

# GLOBAL SPACEPORT ALLIANCE

## 6th Commercial Spaceport Summit Report

November 10-12, 2020  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time Each Day

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## Commercial Spaceport Summit 2020

### Executive Summary

Due to COVID-19, the GSA's Commercial Spaceport Summit 2020 was held as a virtual event across three days. Each day had a theme and featured two keynote speakers. In addition, the GSA members and GSA Working Group Chairs were able to give a brief update of their activities.

Recordings of Day 1 and Day 3 of the Summit are available on the GSA website at [www.globalspaceportalliance.com](http://www.globalspaceportalliance.com). Unfortunately, Day 2's recording was lost due to a service provider error.

The following is a summary of each day of the GSA Summit.

#### **DAY 1, November 10, 2020: State of the Industry**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Commercial Spaceport Summit of the Global Spaceport Alliance (GSA) was convened on the first of three days of sessions at 2:00 PM Eastern Time with opening remarks from James Causey, Dr. George Nield, and Richard Rogers of RS&H, the event title sponsor.

The Summit had attendance from every GSA member!

The opening Keynote Address was given by Jim Bridenstine, NASA Administrator on the topic "Spaceports and NASA Needs." He talked about the importance of the emerging commercial spaceport community as related to the future of NASA's capabilities. Further, he mentioned that NASA is eager to support those developments. He shared an update on the Artemis program and how the commercial sector is partnering to achieve its goals. Some of the main takeaways include:

- NASA has built a strong track record of partnering with the private sector with the Commercial Resupply, Commercial Crew programs, and the CLPS lunar robotics program. Taking that further are the Axiom partnership to bring private citizens to the ISS and eventually a free flyer habitat. This all drives the commercial marketplace in LEO and eventually on the Moon.
- NASA is very interested in use of suborbital capabilities for human tended experiments as an important new initiative that could have implications for commercial spaceports.
- He announced that Senate Appropriation bill includes funding for NASA at \$23.5 Billion.

Brief updates were provided by GSA Members, including Alcântara Launch Center, Arizona Spaceport Alliance, Brownsville UTRGV's CARA/STARGATE, Cecil Spaceport, Colorado Air and Space Port, Corgan, Ecuador Spaceport, Houston Spaceport, Xarc/Astroport Space Technologies, Inc. and Spire Global.

The second keynote address of the day was given by Dr. Janet Kavandi, Executive Vice President, Sierra Nevada Corporation, on the topic of "An Industry Perspective" [Addendum A]. Some of the main takeaways included:

- SNC Dream Chaser will carry up to 12,000 lbs. of cargo to ISS and other LEO destinations
- First Dream Chaser ISS resupply mission will be in 2021 with total of 7 missions planned
- No firm plan yet for human rated Dream Chaser, but SNC will be involved in next round of NASA bids for Commercial Crew contract
- Human-rated Dream Chaser would carry up to 7 passengers
- Dream Chaser can land on any 10,000-foot runway in the US and abroad
- SNC is working with the United Nations to purchase Dream Chaser flights that would allow UN Members to fly experiments in space

Two GSA Working Groups reported on their activities [Addendum B]. Oscar Garcia, Chairman & CEO, High Speed Flight-Fast Forward Group reported on Point-to-Point Transportation Working Group; and Dave Ruppel, Director, Air and Space Port, Colorado Air and Space Port reported on the Space Support Vehicles Working Group.

Day 1 sessions adjourned at 4:00 PM Eastern Time.

## **DAY 2, November 11, 2020: Infrastructure & Funding**

The second day of the GSA Summit was opened with remarks by Paulo Eduardo Vasconcellos of the Brazilian Space Agency, a Summit sponsor. The opening keynote was given by Ken Hodgkins, President of International Space Enterprise Consultants (ISEC) and former Director, Office of Space and Advanced Technology, U.S. Department of State. Ken spoke on the topic of "International Cooperation." Some of the key takeaways from this talk include:

- There needs to be fair practice guidelines for all spaceports worldwide including:
  - Transparency
  - Predictability
  - Interoperability
  - A fair governance environment
  - Recognition of the importance of sustainability of the space environment
- P2P will be critical
- There are already five International Space treaties in place that can provide guidance

Brief updates were provided by members, including Air Liquide, Grazzanise Spaceport, Kodiak Launch Complex/Pacific Spaceport Complex, RS&H, Michigan Space Launch Initiative, Oklahoma Air and Space Port, Rice Space Institute, Santa Maria Spaceport, Space Florida/Cape Canaveral Spaceport, Space Port Japan, and High Speed Flight-Fast Forward Group.

The second keynote speaker of the day Stuart Witt, former head of Mojave Air and Space Port, who spoke on the topic "Where Are We Headed?" Some of the key takeaways from this talk included:

- Spaceports need to be adept at modifying their business plans to fit their local setting
- Spaceports need to consider an array of revenue streams beyond launch related activities
  - Storage & handling of exotic fuels for any launch vehicles
  - Ground station capability that could have commercial applications
  - Provision of Earth observation data and handling
  - Weather forecasting
  - Potential for beaming solar power from satellites to the ground

Two GSA Working Groups reported on their activities [Addendum C]. Les Lake, Space Systems Representative, Teledyne Brown Engineering reported on the activities of the Spaceport Infrastructure Funding Working Group. Francisco Partida, Special Projects Manager, Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport reported on the activities of the Communicating the Value of Space to Regional Economies Working Group.

Day 2 sessions adjourned at 4:00 PM Eastern Time.

### **DAY 3, November 12, 2020: Planning for the Future**

The third day opened with welcoming remarks by Bill Conway, CEO of WDSS International, and GSA Summit sponsor. The program began with a keynote talk by Melchor Antunano, MD, Director, Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, Federal Aviation Administration, who spoke on the topic "Human Spaceflight Research" [Addendum D]. Some of takeaways from Dr. Antunano's presentation include:

- We have limited knowledge of the impact of space on the human physiology across a spectrum of people of varying health and mental capabilities– this needs to change to permit significant regular space travel
- Spaceports must consider the health and medical emergencies of spectators
- The key for human spaceflight is the medical waiver process
- MITRE Corp is seeking to implement a health data collection program for space tourism and other activities
- Stakeholders sharing medical data will become very important

Brief updates were given by members, including Spaceport America, Spaceport Camden, Spaceport Cornwall, Stennis Spaceport, Taiwan Innovative Space, Inc., The Aerospace Corporation, Waco Spaceport, Weather Decision Support Systems International, YUMA Spaceport, and Commercial Space Progress Foundation

The final keynote of the GSA Summit was Jo-Anne Sears, Partner, Velocity Government Relations who addressed the topic "The View from Capitol Hill." Some of the key takeaways from Ms. Sears' talk included:

- The Biden Administration will put greater emphasis on Earth observation and climate change research when it comes to spending on the space program, and possibly less on Moon and Mars exploration. They are not expected to cancel the Artemis Moon project.

- In communicating with Biden’s team, GSA should stress how spaceports would support their climate change agenda
- The election loss of Rep. Kendra Horn and other pro-space moderate democrats was a blow for the space program. More progressive influences in the House could dampen progress in space.
- International partnerships will remain important and play well with the international nature of the GSA membership and vision
- The message of how spaceports support local economies resonates with the Hill.
- Now is good time to reach out to House and Senate Members and staff who have spaceports in their districts/states – these are the natural allies

Charles ‘Chas’ Miller, Spaceport Engineer, Spaceport America reported on the activities and recommendations of the GSA Working Group on Academic Partnerships provides [Addendum E].

To wrap up the day and the conference, James Causey reviewed the planning for 2021 and beyond. These plans include the following expanded member benefits:

- Updated Website
- Update and re-issue the National Spaceport Network Development Plan
- Publish 6 e-Newsletters
- Host 6 webinars
- Maintain Existing Working Groups
- Add 2 New Working Groups
  - Defining supply chain models for spaceports
  - Estimating launch demand for the future
- Provide discounts on SpaceCom related activities

With regard to general operations, the GSA will take these actions in the coming year:

- Grow the number of members and associate members
- Grow the academic and non-profit member category
- Expand the Board of Advisors
- Build an international supplier database

The GSA Summit adjourned at 4:00 PM Eastern Time.

