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Galileo prepares for return visit to Earth on way to Jupiter

December 8 flyby will bring Galileo within 200 miles of Earth

By Arle Moller
Space Technology Reporter

Two years ago Galileo flew by Earth. Next month it will return. The second Earth flyby will be Galileo's last planetary encounter until it reaches Jupiter in late 1995.

Galileo was launched on October 18, 1989 aboard STS-34 (Atlantis). Its primary mission is to explore the gas giant Jupiter. The original trajectory was a direct flight that would have placed Galileo in Jupiter orbit in two and a half years. Due to fuel and data considerations, the direct flight was scrapped in favor of a longer duration VEEGA trajectory. VEEGA stands for Venus-Earth-Earth-Gravity-Assist. Basically, Galileo picks up momentum by

swinging past Earth and Venus in a widening orbit. Due to its trajectory, Galileo will have the opportunity to send back data concerning the Moon, our sister planet Venus, and several Jovian satellites. In addition, Galileo will relay information about two asteroids, Ida, and Gaspra. Galileo's first Moon encounter occurred on December 8, 1990.

The Venus flyby was on February 9 and 10, 1990. Galileo checked for lightning activity in the clouds of Venus.

Next stop was the asteroid Gaspra. Gaspra spans a diameter of 16 km (10 miles) and is on the inner radius of the asteroid belt. The probe arrived on October 28, 1991. Galileo passed within 1,000 km (620 miles) of Gaspra at a relative velocity of 5

miles per second. This is closer than any other spacecraft before.

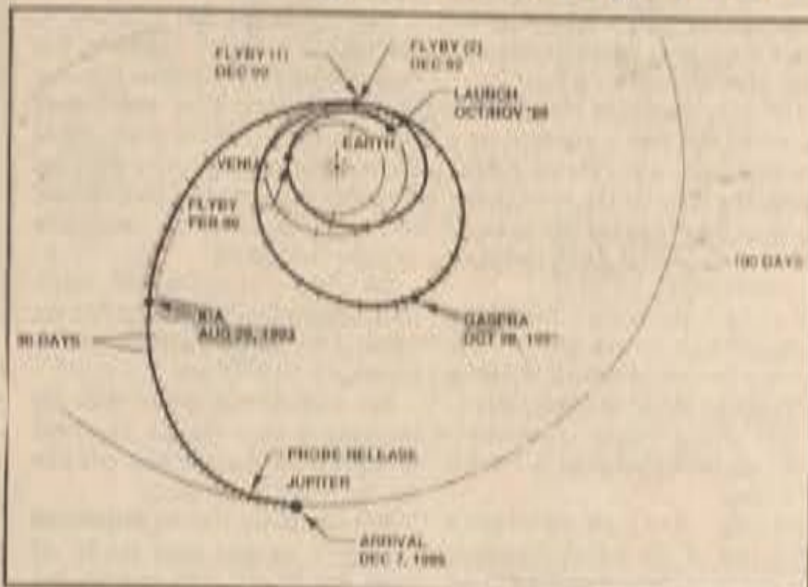
After Galileo's Gaspra flyby, it has proceeded to its second rendezvous with Earth. Galileo will photo survey both the Moon and Earth. Because of Galileo's unique angle of flight over the Moon, it will be able to photograph the northern polar region of the Moon. These photographs could prove the existence of water trapped in the polar Moon caps. Galileo will also map the far side of the Moon using infrared instruments. This is the first time that infrared mapping of the far side has occurred. In addition, Galileo will analyze the geocorona spectrum, and the magnetic tail emanating from the Sun.

Galileo's second asteroid encounter will be on August 28,

1993. Ida spans a diameter of 32 km (20 miles) and resides on the outer radius of the asteroid belt. Galileo will approach at a relative speed of 8 miles per second and will pass within 1,000 km (620 miles) of Ida.

To, one of Jupiter's moons, is Galileo's final encounter before its primary mission. It will be used as a "gravity brake" to slow the probe for orbit around Jupiter. Galileo is scheduled to arrive at Jupiter on December 7, 1995.

As Galileo orbits Jupiter, it will also study the Jovian moons. During its pass through the Jovian atmosphere at an altitude of 200,000 km (125,000 miles), Galileo will measure temperature, dust concentrations, high and low energy particle counts, and plasma waves caused by Jupiter's violent lightning storms.



The December 8 gravity assist will increase Galileo's speed to 94,760 mph, relative to the sun.

VAB roof to be repaired by Orlando firm

By Ronald Hess
Business Manager

International Steel Incorporated, from Orlando, Florida, has been awarded a \$6.6 million contract to upgrade the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) at Kennedy Space Center. These changes involve mod-

ifying High Bays one and three, and providing additional clearance height to the facility's north transfer aisle door.

Other alterations include adding girder reinforcements to support new overhead cranes and building an interior platform to provide access to and catch debris falling from the roof of the building.

Under the fixed price contract, the work will be performed in several phases scheduled over the next four years. The modifications will be staged during designated time periods to prevent conflicts and interference with space shuttle hardware processing.

The High Bay work involves upgrading the integrated workstands

which are currently used to assemble the four-segment Redesignated Solid Rocket Motors (RSRM). The changes to the existing equipment will allow processing of the space shuttle Advanced Solid Rocket Motors (ASRM).

