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The Wallops Landscape is Changing

Since July 2007, some Wallops employees have been relocated to the new Engineering Building, E-109. The new complex houses 95 civil service and contract employees.

The following NASA organizations are in the building: Applied Engineering and Technology Directorate, Code 500; Mechanical Systems Engineering Branch, Code 548; Wallops Electrical Engineering Branch, Code 569; Wallops Systems Software Engineering Branch, Code 589; Guidance, Navigation & Control and Mission Systems Engineering Branch, Code 598; and Ground Network Project, Code 453.



Building E-109

Hartwell Taylor, Rick Kelley, Bill Martin, Dean Price, Jim Gray, Bob Burns, Tom Savage, Betty Hart and so many more are gone. Like E-108, they will linger in the minds of those of us that worked there during a different era.

Wallops has experienced growth and tremendous change over the past 63 years.

How many of our current employees remember:

- the Titanic (a storage trailer)
- the Quonset Huts behind the E-Buildings
- that the Credit Union was in a room on the 3rd floor of Building E-107
- that the current location of the Credit Union was once a garage and gas station
- Base Housing
- that the Rocket Club once operated in what is now the Williamsburg Room
- the location of two swimming pools on the Main Base

and so much more.

With success comes growth. May Wallops continue to grow and build on its rich history.



Building E-108 demolition.



The following contractors also have personnel in the building: Computer Sciences Corporation, LJT, Hawk, ICNet and ServiceSource.

Building E-109 has five fully equipped conference rooms and 16 modern, spacious labs.

The building has two high-bay areas with loading docks that have roll up doors, a mechanical lab and a fabrication area that each have loading docks and roll up doors.

The modern design and use of eco-friendly windows is a stark contrast to the line of barracks style E-Buildings located north of the new building.

In addition, an open center courtyard offers employees a place to relax and enjoy the upcoming warm weather.

While employees have been settling into their new carpeted offices, those on the north side of E-109 also have a window view of the demolition of Building E-108.

Many can recall the Double D's (Dave Detwiler) robust voice and "Dr." Neville's (Jan) unique laugh echoing down the first floor hallway of Building E-108.



If it's Not Safe, Say So

It is generally thought that we are safe from smoke and fire damage by putting cigarette butts in a designated can or outpost. Employees on the Island learned that this is not necessarily true – the hard way.

A cigarette butt outpost located near the gazebo at Building V-24 on the Island caught fire a few weeks ago. No one was hurt, but the gazebo suffered major damage.

The base of a cigarette outpost is filled with water each time it is cleaned. If they are not cleaned regularly, cigarette butts will pile up inside and absorb all the water. As more butts are dropped in, there is no water to extinguish them, and they can catch fire.

Another fire hazard with the outposts is that they become trashcans. People try to put paper and wrappers down a tube that is only 1-1/2 to 2 inches wide, and the trash gets jammed. When a lit cigarette butt gets “extinguished” on top of the trash, it is an invitation for disaster. Don't throw trash in the cigarette butt outpost.

All employees, smokers and non-smokers, have to join together for a clean, safe work environment at Wallops Flight Facility.



Words to Live By

“Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows”.....

Robert G. Ingersoll



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Mild Winter Weather Continues by Ted Wilz., Senior Meteorologist

The mild weather trend Delmarva has been experiencing continued into February with temperatures nearly four degrees above average for the month.

There were three days in a row, (February 5, 6, and 7), when temperatures reached 70 degrees or better, setting new record highs for each day. A reading of 77 degrees on February 6 was the warmest of the three days. A record high was tied on February 13 when the temperature rose to 64 degrees.

Although no new record lows were set, temperatures in between these warm spells felt more like winter. There were three days when it did not get warmer than 34 degrees. The temperature dipped to 17 degrees on the morning of February 11, the coldest day of the month.

February was a wet month with measurable rainfall on nine days, totaling 3.34 inches, slightly above our average of 3.02 inches.

There also were two minor snowfalls during the month. On February 14, we had a dusting of a little over a half inch and another 1.5 inches was recorded on February 20. This was slightly below our normal February snowfall of 2.96 inches.

January was a windy month, but February proved to be even windier. We had 13 days with 30 mph or greater winds and five days with 40 mph or greater winds. The strongest wind of the month occurred on February 18 when winds reached 46 mph.



What type of weather should we expect with spring arriving in earnest during April?

At the beginning of the month high temperatures start out around 60 degrees, warming to around 66 degrees by the end of the month. Low temperatures start out around 40 degrees and are in the upper 40's as May approaches.

The warmest April temperature recorded at Wallops was a 93 degree reading on April 26, 1990. The record low for the month occurred on April 1, 1969 when we hit a brisk 24 degrees.

We usually have 10 days with measurable precipitation during April totaling 2.84 inches.

Very rarely do we see snow. Last year's 3.5 inches of snow in early April was the first measurable April snow in the 45 years that records have been kept at Wallops.

Wallops Aerobics Club News

The winners in the Diet Incentive Program Contest for February are Rebecca Powell and Anthony Bream. They split the \$75. pot. Congratulations to both of you and everyone who participated – keep the pounds coming off!

Membership dues for the Wallops Aerobics Club are due. The cost is \$12 .00 for one year, April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009. WAC membership offers reduced class prices, options to pay per class or by the month, club event participation and voting rights.

Visit the web site for additional information and current class schedules: <http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/WAC/>

Nominations are currently being accepted for officers in the Aerobics Committee. If you would like to become part of the Wallops Aerobics Committee contact Virginia Johnston at x1551. Voting will take place in April.

eOPF Roadshow

March 12

1 – 2 p.m.

Project Support Building Auditorium

The electronic official personal folder (e-OPF) is an online version of the Official Personnel Folder (OPF), documenting your Federal employment history.

Nicole Reed, the eOPF Project Lead, will provide an overview of the system, its functionality, and how it impacts and benefits each of us. Contents of the OPF are governed by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Guide to Personnel Recordkeeping. Although we have often filed documents in the OPF not listed in the Guide, increased government standardization driven by eOPF requires that we only retain OPM-mandated personnel documents. Those documents will be distributed to employees at the roadshow.

For further information contact Reed at x66-2001.

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