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## 6th COMMERCIAL SPACEPORT SUMMIT

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## Roster of Participants

### Chairman, Global Spaceport Alliance

Dr. George C. Nield, President, Commercial Space Technologies, LLC (former FAA Associate Administrator, Office of Commercial Space Transportation)

### GSA Member Spaceports:

#### Alcântara Launch Center

Paulo Eduardo Vasconcellos, Director Strategic Intelligence and New Business, Brazilian Space Agency  
Michele Melo, Advisor of Strategic Intelligence and New Business, Brazilian Space Agency

#### Arizona Spaceport Alliance

Benjamin Hernandez, Founder  
Karyn MacVean, Founder

#### Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport

Francisco Partida, Special Projects Manager, City of Brownsville  
Dr. Frederick Jenet, Director, Expanding Frontiers

#### Cecil Spaceport

Todd Lindner, Director  
Bob Lewan, Deputy Director

#### Colorado Air and Space Port

David Ruppel, Director

#### Ecuador Spaceport

Robert Aillon, Founder, Leviathan Space Industries LLC

#### Grazzanise Spaceport and related Suborbital Test Polygon

Gennaro Russo, Project Manager, Suborbital Experimental Polygon  
Claudio Voto, Material & Process Development Manager at Alenia Aeronautica, Campania Aerospace District

#### Hancock County Port and Harbor

Chanse Watson, Director, Stennis International Airport

#### Houston Spaceport

Jimmy Spence, Senior Marketing/Business Development Specialist, Houston Airport System  
Dwayne Busby, Exec. Director of Strategic Partnerships, University of Houston-Clear Lake

#### Kodiak Launch Complex/Pacific Spaceport Complex

Mark Lester, Government, Alaska Aerospace Corporation

#### Michigan Space Launch Initiative

Gavin Brown, Executive Director, Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association  
Michael Dudzik, President, IQM Research Institute  
James Miles, Vice-President, IQM Research Institute  
Michael Price, Michigan Space Launch Initiative

#### Oklahoma Air and Spaceport

Craig Smith, Executive Director, OSIDA - Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority  
Santa Maria Spaceport  
Ricardo Conde, Board Member, Portugal Space  
Hugo Costa, Board Member, Portugal Space  
Space Florida/Cape Canaveral Spaceport  
Dale Ketcham, VP Government & External Relations, Space Florida  
Jim Kuzma, EVP, General Manager, Space Florida  
Jillianne Pierce, Federal Government Relations Director, Space Florida  
Space Port Japan Association  
Shinichi Takata, Director  
Naoko Yamazaki, Co-Founder, Space Port Japan  
Hidetaka Aoki, Director, Space Port Japan Association  
Spaceport America  
Scott McLaughlin, Spaceport Engineer  
Chas Miller, Spaceport Engineer  
Spaceport Azores/Portugal  
Luis Santos, Spaceport Azores  
Spaceport Camden  
Steve Howard, Camden County Administrator and Spaceport Camden Project Leader, Camden County  
Andrew Nelson, Consultant, Spaceport Camden  
Spaceport Cornwall  
Mandy Cosgrove, Project Support Officer, Spaceport Cornwall  
Ross Hulbert, Business Engagement Manager, Spaceport Cornwall  
Adam Paynter, Leader, Cornwall Council  
David Pollard, Education and Outreach Manager, Spaceport Cornwall  
Melissa Thorpe, Head of Marketing and Communications, Spaceport Cornwall  
TSTC Waco Airport  
Jessica Attas, Director of Public Policy Greater Waco Chamber,  
Kevin Semien, , TSTC Waco Airport  
Yuma Spaceport  
Julie Engel, Chief Economic Architect, Great YUMA EDC

**GSA Associate Members:**

Air Liquide  
Annika Bergman, Growth Strategy Director Americas  
Chad Nickell, Director, Space Strategic Business Unit  
Corgan  
Francis Walker, Director  
Cherie Matthew, Project Manager, Senior Associate  
RS&H  
Rick Rogers, Spaceport Leader  
Alex Anderson, Mechanical Engineer  
Spire Global  
William Cromarty, Federal Account Executive  
Ashley O'Neill, Federal Account Executive  
WDSS International  
Bill Conway, CEO  
XArc Exploration Architecture Corp  
Sam Ximenes, Chief Executive Officer

**GSA Nonprofit Members:**

FAA Center of Excellence for Commercial Space Transportation - NMSU  
Patricia Hynes, Director, FAA Center of Excellence for Commercial Space Transportation - NMSU



High Speed Flight-Fast Forward Group  
Oscar Garcia, Chairman & CEO, High Speed Flight-Fast Forward Group  
Yvette Garcia Bordes, Partner, InterFlight Global Corporation  
Rice University  
David Alexander, Director, Rice Space Institute, Rice University  
Mark Jernigan, Associate Director for Special Projects, Rice University  
The Aerospace Corporation  
Deborah Babbitt, Sr Project Leader, The Aerospace Corporation  
Rich Lamb, Systems Director, The Aerospace Corporation

**Other Attendees:**

Stephan Reckie, Executive Director, GEN - Space  
Les Lake, Space Systems Representative, Teledyne Brown Engineering  
Irene Klotz, Journalist, Aviation Week & Space Technology  
Jeff Foust, Journalist, Space News

**Guest Speakers:**

Melchor Antunano, Director, Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, Federal Aviation Administration  
Jim Bridenstine, Administrator, NASA  
Ken Hodgkins, President, International Space Enterprise Consultants  
Dr. Janet Kavandi, Executive Vice President, Space Systems, Sierra Nevada Corp.  
Jo-Anne Sears, Partner, Velocity Government Relations  
Stuart Witt, Principal, S. O. Witt & Associates

**Government:**

FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation  
Ken Gidlow, Technical Advisor  
Wendy Gehring, Administration Manager  
U.S. Department of State  
Dr. Robert Johnson, Senior Advisor, Space & Advanced Technology

**GSA Staff**

James Causey, Executive Director, Global Spaceport Alliance  
Steve Wolfe, Deputy Executive Director, Global Spaceport Alliance



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### AGENDA

#### State of the Industry

November 10, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time

- 2:00 PM      **Welcome and Introduction**
- **JAMES CAUSEY**, Executive Director, Global Spaceport Alliance
  - Sponsor Message: **RICHARD ROGERS, RS&H**
  - **DR. GEORGE C. NIELD**, President, Commercial Space Technologies, LLC
- 2:10 PM      **Keynote: "Spaceports and NASA Needs"**  
                 **JIM BRIDENSTINE**, NASA Administrator
- 2:40 PM      **Member Updates**
- **Alcântara Launch Center**  
Paulo Eduardo Vasconcellos, Brazilian Space Agency
  - **Arizona Spaceport Alliance**  
Benjamin Hernandez, Keyser: Arizona Spaceport Alliance
  - **Brownsville UTRGV's CARA/STARGATE**  
Dr. Frederick Jenet, Expanding Frontiers
  - **Cecil Spaceport**  
Todd Lindner, Jacksonville Aviation Authority
  - **Colorado Air and Space Port**  
Dave Ruppel, Colorado Air and Space Port
  - **Corgan**  
Cherie Matthew, Corgan
  - **Ecuador Spaceport**  
Robert Aillon, Leviathan Space Industries LLC
  - **Houston Spaceport**  
Jimmy Spence, Houston Airport System
  - **Xarc/Astroport Space Technologies, Inc.**  
Sam Ximenes, Exploration Architecture Corp
  - **Spire Global**  
William Cromarty, Spire Global

- 3:10 PM **Featured Speaker: "An Industry Perspective"**  
**DR. JANET KAVANDI**, Executive Vice President, Space Systems, Sierra Nevada Corp. and Former NASA Astronaut and Center Director
- 3:40 PM **Working Group Reports**
- **Point-to-Point Transportation**  
Oscar Garcia, Chairman & CEO, High Speed Flight-Fast Forward Group
  - **Space Support Vehicles**  
Dave Ruppel, Director, Air and Space Port, Colorado Air and Space Port
- 4:00 PM **Adjourn for day**

## Infrastructure & Funding

November 11, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time

- 2:00 PM **Welcome and Introduction**  
**JAMES CAUSEY**, Executive Director, Global Spaceport Alliance  
 Sponsor Message: **PAULO EDUARDO VASCONCELLOS**, Brazilian Space Agency
- 2:10 PM **Keynote: "International Cooperation"**  
**KEN HODGKINS**, President of International Space Enterprise Consultants (ISEC) and former Director, Office of Space and Advanced Technology, U.S. Department of State
- 2:40 PM **Member Updates**
- **Air Liquide**  
Chad Nickell, Air Liquide
  - **Grazzanise Spaceport**  
Gennaro Russo, Suborbital Experimental Polygon
  - **Kodiak Launch Complex/Pacific Spaceport Complex**  
Mark Lester, Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation
  - **RS&H**  
Rick Rogers, RS&H
  - **Michigan Space Launch Initiative**  
Gavin Brown, Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association
  - **Oklahoma Air and Space Port**  
Craig Smith, Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority
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Hugo Costa, Portugal Space
  - **Space Florida/Cape Canaveral Spaceport**  
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  - **Space Port Japan**  
Shinichi Takata, Space Port Japan Association
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**STUART WITT**, former head of Mojave Air and Space Port

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Les Lake, Space Systems Representative, Teledyne Brown Engineering
  - **Communicating the Value of Space to Regional Economies**  
Francisco Partida, Special Projects Manager, Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport
- 4:00 PM **Adjourn for day**

