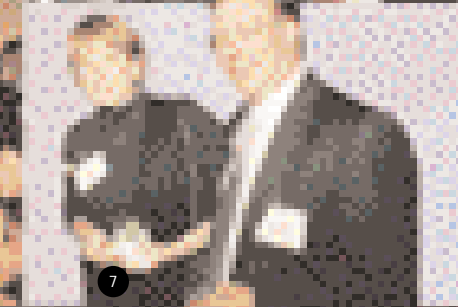




The theme for this extravaganza was Gilltrek—Space, the Final Frontier

It focused on the continuing voyages of the Starship Gillcoprise and its crew. Their ongoing mission: to explore strange new worlds for new plant locations, products, and acquisitions to meet increasing universe demand... to seek new customers in new civilizations... to boldly go where no Gill had gone before...

In keeping with that theme the décor was space-like—backdrops of pictures taken from other worlds, planets from our solar system hung from the ceiling, and sci-fi videos playing throughout the evening.



On the left: 1. Irv Freund, M.C. Gill; Julie and Larry Blivens, Airport Metals; 2. Jim Lefort, Hester and M.C. Gill; Nancy Matthews; 3. Mike Johnson, American Airlines and Ruby Joubert; Eddie and Sue Albritton, American Airlines; 4. Sarah and Hal Loken, DuPont; Judy and Larry Hopper, M.C. Gill; 5. S.K. Hong, Samhee; Brooks Liu, Aero Team; Silvio Benvenuto and Paolo Bandeloni, both Aerospace Engineering; Howard Sun, Samhee; 6. Everybody wants a caricature drawn; 7. Dana Reid, MPBA and Larry Hitchon; 8. Nancy and Eldon Swanson, Castle Industries; 9. Lloyd Eber, United Airlines, retired and Claire Eber; Doris and Dave Anderson, M.C. Gill; 10. Pete Ortega, Javier Arriola, Joe Valdez, all M.C. Gill, all retired; 11. Don Nelson gets his caricature drawn; 12. M.C. Gill and Mabel Finch.

On the right: 1. The Ballroom setting; 2. Maria and Gary Dale, M.C. Gill; Joyce and Robert Thommen, Metal Center; 3. Standing: Rick Dumas, Emery and Cheryl Dumas; Mercedes and Kurt Tellesch, Roadway; seated: Jon Feitz, Stevens Air and Tina Feitz; Susie Cheng and Lily Lee, both M.C. Gill; 4. One of our servers in her "space suit"; 5. M.C. Gill's table; 6. Sarah Mosher, Ginny Palme, and Evelyn Fischer; 7. Carine Bester, Holly Waggoner, Ernst and Young; 8. "Servers, man your posts"; 9. Annelize Bester; Debaney Lefort, M.C. Gill Board member; 10. Evelyn Fischer, Mary and John Buckley, FAA/DER; 11. Vince Hsu, China Airlines, and Grace Lee; Andrew Chang, China Airlines; Wallace Cheng and Joanna Hsiao, M.C. Gill; 12. The Don Miller Orchestra; 13. John LeJoup, Alaska Airlines; Paul Draghi, M.C. Gill; 14. Melissa and Phil Giffin, M.C. Gill; 15. Beverly Tomlinson, Sierracin, and Ray Tomlinson; Eric and Renee Santos, M.C. Gill; Darla and Chuck Vrosh, Boeing.



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The voyage began

It started with Chairman M.C. and CEO Stephen Gill greeting about 325 guests. They enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a video of the company's early years. Then, once our guests were seated for dinner in the Ritz' main ballroom, they were treated to a specially produced original video which launched our outer space journey.

Dinner was in the finest tradition of the Ritz

Starting with a fall vegetable terrine of baby greens and puree of vegetables finished with extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar, an entrée choice of roasted beef tenderloin with a mildly spiced blackberry sauce, Chilean sea bass topped with fried sweet basil, herb roasted game hen, or couscous Tian, and a double dessert of Belgium chocolate mousse cake and French apple tart. Following which, waiters from outer space passed out specially wrapped ambrosia flavored Tums. (Just kidding)

After Dinner

At dinner's conclusion our Board of Directors was introduced, as were two tables of employees, each with 25 years or more of service. Also, there was a table right in front of the bandstand that our other guests may not have seen. Seated around that table were our Guests of Honor, seven persons that believed in the future of reinforced plastics and M.C. Gill. We paid tribute to these laminators from the mid 40's who were M.C.'s first employees and could be with us only in "spirit". They were Agnes Stover, Chuck Siebold, Mac Mahoney (all laminators), Chuck Davis, Dick Bean, Jim Jeffers (all stockholders); and Ted Thall, glass cloth supplier. You may not have seen them, they were not noisy, but rest assured they were there. Without them and others like them that followed we might not have been here to enjoy the evening.

