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2008 Wallops Awards Ceremony

Rob Strain, Director of Goddard Space Flight Center, and other guests from Greenbelt attended the annual awards ceremony held on December 12. John Campbell, Director of Wallops, highlighted the accomplishments of several Wallops organizations in a slide presentation on the year-end review with a look to our future.

Employees that received NASA and Goddard Honor Awards earlier in 2008 were recognized. In addition to the WEMA Volunteer of the Year Award, Safety and Krieger Awards, Years of Service Awards were presented to the following:

25 Years of Service

Betty Flowers
Pat Dworske
Joel Mitchell
Steve Currier
Gary Robinson
Robert Ray
Phil Ward
Phil Eberspeaker
Judy Vucovich
Sharon Truitt
James Veney

30 Years of Service

A. J. Kellam
Bill Phillips
Greg Waters
Ted Miles
Bruce Smith
Con Duer
Henry Hart
Prasad Hanagud
Susan Semancik
Brenda Harrie

40 Years of Service

John Gerlach

35 Years of Service

Freda Johnson
Vernon Bailey
Audrey Young
Mike Bundick
Carol Barrineau
Larry Duffy



WEMA Volunteer of the Year Award

Presented to:
Johnny Conquest

Safety Award

The Wallops Flight Facility Safety Award recognizes an individual and group who have contributed significantly to mission or workplace safety at Wallops.

Presented to:
Individual — Wayne Redmond
Group- Wallops Safety Toxics and Distance Focused Overpressure Team

Krieger Award

Robert L. Krieger was a guiding force in the formation of NASA's Wallops Flight facility. He was recognized as a world leader in aerospace research and as a major contributor in the aerospace based economic and educational development of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland. Dr. Krieger assumed leadership of Wallops in 1948 and retired as Center Director in 1981. He led and fostered a can-do environment for the execution of missions, science, engineering, operations and outreach at Wallops. We are proud of this can-do culture that continues at Wallops today.

The Robert L. Krieger Award is presented annually to an individual and a group who best represent the Wallops culture.

Presented to:
Individual- John Dickerson
Group- RADAC Team

"Congratulations Wallops on another great year!"

Caught Doing Something Green

Glenn Finney and Harold Farrington, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) employees, recently received acknowledgement from Joe Mitchell, NASA Wallops Environmental Office, for their efforts on two different projects that helps prevent pollution at Wallops.



(l-r), Joe Mitchell, Harold Farrington, and Glenn Finney with a new Compact Coolant Reconditioning System that is being used to extend the service life of coolant used in metal machining. This will significantly reduce the amount of waste coolant requiring disposal.



Photos by Marianne Simko

Glenn Finney and Harold Farrington with a secondary containment they built to prevent the release of residual coolant from scrap metal. This best management practice prevents releases from reaching surrounding streams or becoming a worker safety hazard.

Did you know...

The Wallops Aerobics Club wants your comments. Send suggestions to Linda Wiles, club president: Linda.M.Wiles@nasa.gov



"no man is a failure who is enjoying life" ...
William Feather

Wallops shorts.....

Gabe Garde, NASA Balloon Program Office, has been named the Program Missions and Operations Manager. Garde brings with him several years experience working in the NASA Balloon Program. Of his many and varied roles in serving the program, not the least of which has been his support as field engineer for the Ultra-Long Duration Balloon (ULDB)/Super-Pressure balloon development project, thermal analyst, developer of the program's use of photogrammetry for structures analyses, and as analyst and planner in support of test flights.

News from Antarctica

The New Zealand Minister of Defense was given a tour of the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility (CSBF) in Antarctic on December 9 at the request of the New Zealand Antarctic Program Manager. The Minister discussed the science objectives for the instruments with each of the principal investigators and the CSBF campaign manager.

The ULDB/Super-Pressure Balloon Test Flight and the CREAM and ANITA long duration balloon missions are ready and awaiting favorable wind conditions to conduct the launches.

Personnel from the Wallops Balloon Program Office are scheduled to provide support for monitoring the ULDB/Super-Pressure Test Flight and are ready to depart for the CSBF, in Palestine, Texas, as soon as a launch is imminent.

Take Your House Off the Grid, Room-By-Room Wallops America Recycles Day

Lunch and Learn
Noon, January 22, 2009
Williamsburg Room

The Wallops Environmental Office and Eco-club will jointly host Spess Neblett owner of The Neptune Inn, a bed and breakfast in Onley, Va. Using cheap solar panels and homemade windmills, Neblett is taking his inn off the grid room-by-room.

Information will be available on recycling and green purchasing as part of America Recycles Day.

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