## Planning for the Future

November 12, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time

- 2:00 PM **Welcome and Introduction**  
**JAMES CAUSEY**, Executive Director, Global Spaceport Alliance  
Sponsor Message: **BILL CONWAY**, CEO, WDSS International
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  - **Stennis Spaceport**  
Chanse Watson, Hancock County Port and Harbor
  - **Taiwan Innovative Space, Inc.**  
Ting Chang, Taiwan Innovative Space, Inc.
  - **The Aerospace Corporation**  
Rich Lamb, The Aerospace Corporation
  - **Waco Spaceport**  
Jessica Attas, Waco Chamber of Commerce
  - **Weather Decision Support Systems International**  
Bill Conway, WDSS International
  - **YUMA Spaceport**  
Julie Engel, Greater YUMA EDC
  - **Commercial Space Progress Foundation**  
Patricia Hynes, New Mexico State University
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**JO-ANNE SEARS**, Partner, Velocity Government Relations
- 3:40 PM **Working Group Report on Academic Partnerships**
- Charles 'Chas' Miller, Spaceport Engineer, Spaceport America
- 3:50 PM **GSA Plans for 2021 and Beyond**
- 4:00 PM **Summit Adjourns**

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18. Spaceport Cornwall
19. TSTC Waco Airport
20. Yuma Spaceport

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23. RS&H
24. Spire Global
25. Taiwan Innovative Space, Inc.
26. WDSS International
27. XArc Exploration Architecture Corp

### GSA Nonprofit Members:

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29. High Speed Flight-Fast Forward Group
30. Rice University
31. The Aerospace Corporation

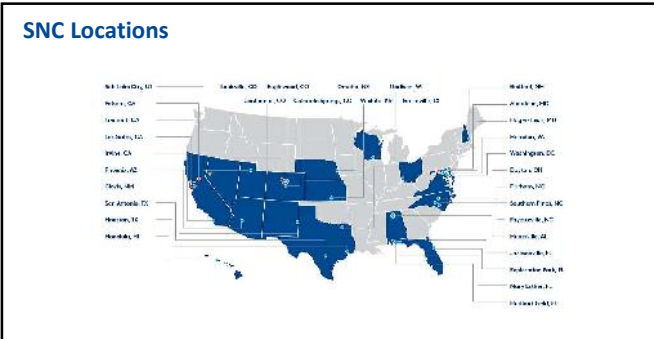
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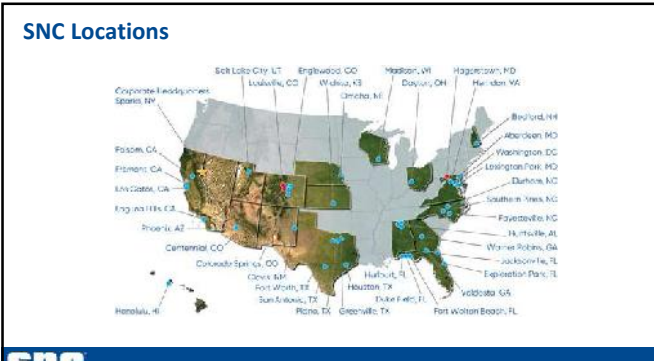
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- More than 30 years of space flight heritage
- 450 space missions supported
- 4,000 products delivered
- 70+ successful NASA missions
- Launching ~every 3 weeks
- Space relationships in more than 20 countries
- Certified to all three industry quality and safety standards
- Trusted provider of advanced space technologies for critical "can't fail" missions



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### DREAM CHASER® SPACEPLANE OVERVIEW

- Current Dream Chaser missions include a CRS-2 contract with NASA for at least six missions to the International Space Station.
- SNC has an agreement with the United Nations in which Dream Chaser would be used as science lab circling Earth.
- As a winged, reusable, and sustainable vehicle, Dream Chaser enables a diverse range of future space capabilities, including: free-flying space missions, support to commercial destinations, satellite servicing, crewed missions, remote-sensing, and more.



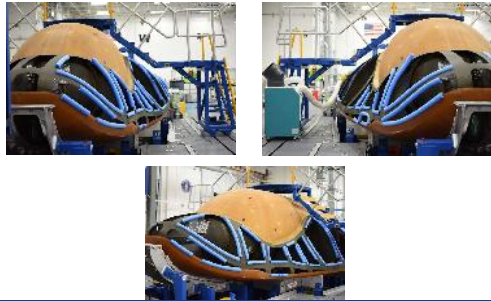
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### DREAM CHASER CONOPS VIDEO



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**DREAM CHASER PROGRESS**



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**SHOOTING STAR™ TRANSPORT VEHICLE**

- A flexible 15-foot transport vehicle that will be used as an attachment to the Dream Chaser, but also has other applications such as a free-flying spacecraft.
- Can carry up to 10,000lbs of pressurized & unpressurized cargo.
- Berthing and docking capabilities.
- Safe cargo disposal service upon re-entry.



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**LIFE™ HABITAT PROTOTYPE**

- NextSTEP-2 Appendix A: Development of a full-scale Lunar Gateway architecture Habitat System prototype to support a crew of four.
- Habitat prototype delivered to NASA's Johnson Space Center in May 2019.
- NASA extending contract for one year for additional prototyping & test.

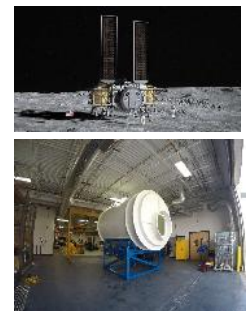


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**HUMAN LANDING SYSTEM**

- SNC is leading the crew module development for NASA's Human Landing System (HLS) program.
- We are a subcontractor to Dynetics.
- Crew module will ferry astronauts and cargo to and from the moon's surface.
- We are currently integrating a mockup of the module at our facilities in Louisville, CO, which will be delivered to Johnson Space Center for testing at the end of November.



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**VEGGIE & ADVANCED PLANET HABITAT**

- SNC has two Veggie systems successfully growing vegetables for astronauts on the International Space Station.
- Plants include lettuce, Chinese cabbage, Mizuna, Kale, and Zinnias.
- The Advanced Plant Habitat is used for plant research in microgravity and can be operated by scientists on Earth.
- There are nearly 200 sensors keeping track of information like plant water intake, plant development and CO<sub>2</sub> levels.



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**VORTEX® ENGINE**



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**VORTEX ENGINE**

- VORTEX engines use a swirling propellant flow system to cool the engine walls naturally and are well suited for spacecraft and vehicle guidance and control.
- With a wide range of propellant combinations, we can offer versatility to suit the specific mission needs.
- SNC is testing new VORTEX hybrid engines that are deep throttling, restartable and can be used for national security, in-space and planetary applications.



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**SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY SOLAR PANELS**

- This patented technology's innovate design allows for automated pick-and-place manufacturing for assembly, which eliminates touch labor.
- Improve power density, reduces lead time and cuts costs.
- Provides 35% more power to small satellite missions compared to what else is currently on the market.



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**SNC ON MARS 2020 PERSEVERANCE ROVER**

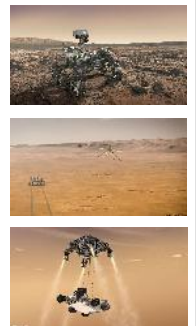


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**SNC ON MARS 2020 PERSEVERANCE ROVER**

- SNC has eight unique mechanisms used 17 times on Perseverance.
- They're used in the robotic arm, turret coring drill and caching assembly.
- One mechanism, the Sealing and STIG (Spindle Twin Input Gearing), helps deploy Perseverance's helicopter, which will be the first to launch on another planet.
- A separate mechanism, called the descent brake, is on the sky crane, and helps lower the rover to the surface of Mars.