1. Jose Luis Mamolar, Aviation Products; Mark Hansen, Boeing, and Alice Hansen; 2. standing: John Carpenter, Driessen, and Robin Carpenter, Julie and Chris Tonthat, Continental Airlines; seated: Cindy Mays, M.C. Gill, and Les Mays; 3. Sharon and Gary Hayward, Airport Metals; 4. Francine and Len Silverman, USC; Steve Nutt, USC; Kemble White and Kathy Reid, USC; 5. Jerry Ulmer, American Airlines; Basil Airmann, US Airways; 6. Hester Gill, Dirk Bester, M.C. Gill, Carine Bester, and Annelize Bester; 7. Amelia and Chuck Cruelle, Cruelle Design; 8. Kaulene and Mark Gelleman, Yellow Freight; Marisol Comacho, M.C. Gill; 9. Standing: Erlinda and Camilo Capati, M.C. Gill; Ralph Navarro, M.C. Gill and Coty Navarro; seated: Bernie and Ely Gabriel, M.C. Gill; Rudy Rodriguez, M.C. Gill and Janet Rodriguez; 10. Al and Oanh Tran Lee; 11. Brad Manger, Metal Center, and Robyn Manger; 12. Javier Arriola, M.C. Gill, retired and Lucia Arriola; 13. For our dancing pleasure; 14. Shigeyasu Nabeyama, Japan Air Systems and Eiko Nabeyama; 15. Abelardo Cantillo and Manny Salgado, both United Aerospace Corporation; Gil Speed, Speednews and M.C. Gill Board Member; 16. Sarah Mosher, M.C. Gill; Evelyn Fischer; 17. Holly Waggoner, Ernst and Young; Carine Bester and Adam Bartach, Half Court Productions; Annelize Bester; Dirk Bester



And then everyone laughed
with Ronn Lucas and his

Ronn Lucas

He's performed before British royalty and American presidents; he's been on national TV (both here and in Europe); he's done concerts in Las Vegas and on the QE2; and, he's been in Broadway shows. His name is Ronn Lucas and, he is a ventriloquist par excellence and one of the funniest comedians around.

M.C. first saw him at an S.P.I. conference in San Diego in 1994. Upon his return to the office, he announced, "I have found the entertainment for the 50th anniversary party". Ronn was so warmly received and successful at our 50th that when we started planning the 55th the question most asked was, "Are you going to have that ventriloquist again?" In truth, we hadn't considered anyone else.



Ronn and Scorch The Dragon

Ronn decided he wanted to become a ventriloquist at age 7 and he spent the next three years learning to talk without moving his mouth. Since then he's spent almost 13,000 hours honing his craft and it shows in his very professional, very polished, and VERY funny performance.

The Times of New York and London each call Ronn Lucas the "the World's Best Ventriloquist. The M.C. Gill Corporation and their anniversary party guests concur.



laughed and laughed
Group fresh from Las Vegas



Ronn and Buffalo Billy



...and our guest Mark Hansen
from Boeing...whose wife,
Alice, at right, volunteered him.



In Recognition



Stephen Gill became President of the M.C. Gill Corporation in 1982 and CEO in 1990. After serving ten years in each capacity, M.C. believed that Stephen had completed his "boot camp training", so to speak, and had earned the Gilllight saber. Therefore, the saber was passed from father to son and we settled back as Ronn Lucas, fresh out of Las Vegas, gave us a hilarious hour of unparalleled ventriloquism. Finally, we topped the gala off with the remainder of the evening devoted to dancing to the "Coconut Grove" music of Don Miller and his Orchestra which included several different tempos and arrangements of our theme song, "Easy Street".



We called Adam Bardach up to the stage so that our guests could meet the young man who so successfully produced the two videos that were part of the evening's entertainment. The first was the M.C. Gill Corporation documentary that ran continuously in the foyer during the cocktail hour and provided a brief history of the company. The second was the Gilltrek spoof shown immediately after we took our seats in the ballroom. It was a hilarious take-off on the company's plans for expansion. Adam is to be congratulated for his production efforts on both videos.

