



Atlanta Section Meeting Notice B-47 Stratojet: America's First Swept-Wing Bomber Monday, February 19th

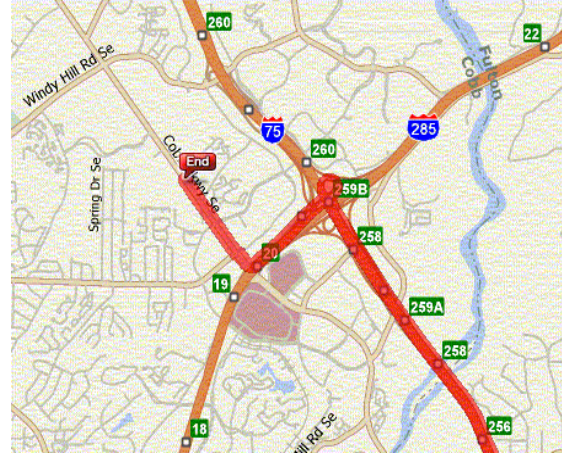


Location: Scalini's
2390 Cobb Pkwy
Smyrna, GA 30080

Directions: From Atlanta, take I-75 N to I-285 W. Take the Cobb Pkwy (US41) exit and make a right onto Cobb Pkwy. Go about a mile and Scalini's will be on your left, next to Best Buy.

Time: Social 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Presentation 7:30

Cost: \$20.00 Members and Guests, \$10.00 Students



Meal: A wide selection of Italian dishes. Meal includes entrée, salad, rolls, dessert and drink.

Reservations: If you plan to attend, you must make a reservation by calling Jim Pearson (404) 407-6753 or send an email to rsvp@sae-atlanta.org no later than 4pm on **Friday, February 16th**. Please leave your name and number attending. You can pay with a credit card at atlanta.sae.org

Meeting Topic: The B-47, the world's first operational swept-wing jet bomber, and considered quite radical when rolled out in 1947, made a major contribution to U.S. military aviation history. As a front-line USAF intercontinental strategic nuclear medium-weight bomber, the B-47 served America well as a deterrent force for more than 15 years. Fast and sleek, with the look and feel of a jet fighter, the B-47 was sensational. The wide breadth of military mission capabilities, and numerous unique aircraft variants produced (over 2 dozen) were impressive. More than 2,000 airframes were built in 4 different plants (including Lockheed's Marietta plant). Many of the technology features introduced in the B-47 program are still evident in modern jet transports today, such as Boeing and Airbus production airliners.



Larry Rinek, a senior consultant in the automotive & transportation practice of Frost & Sullivan (as well as an aviation historian, former USAF officer, and veteran of the U.S. aerospace industry) will present an interesting slide show on the B-47 story. He will provide background on the B-47 program development, discuss the various technical innovations introduced by Boeing, and show the prototypes plus key production models. He will also display several derivatives with special configurations, and share some authentic "war stories". The B-47 was involved in hostile (shooting) action with Communist adversaries on classified recon spy mission overflights, and we did lose some aircraft. Larry will also show dramatic video of the B-47 in action. Sit back and enjoy as we go back again to the heart of the cold-war era of the 1950s-1960s, when the Strategic Air Command (SAC) was in its prime. Section members will not want to miss the action. Larry is also a former Chair of the SAE Historical Committee and former Chair of the Mid-California Section.