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# SPACEPORT TO SPACEPORT TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

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PROGRESS REPORT AND BRIEFING


NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2020

OSCAR S. GARCIA  
CHAIRMAN & CEO, INTERFLIGHT GLOBAL



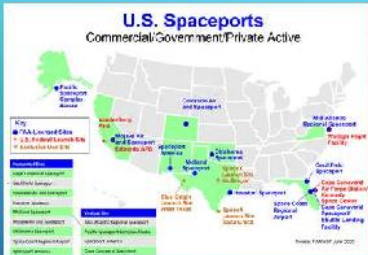

- ▶ **WG Scope, Strategic Goals and Objectives**
  - ▶ Members
  - ▶ Achievements
    - ▶ Networks
    - ▶ Distance charts
    - ▶ First P2P Corridors
    - ▶ Flight Demonstrations
- ▶ **Point to Point Corridors White Paper-Industry Guide**
  - ▶ Survey-WG members now and Public later
  - ▶ Initial considerations
    - ▶ Taxonomies, feasibility and design considerations
  - ▶ White Paper
    - ▶ Abstract and Index due Q4 2020- Fast forward Q4 Call Dec 10-11 Midland
    - ▶ White Paper Due Feb 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, High Speed Aerospace Transportation Workshop

P2P CORRIDOR WHITE PAPER-Q1 2021



A DENSE AND GROWING NETWORK OF SPACEPORTS

-DOMESTIC US  
-INTERNATIONAL

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-DOMESTIC US  
-INTERNATIONAL




A PROMISING AND DENSE NETWORK OF P2P CORRIDORS


-DOMESTIC US  
-INTERNATIONAL





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-R&D, T&E  
-DEMOS-POC  
-COMMERCIAL

-DOMESTIC US  
-INTERNATIONAL



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2	Los Angeles	San Diego	1200	5	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
3	Los Angeles	Phoenix	2000	8	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
4	Los Angeles	Denver	2800	11	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
5	Los Angeles	Chicago	3500	14	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
6	Los Angeles	New York	4500	18	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
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8	Los Angeles	Paris	5000	20	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
9	Los Angeles	Beijing	8000	32	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
10	Los Angeles	Moscow	7500	30	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
11	Los Angeles	Delhi	8500	34	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
12	Los Angeles	Sydney	9500	38	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
13	Los Angeles	Auckland	10500	42	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
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15	Los Angeles	Wellington	10000	40	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
16	Los Angeles	Christchurch	10500	42	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
17	Los Angeles	Dunedin	11000	44	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
18	Los Angeles	Wellington	10500	42	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
19	Los Angeles	Christchurch	10500	42	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial
20	Los Angeles	Dunedin	11000	44	50000	1.5	1000	1000000	Commercial



**OBJECTIVE:**

CREATE AN INDUSTRY GUIDE-WHITE PAPER FOR **SPACEPORT TO SPACEPORT** FLIGHT CORRIDORS

**-TOOL: WG SURVEY**

**INITIAL AIRSPACE TAXONOMIES, DEFINITIONS, FEASIBILITY AND DESIGN ANALYSIS TOOLS**

**-GUIDED BY SURVEYS RESPONSES AND INDUSTRY DATA**

Length (miles)	Width (nautical miles)	Altitude (ft)
50	50	15,000 - Infinity
200+	50	10,000 - 40,000
200	Unspecified	50,000 - 120,000
300+	40	10,000 - 120,000
300-500	50	0 - 100,000
400-500	60-100	0 - 100,000

THANK YOU / QUESTIONS?

**GSA Commercial Space Support Vehicle (SSV) Working Group**

**Definition—Title 51, Subtitle V, Chapter 509**

(22) "space support vehicle" means a vehicle that is—  
 (A) a launch vehicle;  
 (B) a reentry vehicle; or  
 (C) a component of a launch or reentry vehicle.

(21) "space support vehicle flight" means a flight in the air that—  
 (A) is not a launch or reentry; but  
 (B) is conducted by a space support vehicle.

✓ There is a definition of what an SSV is.

**Goals—Look at...**

- Opportunities to support the FAA in streamlining SSV license and use.
- Specific guidance for high performance training aircraft.
- Astronaut training requirements involving SSVs.
- Existing SSVs
- Spaceports and client companies providing SSV services.
- Developing a list of requirements for SSV operation.
- International SSV service providers and Spaceports

## Discoveries

- GAO Study identifying issues and proposing further study.
- Current challenges with AST vs AVS
- Limitations on service providers desiring to use experimental vehicles.
- Still not allowed to use, in general for compensation or hire.
- While attempts have been made to fix this, nothing has been signed into law.
  - § 44737, Special rule for certain aircraft operations. Public Law 115-254—Oct. 5, 2018
  - H. R. 5346

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## Still to do—Identify...

- How to best support the FAA in resolving these issues.
- What astronaut training needs require access to SSVs.
- Service providers and accessible spaceports.
- More work to do, Working Group efforts to continue...


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# Spaceport Infrastructure Funding

## Working Group Status





### Working Group Charter



*The Spaceport Infrastructure Funding WG was established in November of 2019 to assist in the development and sustainability of a National Spaceport Network.*

### Current and Proposed U.S. Spaceports

**U.S. Spaceports**


**Key:**

- FAA Licensed Launch Site
- Federal Launch & Landing Site
- Private Launch & Landing Site

Current Spaceports in the United States:

- 12 FAA-licensed commercial spaceports in the U.S.
- 12 government-operated launch & landing sites
- 4 additional private launch sites developed by commercial launch operators
- 12 additional sites/locations having begun pre-application or having announced intended plans

### National Spaceport Network Development Plan



- Prepared for the Office of Spaceports, under the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Commercial Space Transportation
- Submitted to the FAA for review and comments on June 1, 2020
- Development of a National Spaceport Network offers the opportunity to increase the safety, capacity, efficiency, and resiliency of the nation's space operations.
- The plan includes current and prospective commercial spaceports, government-owned-and-operated launch & landing sites, and privately-owned-and-operated launch & landing sites
- The goal is to provide the framework for formal or informal public-private partnerships between federal, state, and local governments; the aerospace industry; and academia.
- The plan also proposes the establishment of a program to provide federal funding for spaceport infrastructure projects.

### Communications Plan



- Currently under development, draft is ready for GSA review and comments.
- The plan provides guidance and coordination for Spaceport operators to socialize the need for infrastructure development funds and provide details on their needs to key members of Congress.
- Will provide Congress with information and rationale necessary to support the establishment of a program for spaceport infrastructure funding to enable the safe operations of the emerging network of spaceports.

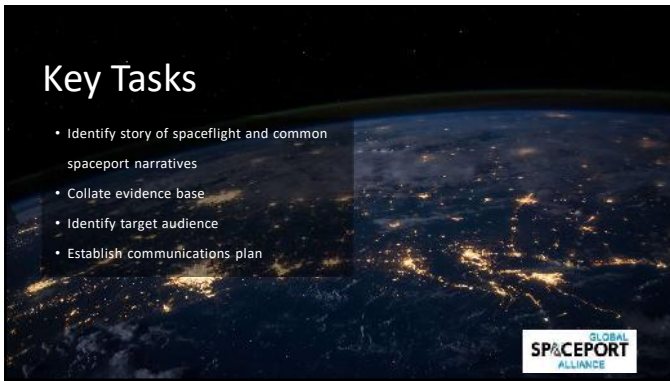



Communicating the value of  
Commercial Space To Regional Economies

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## Key Tasks

- Identify story of spaceflight and common spaceport narratives
- Collate evidence base
- Identify target audience
- Establish communications plan

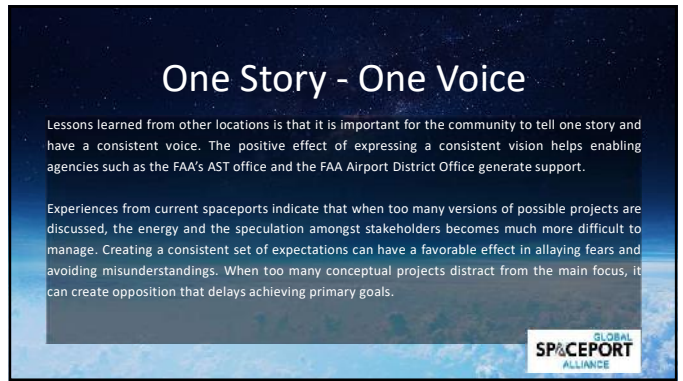


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## One Story - One Voice

Lessons learned from other locations is that it is important for the community to tell one story and have a consistent voice. The positive effect of expressing a consistent vision helps enabling agencies such as the FAA's AST office and the FAA Airport District Office generate support.

Experiences from current spaceports indicate that when too many versions of possible projects are discussed, the energy and the speculation amongst stakeholders becomes much more difficult to manage. Creating a consistent set of expectations can have a favorable effect in allaying fears and avoiding misunderstandings. When too many conceptual projects distract from the main focus, it can create opposition that delays achieving primary goals.



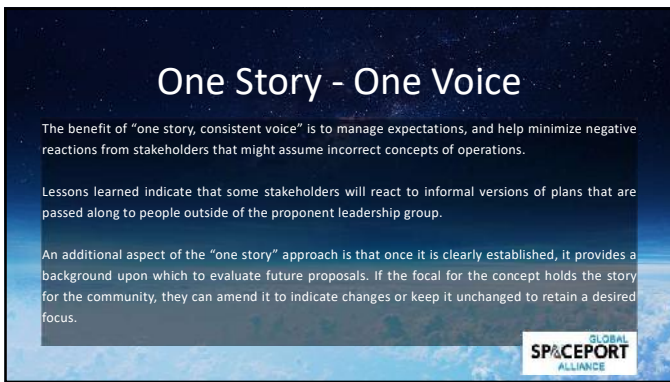
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## One Story - One Voice

The benefit of "one story, consistent voice" is to manage expectations, and help minimize negative reactions from stakeholders that might assume incorrect concepts of operations.

Lessons learned indicate that some stakeholders will react to informal versions of plans that are passed along to people outside of the proponent leadership group.