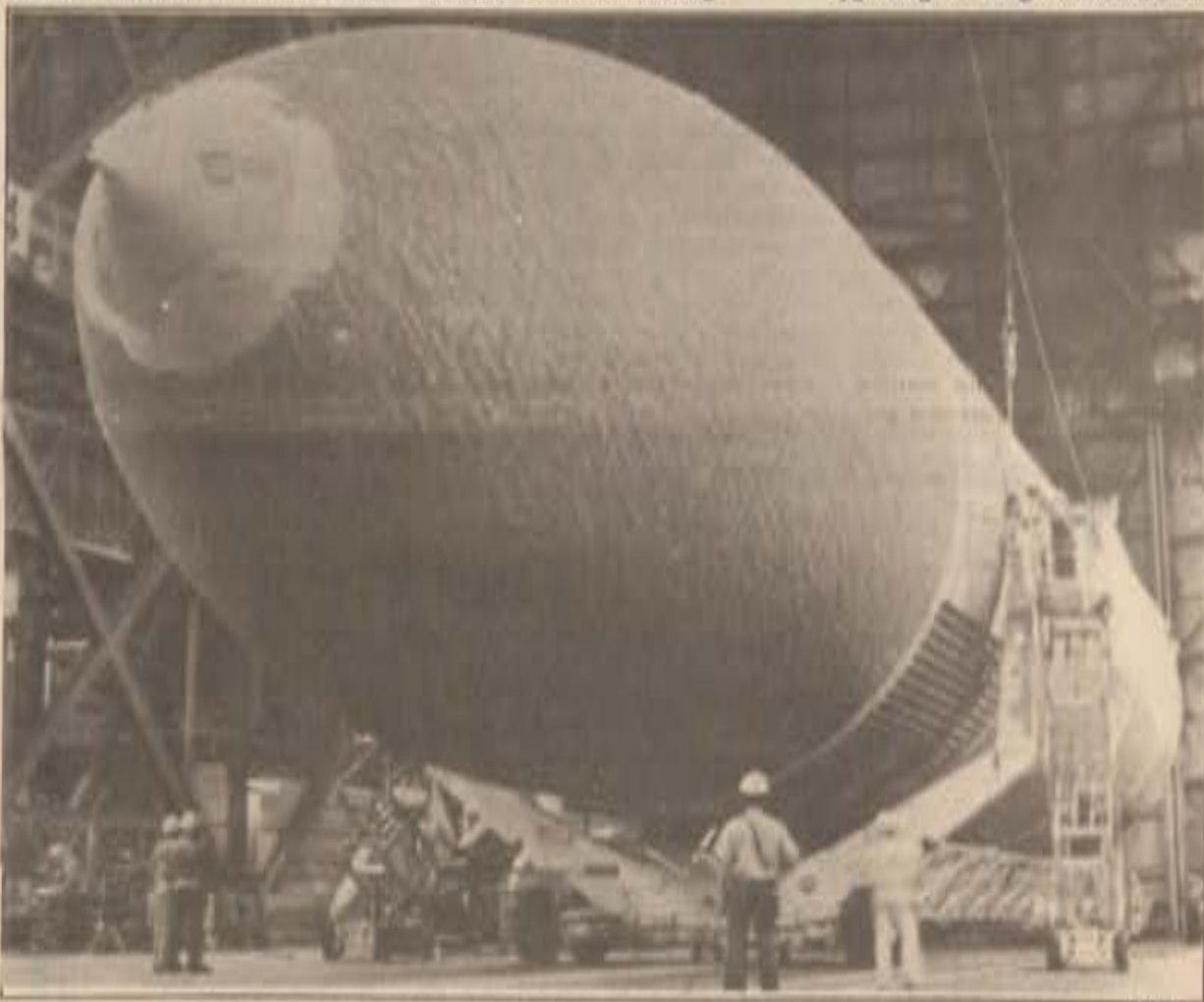
The newer ASRM incorporates an improved three-segment design. The field joints are at different heights, which requires the addition of access platforms at the 80- and 124-foot levels of the 183-foot-high workstands.

The existing three VAB high bay platforms used to access the solid rocket boosters have a total of eight levels that nearly surround the cylindrical boosters. These levels will remain in place so that work on the current RSRM booster can continue.

The ASRMs will have a radius that is two inches wider than the RSRMs. Two inches will have to be removed from the inside platform edges at each level to allow clearance for the new rocket boosters.

The north door to the VAB transfer aisle is high enough to allow the passage of RSRM segments. A smaller overhead door increases clearance so that the orbiter's tail section can pass through. Under this contract, the overhead door will be adjusted to provide a 65-foot clearance into the building. This modification will provide sufficient clearance for the ASRM aft segment to be transported into the building.

Two new 325-ton overhead cranes will be added to the VAB superstructure to lift the heavier ASRM segments into the VAB high bays. International Steel will provide the reinforcement to the overhead VAB superstructure to support the new cranes.



The Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) is the heart of Launch Complex 39. This photograph shows an external tank on a trailer before being lifted into an upright position and mated to the solid rocket boosters in one of the VAB high bays.

Friendship rocket from Russia headed to U.S.

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's first privately funded rocket blasted into space to promote friendship and attract business, carrying a payload of religious icons, peace messages, a stuffed toy dog and ads for Russian goods.

The three-stage Soyuz rocket was launched Sunday from the once-secret Plesetsk space center near the northern Russian port of Arkhangelsk, ITAR-Tass reported.

