

MASPS Newsletter

This month in history:

On June 17, 2004, Mojave Air & Space Port became the only private airport in the United States with a commercial spaceflight license after receiving official licensing by the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST). A launch site operator license was granted to the Mojave Airport on June 17.



Upcoming Events

Senator Fuller's Office Hours	6/2
Board Meeting	6/7
Blood Drive	6/8
Plane Crazy Saturday	6/18
Board Meeting	6/21
Congressman McCarthy Office Hours	6/23

Airport Updates



Over the past few months there have been many changes in the Mojave Air & Space Port administration offices. We have had the privilege to welcome three new employees. Jason Buck as the Director of Technology, Major John Himes, USAF (ret) as the Director of Operations, and Chris Spandorf as Security Chief. Our maintenance department did an excellent job rearranging a few of the offices for our incoming staff members. You can visit our website at www.mojaveairport.com to learn more about the newest additions to our leadership team. We also said goodbye to former Security Chief, Mike Sterbins, who has retired after 12 years with us.

Congratulations to the four Mojave Air & Space Port employees who welcomed new babies over the past few months!

Masten Space Systems is currently accepting applications for their Fall 2016 internship. Resumes and applications are due by June 30. For more information please visit masten.aero/careers/intern.

FRI To Add Flight Attendant/Crew URRT

On May 12, Bill Korner, Chairman and CEO of Flight Research announced that FRI's newest training program will be the Flight Attendant/Flight Technical URRT Training Course. This training program will provide hands on, real flight upset training for flight

crew members. Korner stated "Flight attendants are the first responders in an in-flight emergency. The majority of incidents and accidents are due to upset or unusual attitude while in flight." This type of training will increase passenger safety by reducing startle effect,

increasing knowledge of aircraft capabilities, providing awareness of physiological changes and learning how to counter such changes, and much more. Visit www.flightresearch.com for more information.

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"Man must fly above the Earth to the top of the atmosphere & beyond, for only then will he fully understand the world in which he lives."

-Socrates

VSS Unity Progressing



Photo by Jack Brockway

On February 19, 2016 Virgin Galactic introduced the new SpaceShip Two to the world. Professor Stephen Hawking named it VSS Unity and said "We are entering a new space age, and I hope this will help to create a new unity." Since the rollout in February, the space ship has begun a

series of tests called Integrated Vehicle Ground Testing. This includes testing the environmental controls within the cabin, the electrical systems, the rudders and elevons, the landing gear, the feather system, the reaction control system, and more. Not only does VSS Unity undergo a rigorous testing regime, but the pilots spend a lot of time training and practicing. While they are able to do some training in the vehicle itself, for now they must use simulators and airplanes in order to practice flight maneuvers. Most recently they used a T-2B Buckeye to work on high G training, spin recovery training, and simulating pattern approaches. We look forward to watching continued progression of the VSS Unity.

Photo of the Month



National Test Pilot School is celebrating 35 years in 2016!
Painting by Mike Machat

Blood Drive

Olympic Donors Wanted

Mojave Air and Spaceport Blood Drive

Voyager Cafe
Wednesday, June 8
8:30 am - 10:50 am
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