An additional aspect of the "one story" approach is that once it is clearly established, it provides a background upon which to evaluate future proposals. If the focal for the concept holds the story for the community, they can amend it to indicate changes or keep it unchanged to retain a desired focus.



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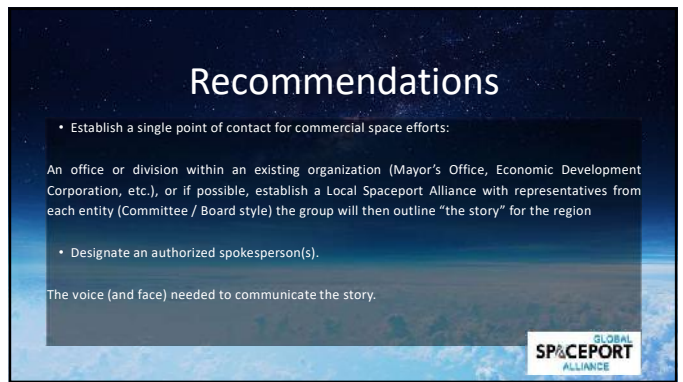
## Recommendations

- Establish a single point of contact for commercial space efforts:

An office or division within an existing organization (Mayor's Office, Economic Development Corporation, etc.), or if possible, establish a Local Spaceport Alliance with representatives from each entity (Committee / Board style) the group will then outline "the story" for the region

- Designate an authorized spokesperson(s).

The voice (and face) needed to communicate the story.



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## Recommendations

- Establish advocacy relationships with key stakeholders.

Building relationships, get everyone working towards the same goal.

- Create and publish content and newsletters, making sure it remains consistent.

Engagement and promotion. Branding the alliance / group. Using Social Media channels as a primary method of advertising, monthly or quarterly e-blast to stakeholders and entities.

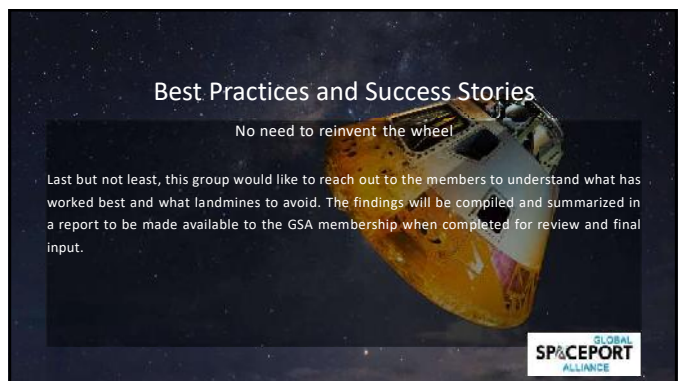


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## Best Practices and Success Stories

No need to reinvent the wheel

Last but not least, this group would like to reach out to the members to understand what has worked best and what landmines to avoid. The findings will be compiled and summarized in a report to be made available to the GSA membership when completed for review and final input.



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**QUESTIONS?**

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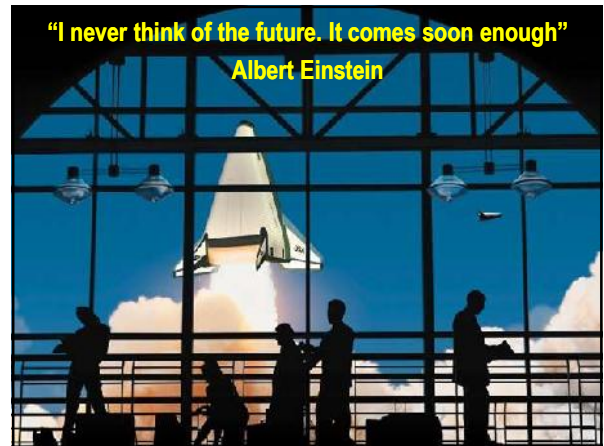
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# Need for Commercial Spaceflight Medical Research

Presented at: GSA 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaceport Summit  
 By: Melchor J. Antuñano, M.D., M.S.  
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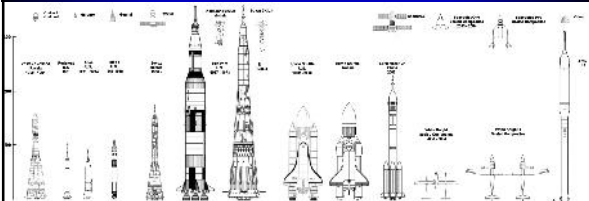
## 59+ Years of Human Spaceflight


April 12, 1961



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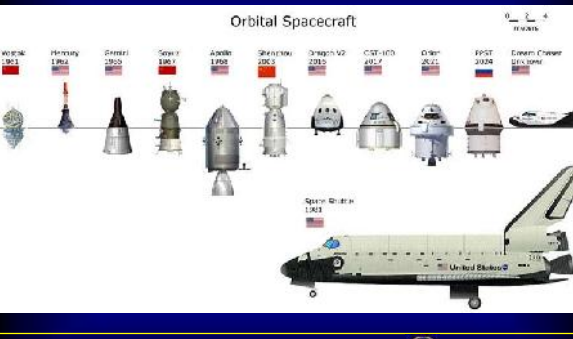
## Crewed Spacecraft




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### Orbital Spacecraft

Model	Year	Country
Vostok 1	1961	USSR
Flyborg	1964	USA
Genesee	1965	USA
Soyuz 1	1968	USSR
Apollo 17	1970	USA
Skylab	1973	USA
Orion V2	2015	USA
CST-100	2017	USA
Orion	2017	ESA
PPST	2024	Russia
Orion	2024	ESA

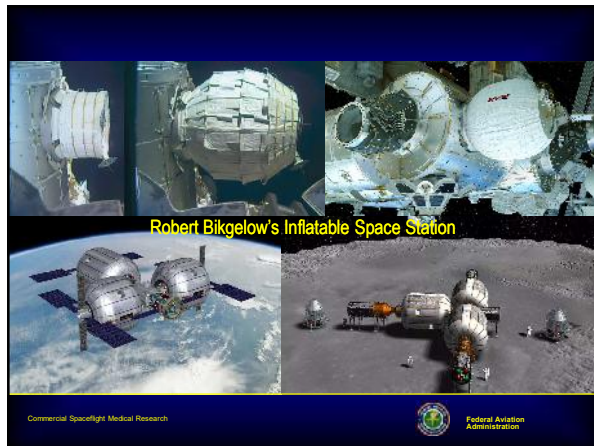


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Sierra Nevada Dream Chaser  
 Lockheed - Orion  
 SpaceX Dragon  
 Boeing CST-100  
 Russian PPST

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# Regulatory Oversight

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The U.S. Commercial Space Launch Amendments (CSLA) Act of 2004 (H.R. 5382)

Requires space passengers to be fully informed about all of the potential risks of participating in space flights allowing them to fly at their own risk

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**What potential medical risks should be disclosed?**

What is an appropriate/sufficient full-disclosure of potential risks that would:

- Minimize liability for the operator?
- Not produce excessive fear among prospective space participants?

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**14 CFR Part 460, Subpart B  
Launch and Reentry  
with a Space Flight Participant**

**§ 460.45 Operator informing space flight participant of risk.**

(a) Before receiving compensation or making an agreement to fly a space flight participant, an operator must satisfy the requirements of this section. An operator must inform each space flight participant in writing about the risks of the launch and reentry, including the safety record of the launch or reentry vehicle type.



An operator must present this information in a manner that can be readily understood by a space flight participant with no specialized education or training, and must disclose in writing:

- (1) For each mission, each known hazard and risk that could result in a serious injury, death, disability, or total or partial loss of physical and mental function.
- (2) That there are hazards that are not known.
- (3) That participation in space flight may result in death, serious injury, or total or partial loss of physical or mental function.

Always be prepared to deal with risks in disguise!



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## *Why is Risk Disclosure Important?*

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## Passenger Safety & Liability Issues



Teddy bear or grizzly bear?