Mounted on the rocket is a Resurs 500 satellite and descent module, which will orbit the Earth for about five days before splashing down in international waters off the Washington coast.

The Russian navy's Marshal Krylov, an oceanographic research vessel designed to track and recover space capsules, will ferry the descent module to Seattle on November 24.

Seattle officials have organized receptions, art shows, dance performances and a rare public tour of the Marshal Krylov to mark the event.

The descent capsule will later be displayed at the Seattle Museum of Flight.

The space mission, dubbed "Space Flight Europe-America 500," was conceived to promote Russia's new entrepreneurs and the use of technology once reserved for the Soviet military, organizers said.

It also commemorates the International Year of Space and the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the Western Hemisphere.

The project was initiated by a former Soviet rocket-building company, Photon, and an independent Russian group called the Foundation for Social Innovation.

Organizers said the mission would cost about \$250 million.

But one of the launch's American promoters in Seattle said the cost estimate could be inflated in view of the project's heavy reliance on available material and equipment.

Private Russian sponsors paid for the project, making it the first non-government funded rocket in Russia. The flight "will link the ex-U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. in a celebration of a new era in global political and economic relations," said the foundation chief, Gennady Alferenko.

Col. Valery Kabanov, deputy chairman of the training and testing center at the Plesetsk space facility, said he was optimistic about the prospects for future ventures involving the military and private business.

The rocket's descent capsule includes appeals for peace from President Boris Yeltsin and former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev.

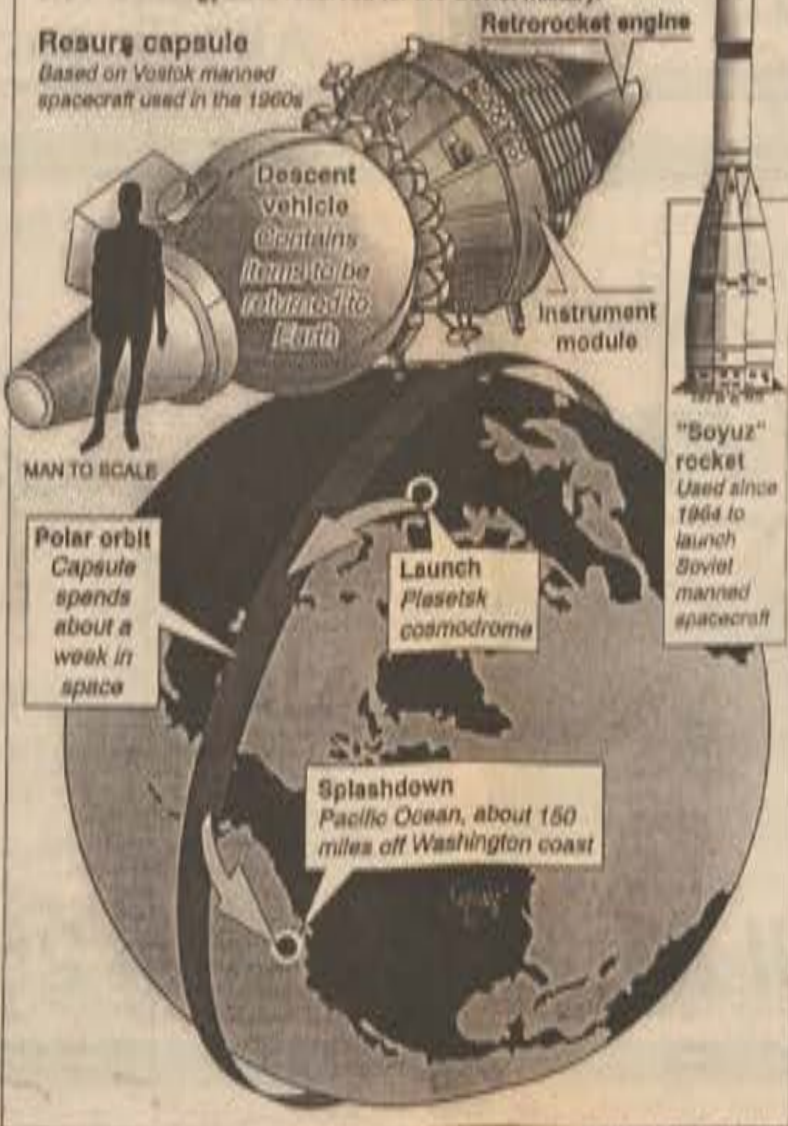
Other contents include wedding rings of a Russian couple planning to be married in Seattle; a crystal model of the Statue of Liberty; Digswell the Space Dog, a stuffed toy based on a British cartoon character; and a list of proposals to American businesses to develop joint space projects.

Russian capsule targets U.S.

A capsule carrying peace messages, toys and Russian artifacts — but no cosmonauts — will be landed near the United States. The mission is to promote the civilian and business use of technology once reserved for the Soviet military.

Resurs capsule

Based on Vostok manned spacecraft used in the 1960s



Source: Interavia Space Directory

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Lockheed speaker



Embry-Riddle Aerospace Society President Brian Marchesseault, right, is pictured with guest speaker John Williams, public affairs director at Lockheed Space Operations Company, based in Titusville.

