Wallops Employees Support Several Activities

Wallops employees have been busy supporting several events taking place on the Main Base and in the community.

These photos capture some of the special events that have occurred recently.

Photo by Betty Flowers

NSROC co-op and Penn State student, Nate Empson, helps Cari Parks, Chincoteague Combined School student, prepare her rocket for launch as part of the Inspire the Next Generation Day events.

Pat Dworske, (left), and Terry Ewell took home first and second place respectively in the recent Wallops Toastmaster’s Table Topics Contest.

Carolyn Turner, Wallops Environmental Office, received a visit from the Easter Bunny at the annual Wallops Easter Egg Hunt.

Tony Baldwin, kneeling, of the Wallops Systems Software Engineering Branch, helps (left to right) Jarad Godwin, Christopher Kotsifakis and Dulaney Taylor with robotics during the Inspire the Next Generation Day.

NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) co-op students from Penn State University participated in a Career Fair at Nandua Middle School, Onley, Va. From left to right, Kenny Kwok, Fred Upchurch, Kris Greeners, Nate Empson, and Nick Wroblewski.
Farewell to Winter?

We should experience very pleasant temperatures starting off in the mid to upper 60's for highs and the upper 40's for overnight lows. By the end of May, we usually see highs in the mid 70's and lows warming to the upper 50's to around 60.

Rain showers can be frequent in May, with measurable rain usually falling on 10 days during the month for a total of 3.13 inches. The coastal sea breeze usually increases during May and helps keep us more pleasant than some inland locations where the temperatures can get quite warm.

The warmest day on record during May occurred with the absence of a sea breeze on May 31, 1991, when the temperature reached a sweltering 97 degrees. Precipitation can vary greatly during May from the driest month on record with .27 inches of rain in 1965 to the wettest May on record in 1972, when we had 7.81 inches of rain.

Be prepared, late spring can bring an increase in the potential for thunderstorms.

by Ted Wilz, Senior Meteorologist

Easter Egg Hunt

NASA’s annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association’s, Morale Activities Committee was held March 31. This year the weather was perfect, with warm sunshine and a cool breeze. While waiting for everyone to arrive, our volunteers kept the little egg seekers entertained by playing games and doing crafts.

Excitement filled the air as approximately 100 kids scattered to find the colorful eggs hidden on the lawn behind the Cropper Center.

Thanks to all the volunteers, especially those that helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a great success again this year — Claudia Underwood, Carolyn Turner, Susan Dunn, Joe Mitchell, Tiffany Moisan, Donna Hughes, Regina and Herbie Haugh.

Career Fair

The NSROC co-op students prepared slide presentations of each of the areas they work in and spoke for three minutes Nandua Middle School’s Career Day. Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade took part in the event.

The 9 foot 4 inch model rocket with deployable booms was used to demonstrate the attitude control system. Spin motors, fins, and other hardware was set up on a display table providing students an opportunity to see parts that had been launched and recovered.

Nick Wroblewski served as team lead for this project, and all the co-ops participated.

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 11, 2007 Building F-3 (Rocket Club) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment: Go to www.givelife.org Code for donors is Wallops

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