We live in a litigious society where the safety of space passengers is a critical issue that the manned commercial space transportation industry must address proactively and comprehensively

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## *Justification for Medical Research In Support of Human Commercial Space Flight*

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## *Do we know all the Medical Risks of Flying in Space?*

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**NO!**

We have very limited medical experience and knowledge on individuals with significant medical problems who have flown in space

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Most of the medical and physiological data collected to date are based on the effects of space flight on generally normal and healthy individuals (career astronauts and cosmonauts)

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Until now most people who have flown in space are healthy career astronauts aged 35 to 50 years old (only exception is John Glenn)

Due to medical privacy regulations and career considerations individual medical data from career astronauts is not available for study by the scientific community

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## **What Medical Data is Available to the Public?**

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**U.S. Government Space Program Experience with Medical Pathology**

### **Ground Medical Events Among U.S. Astronauts**

MEDICAL EVENT	FREQUENCY
Allergic reaction (severe)	1
Cholelithiasis	3
Retinal detachment	2
Pancreatitis	2
Appendicitis	2
Diverticulitis	1
Ventricular tachycardia	1
Atrial fibrillation	1
Coronary artery disease	1
Hemorrhagic cyst	1
Abdominal pain	1
Duodenal ulcer	1

SOURCE: Jon Clark, MD, Space Medicine Liaison, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Personal Communication, 2007

Inguinal hernia	4
Ureteral calculus	3
Pneumonia	2
Sudden hearing loss	2
Cervical disk herniation with impingement on spinal cord	1
Corneal ulcer	1
Malignant melanoma	1
Severe epistaxis	1
Right ovarian cyst	1
Olecranon bursitis r/o septic joint	1
Clostridium difficile infection	1
Gastroenteritis/colitis	1
Dysmenorrhea	1

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### Inflight Medical Events Among U.S. Astronauts 106 Space Shuttle Missions (Apr 1981 – Dec 2001) 607 Astronauts (521 men and 86 women) 5,496 Flight Days

- 98.1% of men and 94.2% of women reported 2,207 medical events or symptoms during flight:
  - Space adaptation syndrome (39.6%)
  - Nervous system and sensory organs (16.7%)
  - Digestive system (9.2%)
  - Injuries and trauma (8.8%)
  - Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues (8.2%)

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- Skin and subcutaneous tissue (8%)
- Respiratory system (4.5%)
- Behavioral signs and symptoms (1.8%)
- Infectious diseases (1.3%)
- Genitourinary system (1.5%)
- Circulatory system (0.3%)
- Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic & immunity disorders (0.1%)

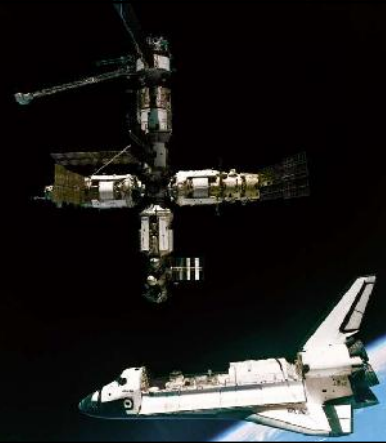
194 events due to injury (including 14 fatalities)

SOURCE: Jon Clark, MD, Space Medicine Liaison, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Personal Communication, 2007

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### Long-Duration Orbital Flights



### Inflight Medical Events Among U.S. Astronauts during the NASA/MIR Program (Mar 95 – Jun 98)

MEDICAL EVENT	FREQUENCY
Musculoskeletal	7
Skin	6
Nasal congestion, irritation	4
Bruise	2
Eyes	2
Gastrointestinal	2
Hemorrhoids	1
Psychiatric	2
Headaches	1
Sleep disorders	1

### Inflight Medical Events Among Cosmonauts during the MIR Program (Feb 87 – Feb 96)

MEDICAL EVENT	FREQUENCY
Arrhythmia/conduction disorder	128
Superficial Injury	36
Musculoskeletal	29
Headache	24
Sleeplessness	19
Tiredness	14
Contact dermatitis	7

SOURCE: Jon Clark, MD, Space Medicine Liaison, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Personal Communication, 2007

Conjunctivitis	6
Laryngitis	6
Asthenia	5
Erythema of face, hands	4
Acute respiratory infection	3
Surface burn, hands	3
Glossitis	3
Dry nose	2
Heartburn /gas	2
Foreign body in eye	2
Dry skin	2
Hematoma	1
Constipation	1
Eye contusion	1
Dental caries	1
Wax in ear	1



**Medical Findings Among Commercial Orbital Space Flight Participants**

**Dr. Gregory Olsen**




**Dr. Gregory Olsen**

- 57 year-old man with a history of pneumothorax, moderately severe emphysema, bilateral parenchymal bullae, pulmonary and mediastinal masses, and ventricular and atrial ectopy
- Received preventive treatment of these conditions, including surgery before being cleared to fly in space
- Completed medical evaluation in analog environments (altitude chamber, high altitude mixed-gas simulation, zero-G flight, and high-G centrifuge)


Jennings RT et al. "Medical Qualification of a Commercial Spaceflight Participant: Not Your Average Astronaut." Aviat Space & Environ Med Journal, Volume 77, No. 5, May 2006. (Dr. Olsen released his medical data)

**Dr. Gregory Olsen**


- Had no difficulties during the training and performed well during space flight
- Post-flight medical testing showed that he was in excellent condition and unchanged medically by the flight



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**What is the impact of Dr. Olsen's decision to openly share his medical case?**

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- Provides the space medicine community with an opportunity to gain critical experience with non-career astronauts who have certain abnormalities to demonstrate that they could fly safely
- Enables the revision of medical screening criteria used by operators to accommodate individuals with certain abnormalities, optimize their pre-flight treatment and observe their performance during space flight
- Provides an opportunity for studying adverse medical conditions in analog and space flight environments

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- Provides medical knowledge that will prove extremely valuable for future human space exploration
- Benefits other individuals who may have similar medical conditions and wish to fly in space
- Demonstrates that space flight participants and their physicians can evaluate and accept some medical risks for performance testing in hazardous environments, pre-flight training, and space flight

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*Medicine is a Science  
and an Art*

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*The Key for CST HSF is the  
Medical Waiver Process*

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### Example



- Professor Stephen Hawking suffers advanced amyotrophic lateral sclerosis with significant mobility impairment and he was able to safely participate in a zero-G flight
- He was accompanied by a medical team (including an aerospace medicine specialist) who were involved in providing inflight medical support as needed

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The aeromedical preparation for this very unique flight included:

- 1) A training flight carrying a healthy volunteer on the day before Professor Hawking's flight
- 2) The use of non-invasive biomedical monitoring equipment for blood pressure, heart rate, electrocardiography, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation and carbon dioxide saturation
- 3) A practical simulation of possible inflight medical emergencies

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This zero-G flight demonstrated that it is feasible to allow selected individuals with severe disabilities (or other pathologies) to participate in short-duration space flights, but this may require:

- 1) A comprehensive preflight aeromedical preparation
- 2) Appropriate in-flight biomedical monitoring (including medical equipment and supplies)
- 3) It may even require a special flight dedicated to carry such an individual with real-time support provided by a medical team to ensure his/her health and safety

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- Commercial space flights will create the opportunity for non-career astronauts with certain medical conditions to fly in space
- Medical information collected from space flight participants (specially those with medical waivers) will be extremely important to establish prospective medical databases by the operators
- Medical databases may include the results of the initial and pre-flight medical evaluations, the results of any in-flight biomedical monitoring, as well as any post-flight medical findings

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- All medical information collected and archived in databases should be protected to ensure the individual medical-legal privacy rights of space flight participants
- Post-flight medical debriefs are highly recommended to collect critical medical data and to resolve and/or follow up any health issues resulting from space flight
- A practical tool to facilitate and standardize these post-flight medical debriefs would be a questionnaire

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Operator-owned medical databases will be of critical importance (medical & legal) to the success of the manned commercial space transportation industry, and, more importantly, to the health and safety of subsequent space flight participants

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## Epidemiological Health Data Collection System for Space Tourism, Space Mining & Manufacturing, and High-Speed Travel Via Outer Space

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Fellow International Ergonomics Association  
The MITRE Corporation

- NASA astronaut data from 1959 to today under the Lifetime Surveillance of Astronaut Health Repository (LSAH)
- NASA Life Sciences Data Archive (LSDA)
- NASA Integrated Medical Model (IMM)
- FAA Class 2 Medical Data for Commercial Space Crews
- Medical data from Commercial Space Companies

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# Populations Impacted by Commercial Space Flights

## Crews & Spaceflight Participants



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# Types of Medical Research In Support of Human Commercial Space Flight

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- Florida State University (FSU)
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIST or New Mexico Tech)
- New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- Stanford University (SU)
- University of Central Florida (UCF)
- University of Colorado at Boulder (CU)
- University of Florida (UF)
- University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)

**FAA AST (Office of Commercial Space Transportation):**

- FAA AST Mgr. Wayne Mearns, Associate Administrator
- Dr. Ken Swales, Director of Research and AST COE CST Program Manager