NASA project provides resources for scientists

By Arle Moller
Space Technology Reporter

In 1984, NASA decided to provide a means for scientists and industry to have small experiments placed on shuttle flights. On January 12, 1986, Columbia and the STS-61-C crew flew the first Hitchhiker (HHG-1) into orbit. This began the Hitchhiker project. The Hitchhiker program is centered at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

There are two configurations that Hitchhiker customers can choose for their experiment. First is the canister mounted configuration. There are

two canister types, the sealed canister and the motorized door canister. The sealed canister can carry a payload up to 200 pounds. The experiment is sealed in an oxygen or nitrogen atmosphere. The motorized door canister exposes the experiment to the space environment.

The second configuration is the plate mounted configuration. The plate experiments must be less than 25 inches by 39 inches in size and weigh less than 200 pounds.

Attaching the Hitchhiker modules to the shuttle payload bay can be done in two ways. First is the side mount. The side mount is flush with

see Hitchhiker, page B4

Cosmonauts begin NASA training for shuttle flight

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Russian cosmonauts said last Tuesday that they are beginning to feel right at home as they train at NASA's Johnson Space Center for a mission aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery.

"We have been surrounded by our counterparts and felt their warmth and care, and we are very thankful for that," Vladimir Titov said through a translator. "We are certainly thrilled to participate in this mission, since this is quite a new direction for us."

Titov and Sergei Krikalev arrived in Houston last week for an intensive training program, and both met briefly with reporters at the Johnson Space Center.

One will be chosen to fly aboard Discovery on a research mission scheduled for November 1993, while the other will serve as a backup. The voyage will be the first U.S.-Russian space endeavor since 1975, when three astronauts and two cosmonauts docked their orbiting Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft.

"It is too early to say anything definite about our future life and training in the United States, but we can already say that there is something different and a lot in common," Krikalev said.

"We are very happy that the first contact during the Soyuz-Apollo mission was followed by our cooperative work now. Hopefully, the experience of cooperation we gain here would lay the foundation for

the future work between our cosmonauts and scientists, and will be followed by other endeavors," Titov said.

The cosmonauts' participation in the shuttle program is part of a cooperative agreement between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Russian Space Agency. The agreement also calls for the flight of a U.S. astronaut aboard Mir and a Mir-shuttle rendezvous.

"Certainly, this is a historic moment. It's the first opportunity to bring our two nations together to train and get ready for a space shuttle mission," said NASA astronaut Kenneth Reightler, who will pilot Discovery during next year's shuttle mission.

Titov, 45, and fellow cosmonaut Musa Manarov hold the world record for space stays. Titov remained in orbit aboard the Mir space station for 366 days in 1987-1988.

Krikalev, 34, logged a 312-day space flight aboard Mir from May 1991 to March 1992 and caught international attention when he was in orbit while the former Soviet Union dissolved. He also has made a 151-day flight.

After three months of intensive training to get the cosmonauts familiar with the shuttle, the pair will begin mission-specific training with the rest of the shuttle crew.

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More 747s found to have damaged engine bolts

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—Swissair said it canceled two flights to the United States on Friday because it found a damaged engine-mount bolt on a Boeing 747.

The airline said it immediately ordered a retest of its five 747s.

The order came just five weeks after the planes passed a Boeing recommended check following the Oct. 4 crash of an Israeli El Al cargo plane at Amsterdam.

The part wasn't on that Boeing checklist, nor was it covered by a recommendation for closer checks issued Thursday by the manufacturer, said Christopher Villiers of Boeing Commercial Airplane Group in Everett, Wash.

Swissair mechanics found the damaged bolt in a diagonal strut during a periodic overhaul of one of the jetliners, airline officials said.

Villiers said Boeing investigators would try to get the bolt to Seattle for testing.

Boeing had recommended inspection of the 4-inch-long fuse pins that help connect engines to the wings of 747-100s, -200s and -300s.

A Swissair statement said the

airline's experts had carried out the first inspections of the engine fuse pins of its Boeing 747 fleet without finding any flaws.

On Thursday, Boeing recommended a closer check for cracks and corrosion in the fuse pins that secure engines to wings on most of its 747 jetliners.

