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Safety is a Priority, Not an Option

With all the wide open space at NASA Wallops Flight Facility, one area of safety often taken for granted is parking. There are, however, areas that have restricted parking that should be observed. Failing to do so could result in hazardous conditions in the event of an emergency.

Two areas of parking in the Building F-160 west parking lot near the entrance to the Health Unit are restricted.

1) The designated "Handicapped" parking spot immediately adjacent to the ramped walkway to the Health Unit entrance:

- This is reserved for vehicles with a designated handicapped license plate or a valid handicapped placard prominently displayed. It is NOT for use as an "overflow" parking place when all other parking places in the lot are occupied.

The individual for whom the handicapped plate/sticker was issued must be a passenger or driver of that vehicle and must be exiting the vehicle while it is parked in the designated parking place.

If the handicapped individual remains in the car while another vehicle occupant leaves the vehicle to access the building, the vehicle is not permitted to park in the designated handicapped parking place.

2) The area in front of the fire hydrant:

- Despite the obvious visual clues (red fire hydrant, bright yellow curbing in front of the hydrant, bright yellow "No Parking" painted on the pavement in front of the yellow curb and red fire hydrant), vehicles are frequently parked in front of the hydrant. This constitutes a significant safety hazard should the hydrant be needed in the event of a fire.

Except in cases of acute, serious medical emergencies, the Health Unit staff will notify Security whenever parking violations are observed in those two areas.

There is a large area available for overflow parking at the south end of F-160, behind the building. Similarly, the parking lot at the east end of F-160 usually has a large number of unoccupied parking spaces.

Wallops Shorts.....

PFRR Launches

Two single-stage Improved-Orion sounding rockets were successfully launched two-hours apart from the Poker Flat Research Range, Alaska, on March 15.

The experiment on each rocket was to make measurements of the structure of mesospheric dust layers under varying conditions using identical instruments.

Dr. Kristina Lynch, Dartmouth University, was the principal investigator. Jay Scott, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract, (NSROC), was the mission manager. Good data was obtained.

In the News

Eastern Shore News

"Virginia Tech Students To Launch Rocket"

On the Road

Ed Parrott, Teacher-on-Loan, and Keith Koehler, NASA Public Affairs Office, spoke to the approximately 150 parents and teachers at Glenn Avenue Elementary School, Salisbury, Md., on March 14.

David Smith, Honeywell Tech. Solutions, Inc., and president of the Wallops Black History Club, spoke to approximately 40 graduating Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) students on March 12 at Washington High School, Princess Anne, Md. This was the last graduation class of the SEMAA program.

Keith Koehler, NASA Public Affairs Office, spoke to 50 members of the Trails End Association, Greenbackville, Va., on March 19.

Explorer School Students Visit Wallops



Photo by Keith Koehler

A NASA Explorer School student monitors air pressure data from the SemSonde payload on a weather balloon. Students and teachers representing five Explorer Schools nation-wide participated in "Balloon Adventure Week" at Wallops March 14 through 17. Thanks to everyone at Wallops that made the student adventure possible.

Academic Achievement Awards Presented to Local Students

The Wallops Black History Club presented Academic Achievement Awards to Candance Watson, a senior at Nandua High School, Onley, Va., and to Tatum Townsend, a senior at Arcadia High School, Oak Hall, Va., during the annual Dinner and Night of Entertainment Banquet held February 19.

Awards are presented to competitively to students pursuing careers in the fields of math, physical science, computer science, engineering and technology.

Celebrating 60 Years of Exploration

March 25, 1959 – The 3,000th launch took place from Wallops Island.

March 26, 1961 – An Aerobee research rocket with a payload for the University of Michigan shot from Wallops Island to an altitude of 252 miles.

Saturday, March 19, was a beautiful, sunny day for the Wallops Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association, Morale Activities Committee.

Led by Tracy Bohaboj, Physical Science Laboratory, Balloon Program Office, several volunteers helped with crafts that included a bunny pouch kit and a Easter picture frame kit, face painting, hot dogs, chips, soda, juice, water and of course the egg hunt.



Photos by Richard Mitchell and Tracy Bohaboj.



Women's History Month -- "Pioneering Women of Change"

March 23, 2005 –
Brown Bag Lunch
E-2 Williamsburg Room, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Discussion panel on the many ways these women are making changes:

*Dr. Marilyn Ailes, U.S. Navy, Environmentalist

*Janie Conquest, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

*Diane Williams, NASA, Director of Management Operations

*YN2 Silvia Reynolds, U.S. Navy

*Pam Pittman, NASA Systems Analyst, Wallops Systems Software Engineering

Adult CPR

April 5 and April 6
8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m.
Building E-2, Classroom

First Aid Training

April 7 and 8
8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m.
Building E-2 classroom

These courses are offered at no cost to NASA and contractor employees. For further info contact Marvin Bunting by email: marvin.n.bunting.1@gsfc.nasa.gov or call x2030.

Kings Dominion & Busch Garden Tickets

Now available at the Exchange Store, Building E-2
Both Parks Opened March 19.

Kings Dominion, Richmond, Va.

Ages 3 & Up	Gate - \$45.99	WEMA - \$27.99
Pay once and visit twice		\$47.99

Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Va.

Adult (Age 7 & Up)	Gate - \$49.95	WEMA - \$42.00
Child (Age 3 – 6)	Gate - \$42.95	WEMA - \$36.40

2 Day Ticket	Gate - \$64.95	WEMA - \$63.00
3 Day Ticket	Gate - \$74.95	WEMA - \$73.00

Water Country, Williamsburg, Va.

Adult (Age 7 & Up)	Gate - \$35.95	WEMA - \$30.80
Child (Age 3 – 6)	Gate - \$28.95	WEMA - \$25.20

Call Karen Montross at x2020 for more information

For Sale

- 1995 Ford F-150 Pickup w/Shell, 4 Wheel Dr., V-8, Automatic, A/C, P/W, P/L, low miles-will discuss price.

- 1978 "Harley" "Sportster" Motorcycle, custom parts, \$5000/negotiable

-2002 Suzuki "Intruder" Motorcycle, 1400 CC, low miles, lots of chrome-\$6000/negotiable

Phone (757) 442-5279, leave message.

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