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- University Space Research Association
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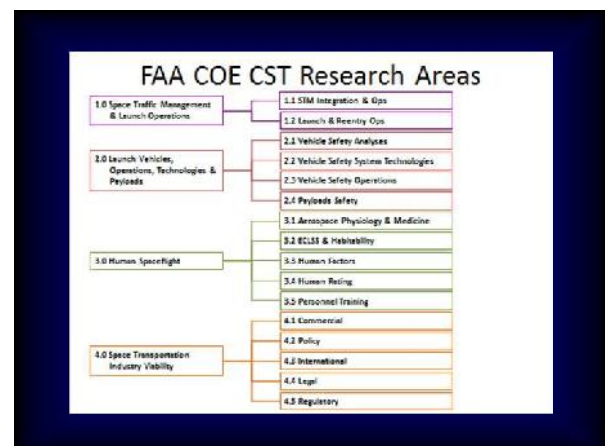
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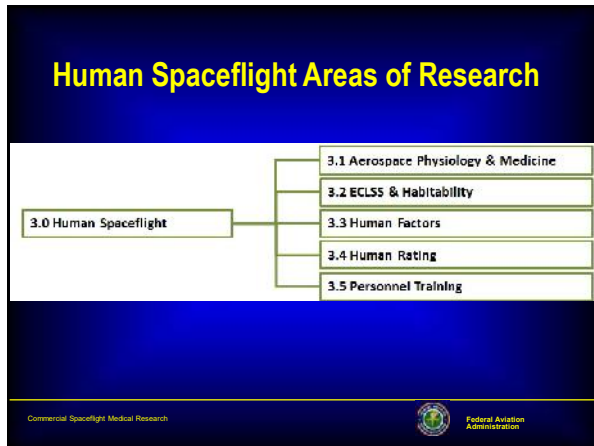
## Research Overview

All research activity sponsored by the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation is directed by the following goal statement: "Operators and flight participants and responsible entities perform all aspects of commercial space transportation." To achieve this goal, COE CST activities are defined by a framework defining 4 major scientific areas for every research task (generally sponsored). The high research areas encompass the distinct research activities, the physical and engineering sciences, the biological and medical sciences, and the social sciences. A [http://www.faa.gov/ast/research/research\\_areas](http://www.faa.gov/ast/research/research_areas) link is provided to provide additional information on each of these areas. This section provides the tasks that were tracked in each research area during the COE CST program. All research is conducted by the COE CST members.

**RESEARCH AREAS**

- Aerospace Aeronautics & Operations**
  - Autonomous Research Tasks
- Aerospace Vehicles**
  - Autonomous Research Tasks
- Human Cognition & Spaceflight**
  - Autonomous Research Tasks
- Industry Innovation**
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Flight Crew Medical Standards  
&  
Spaceflight Participant Medical Acceptance Guidelines



Commercial space companies will have the opportunity to incorporate these guidelines into their operations and adjust them as appropriate to meet their individual flight parameters, safety standards and risk profiles

U.S. companies are required to inform spaceflight participants about the mission-related risk, but the specific risk of certain medical conditions has yet to be determined

The pilot medical standards and SFP guidelines included in this report are considered the minimum recommended and governmental agencies and operators have the option for additional medical and operational constraints



1. Spaceflight Participant Medical Acceptance Guidelines - Suborbital
2. Spaceflight Participant Medical Acceptance Guidelines - Orbital
3. Standards for Medical Certification of Pilots - Suborbital
4. Standards for Medical Certification of Pilots - Orbital

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## Suborbital Medical Standards for Crew and Space Flight Participants

Michael Lopez-Alegria  
Principal  
MLA Space LLC

Chairman  
ASTM International Committee F47 on Commercial Spaceflight

- AST's Report to Congress on Commercial Human Spaceflight Safety Frameworks (October 2017)
- Develop Medical Standards for Suborbital Crew and Spaceflight Participants

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## Workshop Proposal to Create a Human Research Roadmap for Addressing the Risks to Spaceflight Participants in the Commercialization of Space

Michael Marge, Ed.D.  
Scientific and Technical Advisor  
Immediate Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- Report with updated knowledge about impact of space travel on civilians in space.
- Updated knowledge may result in a current list of medical guidelines for civilians in space
- Creation of a Human Research Program for SFPs in space (HRPSFP). Plan of coordinated research action with timetable by Federal and Private Sector parties for efficiency of effort and cost effectiveness.
- The HRPSFP will result in meaningful findings and evidence in support of medical guidelines for civilians in space that will be available to the space industry for adoption on a voluntary basis

## Is it Risky to Fly in Space?



## Yes, but risks vary

Suborbital  
vs  
Orbital




# Yes, but risks vary

## Short Flights vs Long Flights



## RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES

1. *INDIVIDUAL FACTORS*
2. *EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS*
3. *OPERATIONAL FACTORS (Vehicle and Flight Operations)*

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## RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES

1) *INDIVIDUAL FACTORS:*

- Unidentified or undisclosed pre-existing medical conditions
- Unexpected inflight medical emergencies (acute illnesses or trauma)
- Self-imposed stress (alcohol and drug use/abuse, nicotine addiction, self-medication, fatigue, dehydration, poor fitness, extreme overweight)

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## RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES

1) *INDIVIDUAL FACTORS:*

- Space motion sickness
- Unknown or undisclosed pregnancy
- Undisclosed use of medications
- Disruptive passengers

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## RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES

2) *EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:*

- Weather (during the atmospheric phase of flight)
- Wildlife strikes
- Barometric pressure and decompression
- Ambient temperature extremes
- Ionizing and non-ionizing radiation
- Microgravity/weightlessness
- Space debris (natural and human-made)

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**IONIZING SOLAR AND GALACTIC COSMIC RADIATION**

*The main sources are geomagnetically trapped radiation, solar particle event radiation, and galactic cosmic radiation*

**Space radiation is more damaging than radiation typically encountered by ground-based workers**

Experimental evidence indicates that space radiation is more effective at causing the type of biological damage that ultimately leads to cancer than the gamma or x-rays commonly encountered on Earth.

Animal experiments show evidence of biological damage unique to high-energy heavy ions encountered in space.

Damage to the central nervous system similar to that associated with aging.

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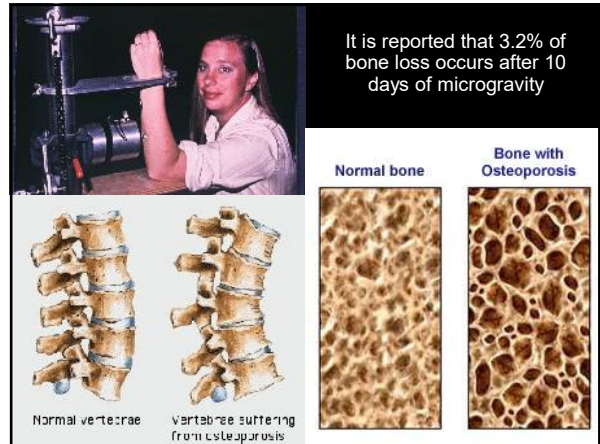
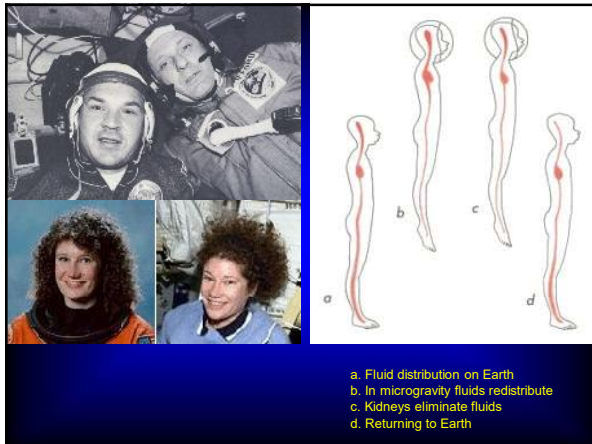
**NON-IONIZING RADIATION**

**Exposure to Microgravity**

**Physiological Effects of Exposure to Microgravity**

- Cardiovascular
- Musculo-skeletal
- Neurovestibular
- Hematologic & immunologic

EYES BECOME MAIN WAY TO SENSE MOTION  
 OTOLITHS IN INNER EAR RESPOND DIFFERENTLY TO MOTION  
 CHANGED SENSORY INPUT CONFUSES BRAIN, CAUSING OCCASIONAL DISORIENTATION  
 FLUID REDISTRIBUTION CAUSES HEAD CONGESTION AND PUFFY FACE  
 HIGHER RADIATION DOSES MAY INCREASE CANCER RISK  
 LOSS OF BLOOD PLASMA CREATES TEMPORARY ANEMIA ON RETURN TO EARTH  
 WEIGHT-BEARING BONES AND MUSCLES DETERIORATE  
 KIDNEY FILTRATION RATE INCREASES; BONE LOSS MAY CAUSE KIDNEY STONES  
 FLUID REDISTRIBUTION SHRINKS LEGS  
 TOUCH AND PRESSURE SENSORS REGISTER NO DOWNWARD FORCE



The physiological changes resulting from exposure to microgravity depend upon the total duration of the exposure, and can vary in magnitude from individual to individual

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**RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES**

3) *OPERATIONAL FACTORS (Vehicle and Flight Operations):*

- Type of acceleration profile (take off/launch, cruise, landing) and relative position of the occupants during acceleration exposure
- Type of flight profile (ascent rate, maximum altitude, descent rate, duration of the flight)
- Cabin/suit pressurization profile
- Noise/vibration exposure during flight