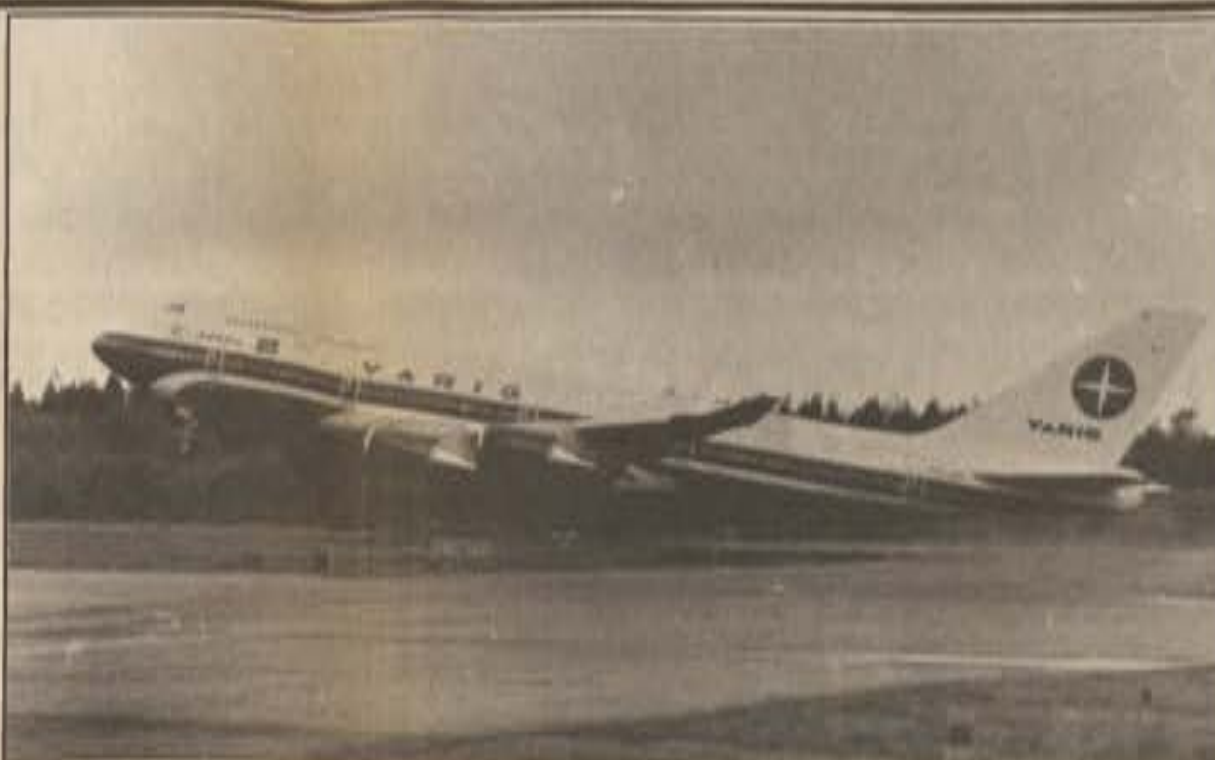
Swissair said it will complete its inspection Saturday morning, but canceled its Friday flights between Zurich and New York and Zurich and Chicago so that the planes could be tested. The connecting pins are mounted in a diamond pattern with two at the center of the spar, one forward and one aft.

So far, attention has been focused on the center pin, but the damage found by Swissair was in the aft pin, Villiers said.

He added that there was no indication that the El Al crash resulted from damage to a pin like the one found by Swissair.

Boeing called for the inspection of engine mounts after the El Al plane lost its two right engines and crashed.

At last, 43 people were killed



A Boeing 747 is shown here taking off from Boeing Field. According to officials, the company has urged further inspections as a precautionary measure. The center connecting fuse pins on the engine mounts are suspect, and may have failed causing the crash of two cargo aircraft.

when the plane crashed into a crowded apartment building in suburban Amsterdam.

Investigators found signs of metal fatigue and corrosion in several of

the plane's fuse pins.

A similar China Airlines cargo plane crashed last December after it lost its two right engines soon after takeoff from Taiwan. Five crew

members were killed in that crash.

Boeing vice president Jim Johnson said Thursday that the company had urged further inspections as a precautionary measure.

MD 520N celebrates one-year anniversary

By Denis G. Bliscobing

Aeronautics Reporter

The McDonnell Douglas MD 520N helicopter just celebrated its one-year anniversary.

The NOTAR design has established itself as a safe, quiet addition to the McDonnell Douglas fleet.

There are more than 30 MD 520Ns in service throughout the world, and many of their life-limited parts are receiving extensions due to their proven reliability.

These extensions are to be officially recognized by the FAA within a few months.

At this point, the NOTAR system has been subjected to the equivalent of 30,000 hours of ground fatigue testing.

This qualifies the hub, fan assembly and mechanical pitch change controls for a 7,500 hour time between overhaul (TBO).

The horizontal stabilizer has qualified for a 10,000 hour limit, and the anti-torque assemblies in the tail have a 5,000 hour TBO.

Currently, the McDonnell Douglas helicopter division has 100 orders for the MD 520N.

McDonnell Douglas also announced plans to produce an eight-place, twin-turbine NOTAR helicopter, the MD Explorer.

Plans for the Explorer, which is planned to have its first flight late in the year, include a new advanced airfoil main rotor.

This airfoil, coupled with a special tip design, will complement the NOTAR's low noise characteristics.

It is predicted to meet stage 2 noise limits by a margin greater than any other existing helicopter.

McDonnell Douglas already has over 250 interested buyers for the Explorer.

The anniversary was celebrated quietly, like how the project has progressed so far.

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Air Canada reduces rates

MIAMI (AP)—Air Canada tried to entice travelers to fly earlier than usual this winter with discount fares through the holidays between its base and Florida. Delta Air Lines also joined in the cuts.

Canadian snowbirds often spend several weeks or even months in Florida to get a break from the northern chill, sucking airlines with empty northbound seats until late winter.

Air Canada is adding flights, putting larger aircraft in service on weekends and discounting flights that begin from Dec. 15 to Jan. 27 and end within 30 days.

"It's a good way for us to provide the capacity to serve the Canadian market going to South Florida and reduce the cost of flying empty seats northbound," U.S. passenger sales manager Marc Rosenberg said Tuesday. "A certain percent of the market will respond to a fare initiative."

The discounts cover scheduled flights linking Miami and Tampa with Montreal and Toronto plus charter flights to Canada from Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Orlando and West Palm Beach.

For example, the airline is offering fares of \$189 between Miami and Toronto and \$179 between Tampa and Toronto on 14-day advance purchases from Dec. 15 to 27. The fares would be \$177 and \$169, respectively, from Dec. 31 to Jan. 27.

Current advance fares run \$229 for the Miami trip and \$249 for Tampa.

