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**Celebrate  
Wallops Day  
October 5, 2006**



Photos by Jim Mason-Foley and Rebecca Hudson.

## Wallops Shorts

### Balloon Launch

A NASA scientific balloon was launched from Ft. Sumner, N.M., on September 30. The flight of the 39.57 million cubic foot balloon was to flight qualify the new polyethylene film for NASA's zero-pressure balloons under normal flight conditions near the maximum allowable launch stress index.

The 5 hour, 11 minute flight was an operational and science success. Danny Ball, Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility, was the principal investigator.

### Range News

The TacSat-2 payload fairing halves were delivered to Wallops last week and the portable clean room in Building W-65 was temporarily certified for Orbital Sciences use with the fairing halves. An electrical mate of Stages 3 and 4 occurred on October 14 with a mechanical mate to occur on October 19.

The TacSat-2 spacecraft is now scheduled to arrive at WFF on October 27. The launch date is December 11.

## Holiday Craft and Shopping Extravaganza

The 6th Annual Holiday Craft and Shopping Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.



If you wish to reserve a table, please email Claudia Underwood at [Claudia.S.Underwood@nasa.gov](mailto:Claudia.S.Underwood@nasa.gov). Also, please send a sample listing of the items you intend to sell.

## Investment Day

October 17  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Credit Union, Building N-133

Erdal Elmas, Financial Advisor registered through CUSO Financial Services, L.P., will be available to meet with employees on a one-to-one basis to discuss financial planning, retirement planning, wealth management, education funding, insurance planning, or investments. There is no obligation. To schedule a one-hour appointment or to learn more, call 1-888-NASA-FCU, ext. 650. Sponsored by the NASA Federal Credit Union.

### In the News

Scripps Howard News Wire, "NASA Envisions Balloons in Space"

Daily Times, "Wallops to Launch Air Force Satellites"

Eastern Shore News, "Meeting Focuses on New NASA Projects"

Virginia Pilot, "Houston, We're About to Have Liftoff - in Virginia"

Washington Post, "Drones Expected to Be New Eye Into Little-Seen Part of Hurricanes"

### On the Road

Magdi Said and Robby Estep, NASA Balloon Program Office, staffed a balloon exhibit at the Albuquerque (N.M.) International Balloon Fiesta, October 6 to 15. An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 people attended the event daily.

Rebecca Hudson and Ed Parrott, NASA Public Affairs Office, participated in a Career Day event at Crisfield High School on October 12.

## Need information on a Sam's Club membership?

A representative from Sam's Club will be at Wallops on October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Building E-2 Conference Room. Stop by to apply for a new membership, renew a current membership or ask any questions you may have.

## Introductory Overhead Crane Operator Training

October 23 – 24  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Building N-159, Room E-208

This course satisfies the requirements of the NASA Standard for Lifting Devices and Equipment for the operation of electric, manual or air driven overhead cranes and hoists. Completion of this course and a crane operator physical examination are required for a NASA crane operator's license. Civil service and contractor personnel who require an overhead crane operator license are invited to attend.

For further information and to enroll, contact Matt Meier at x2156.

## ATK Program Director Sends Thanks

"On behalf of ATK and the ATK launch vehicle team, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support provided to our team at last week's Pathfinder test.

John Dickerson, Wayne Borrmann and Jack Smith contributed greatly to the successful outcome of our project. Their efforts emphasized the 'can-do' attitude that ATK has encountered in all our interactions with your organization.

Thanks again, and we look forward to a successful flight of the ALV X-1 with NASA's Hy-Bolt."

Hugh Cook  
Program Director

## Influenza Vaccination

The Health Unit has a supply of vaccine for the upcoming influenza season. The vaccine is an inactivated influenza vaccine, not a live virus vaccine. With an inactivated influenza vaccine, there is no risk of developing influenza from the vaccine

The vaccine will be given by appointment only until the supply is exhausted in the following priority order:

1. NASA civil service employees in the higher-risk categories
2. All remaining Wallops civil service employees regardless of risk status
3. All contractor employees regardless of risk status.

For further information on the vaccine, clarification of the high risk categories or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at x1266.



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