## November 15, 1967

- X-15, Flight 191
- Michael J. Adams
- Electrical problems
- Enters a Mach 5 spin @ 260,000ft
- 15Gz and 8Gy forces
- History of 'vertigo' on previous flight
- End of X-15 program



## 17 Jan 1969

- Soyuz 4 and 5 rendezvous and transfer of 2 cosmonauts
- Boris Volynov (5), Alexei Yeliseyev and Yevgeny Khronov (5 to 4), Vladimir Shatalov (4)
- Incomplete separation of Soyuz-5 equipment module on reentry
- Soyuz-5 Descent module descends nose-first with inadequate heat shielding
- Tumbling with a 9G trajectory
- Partial deployment of primary parachute
- Near-fatal landing several miles off-course
- Volynov staggers to a nearby peasant hut in -40°C, without a space suit
- Survives with loss of few teeth



## HIGH-INTENSITY NOISE



*Noise is produced by rocket propulsion systems, thrusters, hydraulic and electrical actuators, cabin air conditioning and pressurization systems, cockpit advisory and alert systems, communications equipment, motors, fans, pumps, transformers, oscillators, etc*

*Noise can also be caused by the aerodynamic interaction between ambient air (boundary layer) and the surface of the space vehicle during the atmospheric portion of the flight*

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Vibration is transmitted throughout the entire body

Vibration exposure usually occurs during the launch and atmospheric entry phases of a space flight, or while using the thrusters

Other sources of inflight vibration include motors, pumps, and other mechanical equipment

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## RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES

### 2) OPERATIONAL FACTORS (Vehicle and Flight Operations):

- Breathing air (composition, contaminants, CO<sub>2</sub> removal, volume per occupant)
- Cabin/suit temperature and humidity
- Impact/crash exposure (structural integrity or crashworthiness, occupant restraint systems, personal protective equipment, emergency evacuation systems, etc.) and survival

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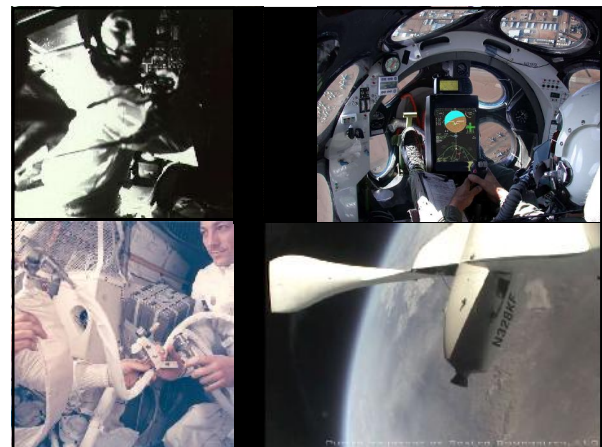
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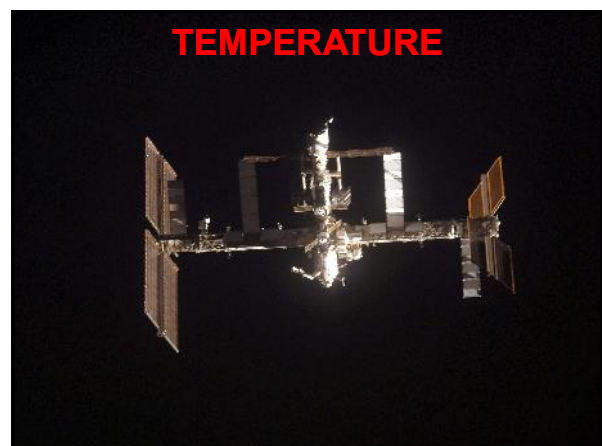
## April 1970

- Apollo-XIII
- Lovell/Haise/Sweigert
- Explosion in service module
- Limited O<sub>2</sub>/Mission aborted
- Dehydration – UTI – Fatigue - ↑ CO<sub>2</sub>

- In the sealed cabin environment of a space vehicle there are several potential risks including the presence of biological, chemical and particulate contaminants
- Carbon dioxide released by all occupants during exhalation could accumulate and become a breathing hazard especially during sleep due to lack of convective air circulation
- Breathing 100% oxygen (instead of a gas mixture) at sea level pressure for prolonged periods of time could cause reduced vital capacity, respiratory disturbances, heart problems, blindness, and loss of consciousness



- Odors are known to cause symptoms such as nausea, nasal congestion, coughing, headaches and irritability
  - The most common sources of odor onboard a space vehicle are sweat, food, and organic waste
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The lack of an atmosphere in space exposes space vehicles to extremely cold and hot ambient temperatures that vary depending upon the effective surface area of the vehicle that is directly exposed to radiant heat coming from the sun

A space vehicle is exposed to high levels of aerodynamic heat produced during the atmospheric entry



These temperature extremes represent a potential hazard for all vehicle occupants, who must rely on the proper operation of the cabin heating, air circulation, and cooling systems

These systems must maintain the right balance between air temperature, air velocity, barometric pressure, and humidity

## RISK FACTORS FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SPACE VEHICLES

### 2) OPERATIONAL FACTORS (Vehicle and Flight Operations):

- Physical hazards (electrical, chemical, thermal) of the cabin
- Injuries due to accidental contact with internal structures or objects especially during microgravity
- Inflight fire (fire retardant materials, toxic materials, fire suppression systems)

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January 27, 1967



Apollo 1 Astronauts Gus Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee died when a fire blazed their command module during a ground test at KSC.



FAA's philosophy is different than NASA's on the determination of medical fitness for flight

We authorized a routine Class 2 Airman Medical Certificate issued by an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) and reviewed by the Aerospace Medical Certification Division at CAMI



What is the minimum "Right Stuff" for passengers in commercial space flights?



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## FAA Office of Aerospace Medicine

February 11, 2005

- The "Guidance for Medical Screening of Commercial Aerospace Passengers" was released to the public during the 8<sup>th</sup> FAA Commercial Space Transportation Forecast Conference.
- This was the culmination of a team effort that started in July 1998.

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### "FAA Recommended Guidelines for Medical Screening of Commercial Space Passengers"

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*How conservative should medical screening guidelines be for space passengers in order to:*

Promote the preservation of life and the safety of the flight?

*and at the same time*

Avoid imposing an obstacle to the successful establishment and growth of the manned commercial space transportation industry?

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### *Main Risk Factors Relevant to the Development of Guidelines for Medical Screening of Commercial Space Passengers*

- Exposure to acceleration/deceleration
- Exposure to decreased barometric pressure
- Exposure to microgravity
- Exposure to radiation (solar and cosmic)

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**Guidance for Medical Screening of Passengers on Suborbital Flights or Exposed to a G-Load of up to +3Gz During any Phase of the Flight.**

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1. Passengers complete a medical history questionnaire prior to every flight (single or multiple)
2. A company physician who is experienced or trained in the concepts of aerospace medicine reviews the completed questionnaire
3. Passengers may need to undergo a physical examination and complete medical laboratory testing if deemed necessary by the company physician upon review of the completed questionnaire

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### Guidance for Medical Screening of Passengers on Orbital Flights or Exposed to a G-Load exceeding +3Gz During any Phase of the Flight.

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1. Passengers complete a comprehensive medical history questionnaire prior to the flight
2. Passengers undergo a physical examination with laboratory testing
3. The medical history, physical examination, and medical tests should be valid for a period of one (1) year.

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### *Medical Conditions that may Contraindicate Passenger Participation in Suborbital or Orbital Space Flights*

Any deformities (congenital or acquired), diseases, illnesses, injuries, infections, tumors, treatments (pharmacological, surgical, prosthetic, or other), or other physiological or pathological conditions that may:

- 1) Result in an in-flight death
- 2) Result in an in-flight medical emergency
- 3) Interfere with the proper use (don and doff) and operation of personal protective equipment
- 4) Interfere with in-flight emergency procedures or emergency evacuation
- 5) Compromise the health and safety of the passenger or other space vehicle occupants, and/or the safety of the flight

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### *Other Considerations*

- Some medical conditions may be cleared for space flight following special medical assessments in simulated spaceflight environments including the use of a zero-G aircraft, a high performance aircraft, a hypobaric (altitude) chamber, or a human centrifuge
- Using a flexible approach that applies aerospace medicine knowledge and experience-based medical risk analysis, it may be possible to permit special medical accommodations for prospective participants who have certain pathologies (including disabilities)

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## Tasks

1. Represent and guide a local school group for an ISS related project
2. Direct spaceport focused content creation at a local science institution
3. Curate on-line STEM content and provide on-line "clearinghouse" for teachers
4. Guide local school group in a cubesat competition for the Teachers-in-Space program
5. Provide global connection for school groups to spaceports represented by the Working Group

**GLOBAL SPACEPORT ALLIANCE**

**Academic Partnerships Working Group 2020**