Compared to higher economy fares without advance purchase, the prices are as much as 70 percent off, the airline said.

The Montreal-based carrier's biggest competitors on the routes are Canada's other major airline, Canadian Airlines International, and Delta.



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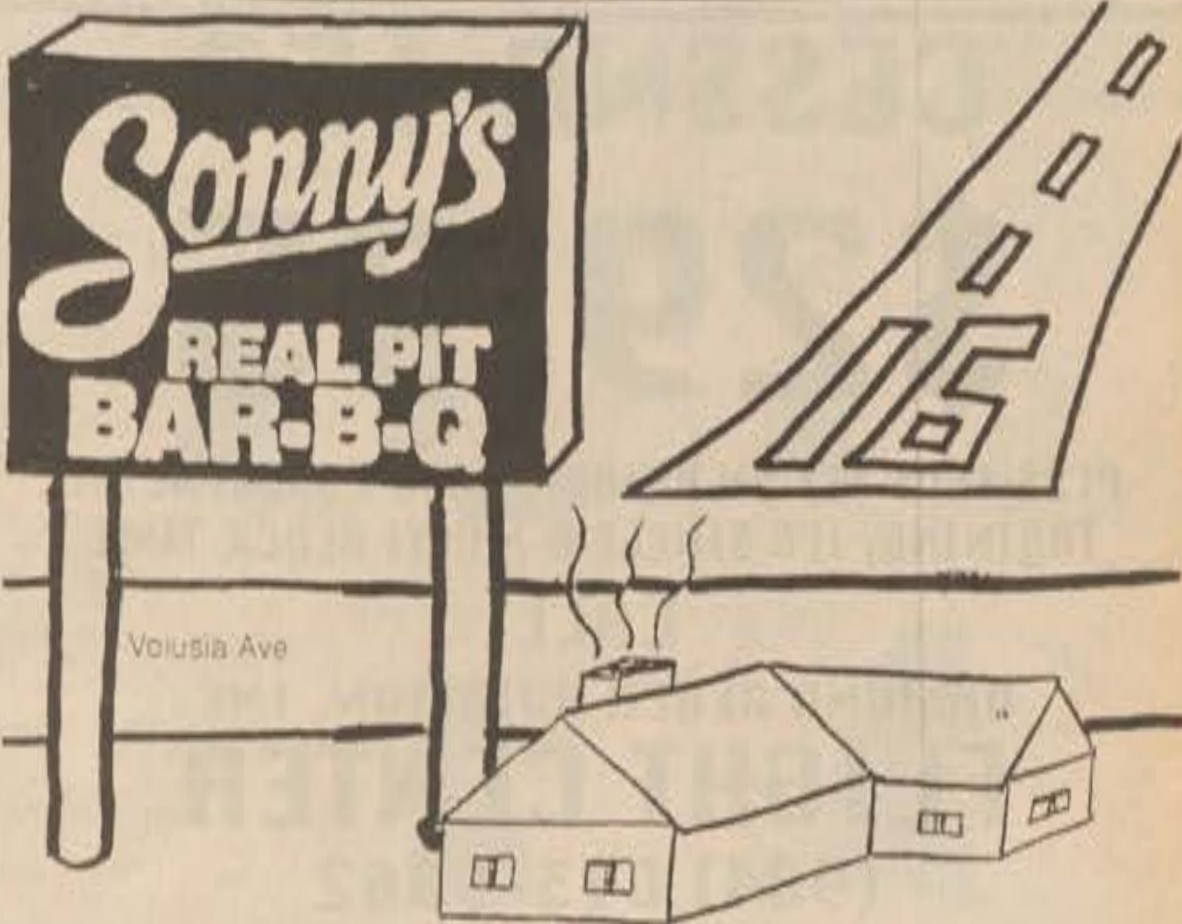
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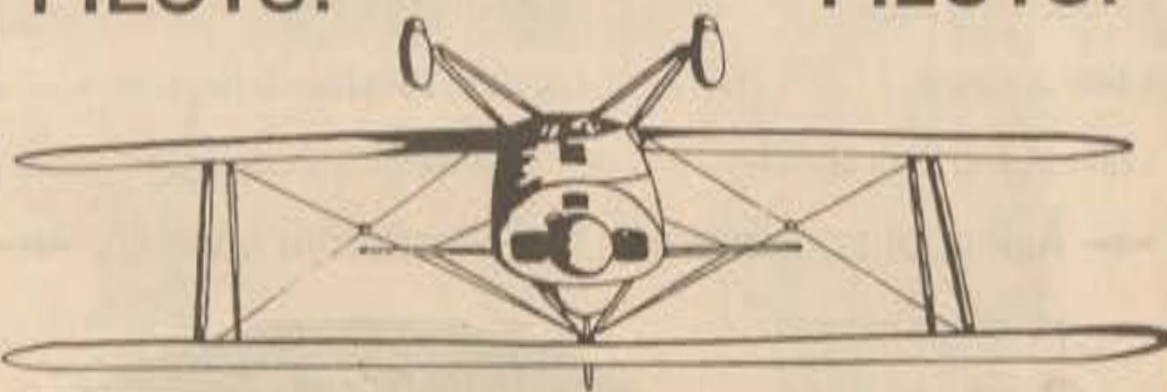
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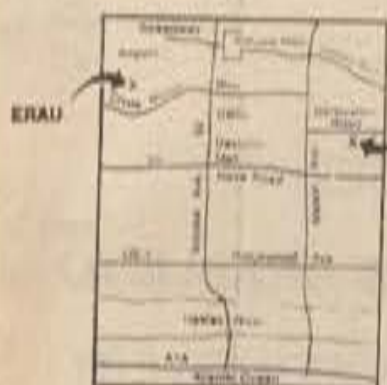
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VAB

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The final modification to the VAB will be the addition of a 245,000-square-foot steel access platform to the roof of the VAB. The platform will be suspended six and one-half feet below the interior high bay roof. The platform is designed to catch small pieces of concrete that periodically fall from the roof's support structure. At the present time, webbed nets are in place to protect workers and shuttle

hardware from the falling debris. The new platform will also provide access for workers as they repair the roof of the 27 year old structure.