Adam Bardach is not the only person to whom we owe a special debt of gratitude. Hester Gill, a Gill of almost nine years, also deserves a big vote of thanks for her efforts. It was Hester who conceived of the party's Gilltrek theme and she was very instrumental in its execution. She spent an untold number of hours and worked tirelessly to make the party the success it was.

The Verdict is in...

We are pleased to announce that from all reports the party was a smashing success! And, all it took was a dozen people – notably, M.C.'s wife Hester Gill, and the company's Paul DeGood and Susie Cheng; California Celebrations' David Stephens and Betty Cardenas; and, Old Mill Graphics' Don and Bonnie Nelson – working for ten months, paying a great deal of attention to detail and with a huge budget (which we probably exceeded). In truth, it was an enchanted evening, one that will not be forgotten – and very difficult to top or even come close – but we'll try. So, mark your 2005 calendars and we'll see you in five years!

Foremost among M.C. Gill Corporation milestones, and there are many, is the assemblage of our team, consisting of exceptional customers, suppliers and employees. This combination is what we are today and this party recognizes and appreciates the team for its many accomplishments. Also, traditionally, these five-year anniversary get-togethers, which started 30 years ago, are intended to celebrate the company's progress. Following are some of the highlights of 55 years of that progress.

Acquisitions – We've expanded from the M.C. Gill Corporation to a family of companies including Space-Flex, Royal Plastic (sold to Phil Gill in 1999), Castle Industries, and Insoleq Ltd.

Facilities – From the storied four-car garage to seven buildings totaling 250,000 square feet under roof on 13 acres at the Easy Street Location, in El Monte, California, plus 42,500 sq ft at Castle Industries in Ontario, California, and 16,000 sq ft at Insoleq in Northern Ireland.

Product Qualifications – From one cargo liner specification at Douglas Aircraft in 1951 to cargo liner, flooring, and other interior sandwich panel specs at every major airframe manufacturer in the world.

Product Development – From a polyester resin reinforced with woven fiberglass cloth cargo liner to a myriad of laminates and panels using the aforementioned polyester, as well as epoxy, acrylic and phenolic resins; E-glass, S-glass, carbon, and aluminum facing materials; aluminum and aramid fiber honeycombs, and end grain balsa wood as core materials.

Employees and Sales – From three employees attaining \$2,000 in sales in an abbreviated year to more than 300 persons accounting for \$60,000,000+ in 2000.

Our next issue will be devoted to an in-depth look at the highlights of our 55 years in business.

...and Here are Two More TRADITIONS
We Try Not to Forget

THE FUNNY SIDE

A shin is a device for finding furniture
in the dark.

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The trouble with life in the fast lane is that you
get to the other end in a big hurry.

★★★★

One of today's greatest labor-saving
devices is tomorrow.

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If you look like your driver's license photo,
you're too sick to drive.

★★★★

The shortest distance between two points is
always under construction.

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Oxymoron: Non-working mother.

★★★★

He was as forlorn as a tractor salesman who
had just received a John Dear letter.

★★★★

Be nice to your kids. They'll select
your nursing home.

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It's not whether you win or lose. It's whether
you cover the spread.

★★★★

There are three kinds of people: those who
can count and those who can't.

★★★★

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

Trivia

Grapefruit, apples, and pears float in Jell-O.
Prunes and maraschino cherries sink.

★★★★

Robert Redford, Sylvester Stallone, and
Burt Reynolds all turned down
the role of "Superman."

★★★★

Arkansas has an annual "Mosquito Cook-off."

★★★★

With one exception, all U.S. military medals
can be purchased without an authorizing
signature. ALL Boy Scout merit badges
require one.

★★★★

Eat hog jowls and black-eyed peas on New
Year's Day and you'll be rich within a year.

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Pearl Buck was the first woman to receive a
Nobel Prize for literature.

★★★★

Thomas Edison's was the first human voice
recorded on the phonograph. His words
were, "Mary had a little lamb."

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The Dow Jones Industrial Stock Average first
appeared in the Wall Street Journal
on May 26, 1896.

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Each day, the average adult breathes
23,000 times, moves eye muscles 200,000
times, loses 45 scalp hairs, blinks eyes
17,000 times, has 104,000 heart beats, and
sheds 14.4 million skin particles.

NEWS FLASH

The M.C. Gill Corporation is pleased to announce that Gillfloor 5065 is now qualified to Boeing drawing BZZ 7002 Type IV. The flooring is constructed of unidirectional fiberglass reinforced epoxy facings bonded to an aluminum honeycomb core. The panel's primary application for flooring in a freighter type aircraft. The qualification is also significant in that it means that M.C. Gill is now qualified to all four types.
