

## This Month in Airport History

The SpaceShip Company, originally a joint venture between Scaled Composites and Virgin Galactic, completed construction on the well known FAITH Hangar in September of 2011. The 68,000 square foot hangar cost \$8 million to build and was built with the intent to assemble spaceships and White Knight carriers. TSC was founded in 2005 by Burt Rutan (30%) and Richard Branson (70%), but in 2012 Virgin Galactic became the sole owner.



## Upcoming Events:

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| Board Meeting                     | 9/1  |
| Senator Fuller's Office Hours     | 9/3  |
| Board Meeting                     | 9/15 |
| Plane Crazy Saturday              | 9/19 |
| Congressman McCarthy Office Hours | 9/24 |

## National Test Pilot School Joins Mojave Aero Group



On August 18, the National Test Pilot School (NTPS) announced that they had signed a letter of intent to join the Mojave Aero Group. NTPS President & CEO, Dr. Al Peterson, said "We are very excited to have taken this major step forward for the future of the National Test Pilot School. The synergy attained by combining the business acumen and resources of the Mojave Aero Group with the technical and training expertise of NTPS creates an amazing opportunity for expanding our role and presence in Flight Test Education, Training, and Research."

The Mojave Aero Group, or MAG, is a new addition to the aerospace industry and is based right here at Mojave Air & Space Port. The Mojave Aerospace Education, Research and Operations (AERO) Group is building an international aerospace services company. They currently offer quite a few aerospace services such as test pilot and flight test engineer training and education, advanced pilot training, flight test support services, aerospace research and development, professional commercial space training, and aircraft maintenance services. Dr. Peterson stated that joining the group will not have an adverse impact on NTPS students and customers.

Bill Korner, CEO of Mojave Aero Group has said that he is "pleased and excited" to have the National Test Pilot School join MAG.

## SpaceShipTwo Tail 2 Making Progress

On Sunday, August 9 The SpaceShip Company and Virgin Galactic team's completed the next step in creating their new spaceship. They were able to successfully attach SpaceShip Two to its carrier aircraft, White Knight 2. While this, of course, does not meet construction is completed, we are thrilled to see the continued progress being made by our tenants here at the airport.



Photo by Virgin Galactic

*Imagination Flies Here!*

## Aviation Photo of the Month



### **XCOR EZ Rocket**

If you would like to see your photo featured in the MASP Newsletter, please e-mail it to [info@mojaveairport.com](mailto:info@mojaveairport.com).

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## Condolences to BAE

On August 17, 2015 BAE suffered a tragic loss. We extend our deepest condolences to BAE on the loss of three of their dedicated employees and a long-term contractor, as well as to the loved ones of the five individuals who perished in the accident.

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*You haven't seen a tree until you've seen its shadow from the sky.—Amelia Earhart*

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## Aerospace Games



### **19 companies competed in the games**

On Saturday, August 15, Scaled Composites, Virgin Galactic and The SpaceShip Company joined 15 other aerospace companies at Dockweiler Beach to participate in some friendly competition that was, for once, not at all aviation related. This was the 13th annual Aerospace Games.

The Aerospace Games is a friendly summer competition for Los Angeles based aerospace companies. Competitors include Northrop Grumman, Space X,

Raytheon, NASA, Boeing and more. The competition includes a variety of games and activities including a watermelon eating contest, tug-o-war, volleyball, dodgeball, balloon toss, and ultimate Frisbee. Though the three Mojave teams were substantially smaller than most other teams, we are certainly excited to have Mojave Air & Space Port so well represented!



**Scaled Composites got 5th place in the Tug-O-War contest and 10th place overall. Pictured above, Luke, Nathan, and Mat.**

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