The ASRM-related modifications will make up \$2.7 million of the awarded contract. The remaining \$3.9 million will cover the roof platform installation. Work on High Bay three will begin in March 1993, and will last 137 days. High Bay one modifications will begin in October 1993, with completion required in 130 days. Adjustment to the small overhead door will begin in

December 1994. Reinforcement to the VAB superstructure and the addition of the access platform will begin in March 1993.

High Bays one and three are used for integration and stacking of the complete space shuttle vehicle. High Bay two is used for external tank checkout and storage and as a contingency storage area for orbiters. High Bay four also is used for external tank checkout and storage, as well as for payload canister operations and solid rocket booster contingency handling.

Hitchhiker

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the shuttle bays walls. The typical mount area is on the forward starboard side. Up to three experiments can be mounted on a single beam.

Cross-bay mounting consists of mounting beams that span the bay width wise. Up to 11 canisters can be attached to the cross beam.

Once in orbit, customers can control their experiments in real-time through a computer link with the

Goddard Space Flight Center. Goddard then transmits the commands to an avionics unit on the shuttle that controls and provides power to the Hitchhikers.

There are 12 Hitchhikers scheduled to fly between 1992 and 1995.

Happy Thanksgiving
THE AVION

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Waterson



Far Side

by Gary Larson



Outland

by Berkeley Breathed



Dave

by David Miller



Ninety-Nines

By Jennifer Warren
Member

Well ladies, this semester is really turning out to be fun and successful for the Ninety-Nines!

Many thanks to Teresa and her parents for the trip to McDill AFB. (awards will be issued later for the trampoline event and shower marathon.) Next time you fly over Spruce Creek Airport, orient yourself with the new compass rose!

Congratulations to the members of the flight team for bringing home a regional championship! Great job guys!

Some of our chapter Ninety-Nines

FPWA

By Michele McNitt
Vice President

I want to thank everyone for volunteering to help out with the concessions for the Homecoming concert. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the concessions were canceled.

The French Connection acrobatic/airshow team was a guest speaker on Tuesday November 10th. They spoke on how they got their start in aerobatics, and about their flight school, Muddy Aviation, located at Flagler Airport. They showed an exciting tape of their airshow act. I want to thank everyone for coming, both members and nonmembers.

The semester is almost over, we have 2 meetings left, the 24th of November, and the 1st of December. A shopping trip to the Bells Outlet

ΣΧ

By Brian Kliday
Member

Whew! what a weekend! With the brother's reception, the Fall Formal (?), and the second review session, it's a wonder any of us are still standing. No Dave, I didn't put the Clinton sticker on your car!

Congratulations to our newly elected spring officers.

To pledges, no it's not over, it is

AHP

By Jason Piper
Member

Once again I have managed to slide an article into the Avion. One of these days they're going to get sick of me and throw me off the staff, but until then I'll keep slipping articles in after the deadline.

I finally broke down last Thursday and went to Cheers. I said I was never going to go, but found myself on stage with Garvin singing "Margaritaville" only moments after getting there. If anyone is wondering what the hell I'm talking about it's Stormin' Normin the karaoke man. He's at 3 Cheers in Ormond every Tues. and Thurs. We brothers go every Thursday and make asses of ourselves on stage. It's a lot of fun. Through the course of the night, just about everybody sang at least one song, some did a lot, some too many. I'm not mentioning any names, Scott Spector. A few of the memorable performers were Gregg Belter and Doug Watson. Gregg did

On a serious note, football season is over for us. We lost our game on Sunday, and the finals are single elimination, so despite our efforts this season we didn't bring home a trophy for Rho. We did however have a great time and post a 4 and 1 record in the regular season, next year. Next year.

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By Jenn Bailey
Member

Sigma Tau Delta has several activities in the works. Currently, five of our members are at work reviewing submissions to Creations magazine.

We plan to visit the Salvador Dali museum in Tampa, FL. A tentative date of Sat., Nov 21., has been set for this trip. Those wishing to attend should meet at 8:00am in front of the library to get a head start on the long drive to Tampa. The club will provide transportation.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Pratt

and the Humanities Department. We appreciated their help in sponsoring two flautists, Dolores Armato and Kim Hembold, from Stetson University, who performed "An hour with Mozart" on Oct. 29.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 5:30 in room 157D of the library.

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. We will finalize our plans for the Dali trip, organize volunteers to complete work on Creations, and plan for fund raisers.

We welcome your ideas!

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Army R.O.T.C

By Jon S. Jackson
Member

"Gaa! Gaa! Gaa!" was the echo of the cadets at their last training lab. These cries were in conjunction with the nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) training they were undergoing.

