Wallops Boat Basin Ready for Oversized Loads

Wallops Boat Basin, located next to the NASA Visitor Center Complex, is ready for heavy duty action. Construction of two barge docks and other related improvements took place over a six-month period from June through November 2008.

The barge docks will be used to transport oversized test articles, payloads, and hardware from the Wallops Main Base by water down the coast to Wallops Island rather than by road. This is important as there are approximately 295 overhead cables that cross the roadway from the Main Base to the Island. The total cost for the project was approximately $1.3M.

The project manager was Paul Bull, NASA Wallops Facilities Management Branch. The inspector was Tim Mulcahy, Computer Sciences Corporation. The project were designed by Transystems and constructed by VT Griffin and Waterfront Marine.

Photos by Rebecca Powell and Peter Turlington

The barge is maneuvered down the coast to Wallops Island where it is unloaded at the Island docking facility.
TRICE Missions Meet Minimum Success  
Black Brant XII  40.018 and 40.022 UE  
Dec 10, 2007 from Andoya Rocket Range, Norway  
Craig Kletzing, University of Iowa

Although both missions experienced subsystem failures each achieved minimum success. The overall mission also achieved minimum success. This is particularly true because both rockets were launched within two minutes of each other and gathered simultaneous measurements of the Earth’s cusp region.

We thank the NASA Wallops Flight Facility for successfully carrying out this challenging mission and for gathering this unprecedented, dual rocket data set.

March is Irish American Heritage Month

St. Patrick’s Day Party  
Tuesday, March 17  
5 p.m. at the Rocket Club  
Tip-toe through the clover and be Irish for awhile.

Green beer and free food

Sponsored by the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association, Morale Activities Committee.

St. Patty’s Day Pong Tournament  
Tuesday, March 17  
Rocket Club, Bldg. F-3  
Sign-ups  4:30 - 5:15 p.m.  
Games begin at 5:30 p.m.

$3 per person. Teams must have two people. Games will be tournament style. Contact Sarah at x2283 or Katie at X2107. Sponsored by the Wallops Young Professionals.

“A good manners will open doors that the best education cannot,”  
..............................Clarence Thomas

Wallops Shorts……..

Aircraft Office  
NASA’s P3-B aircraft and science team returned to Wallops March 6 after a successful High Winds mission to Goose Bay, Canada. The next mission, Arctic Ice Bridge, will provide remote sensing data in specified locations over Greenland and the Arctic Region to capture changes in the ice-sheet, glaciers and sea ice. This mission is from March 30 to May 7.

Sounding Rockets  
Wallops personnel are at Poker Flat Research Range, Alaska, to support the launch of a Black Brant XII. The launch window will close March 30.

Balloons  
The Balloon Program Office’s super-pressure balloon has been selected as one of the NASA March Madness missions. All employees are encouraged to participate in the voting for this Wallops project to move to the next bracket that starts on March 19. The website link for the brackets and voting is: http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/missionmadness/bracket.html

Academic Achievement Awards Presented  
The Wallops Black History Club presented Academic Achievement Awards to three local students during the annual banquet held on February 21.

Awards were presented to:

Tynette Colmon, a student at Arcadia High School in Oak Hall, Va;
Marquis Smith, a student at Nandua High School in Onley, Va; and
Christian Billie, a student at Holly Grove Christian School in Westover, Md.

Two of the students will be pursuing careers in computer science and one in biomedical engineering.

Spring Cleaning  
The NASA Visitor Center has a collection of books/publications that are available to anyone interested.

Some of those available include:

From Runway to Orbit
History of Spacecraft
Realizing the Dream of Flight
Rockets and People
The Birth of NASA

If you would like one of these books or would like to check out the collection, contact Deanna at the Visitor Center, x1148 or Deanna.L.Hickman@nasa.gov

New Dry Cleaning Pick-Up and Drop-Off Schedule  
The dry cleaner’s pick-up/drop-off schedule has been reduced to once a week.

Items dropped off at the Exchange Store, Bldg. E-2, by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday can be picked up the following Tuesday. There will no longer be any Friday service.

Should you have any questions call Karen Shannon at x2020 or Karen Thornes at x2040.

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