During their training, cadets learned how to don protective masks, apply lifesaving injections to NBC casualties, and learned the five stages of the Army's Mission Orientation Protective Posture (MOPP).

Both Desert Shield and Desert Storm demonstrated that the possibility of NBC attacks exist on today's modern battlefield. Ranger Challenge ended its suc-

cessful season at the 1st Region competition at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Commander Steve Channon, seniors Eric Pevey and Dallas Keller, and all of the remaining rangers represented not only the Eagle Battalion, but also Embry-Riddle in a professional and prideful manner. Your early morning sweat, hard work, and dedication is greatly appreciated!

On Veteran's Day, November 11, at 1100 hrs members of the Eagle Battalion honored fallen comrades with a ceremony.

An Embry-Riddle graduate, Kerry Kein, was one of those honored. CW2 Kein was killed in action during Desert Storm.

As cadets we truly are the spirit of those who have made the final sacrifice.

Aerospace Society

By Joshua Mussaf
Member

Thanks again to Dr. John Williams, director of public affairs at Lockheed Space Operations Company for his informative presentation on the space shuttle and the space program in general.

Tonight we will be hosting an Embry-Riddle graduate who currently works at Gulfstream Aerospace. Tonight's meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in room E-611.

Next week will be the last general meeting of the fall semester. We will be rewarding our points-for-prizes winners and all members who have participated this semester. We will also have a small tribute to one of our graduating seniors, former president Roland Houle, who will be moving on to bigger and better things. Well at least he will be moving on! Good luck Roland!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be having our end of the semester party at Mr. Gatti's. Unfortunately, Mr. Gatti's is no longer in business any more.

Just because next weeks meeting

is the last of the semester doesn't mean the Aerospace Society is done for the year. For those members who will be here on Thanksgiving day, we will be having a special Thanksgiving blow out at the residence of our outgoing president, Brian. Our turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be cooked by the soon to be famous chef and president-elect, Stephanie.

For those of you that still have candy in your possession, please bring your money and remaining candy to the meeting tonight so that we can return the rest to the manufacturer.

Since this will be the last Aerospace Society club article of 1992, let me take the time to wish all of you a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah, your choice, and a safe and healthy new year.

Now if you are still looking for that perfect gift for your friend or loved one this holiday season, why not get them one of the official Aerospace Society club T-shirts. These beauties are still available for the remarkable low price of only \$6.00. Supplies are limited, so act now!

Surf Club

By J. R. Brotherton
Secretary

If you attempted to bare the cold air temperatures over the weekend, you were probably catching some of the biggest waves to come this way since last year.

Air temperatures were down in the forties Sunday, and the north east wind was blowing about twenty knots on-shore. The conditions were choppy true, but you have to take the bad with the good in some cases.

In this case, you had to take on the extreme air temperatures, the stiff on-shore winds, and the chop in between sets to get the large rides.

Last week I had an article in about the innerclub contest for this past Sunday.

The *Avion*, however, failed to print it, which means you guys missed a lot of info that was important for this coming weekend. So to get you up to date, we are still going to my house in St. Augustine this weekend for the second contest of the season.

Be sure to come to the meeting this evening to find out when we are leaving.

The team that will be competing in this contest will be announced tonight at the meeting as well.

If you ordered a board from Clubber through Bob Taylor, they should be ready by now.

I stopped by the surf shop last Tuesday to check on them, and I was told they were at the factory being glassed and should be ready on the sixteenth, which was this past Monday. If you would still like to order a board, talk to Bob and he will hook you up with a deal at Clubber.

Von Stienmetz just recently got a job flying right seat for some company up in North Carolina. I was told that after his first year he should have over a thousand flight hours of multi engine time. Good job, Von.

The condoms are finally here (three weeks overdue). The Stormriders are selling Embry-Riddle condoms for a \$1.50 each.

The front of the cover says Embry-Riddle Stormriders and the back shows a condom holding a surfboard with a wave breaking in the background. On the bottom are the words, "You're cuttin' me on, right?" The club is selling the custom condoms as a fundraiser and to promote safe sex in the surfing community as well as on campus.

See you all at the meeting tonight, check the board to see where, and have a good Thanksgiving holiday.

Arnold Air Society

By Nicole L. Malloy
Public Affairs Officer

Each year Arnold Air Society Area IV holds an Area Conclave to discuss Society business.

This year, the Area Conclave, (ARCON), was hosted by The University of South Florida's Squadron in Tampa, Florida.

The Conclave started on Friday night, October 16th, with a welcoming party. This allowed the different squadrons to get reacquainted with each other.

The cadets mingled and discussed topics ranging from the previous year's ARCON, (which was held at Embry-Riddle), to the upcoming National Conclave in Orlando in April of 1993.

As the night progressed, some groups broke off and went out for a night on the town, while others headed to their rooms for a good night's sleep.

Saturday morning started early for the cadets with a 7:00 breakfast and a 7:30 am meeting. The entire day was meetings for various specific functions as well as squadron inspections.

During the largest meeting, our squadron, the Kenneth L. Tallman

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By Boyd Kelly
SHADRACH MEBACH ABERNETHY

Hey, how about that formal? Well, I must say most of us, that I know of, had a really good time and enjoyed the whole trip thoroughly.

Naturally a thank you goes out to Travis for the major organizational feat.

On the other hand, maybe a class on map reading would be advantageous.

This weekend looks to be an interesting venture as well.

Speaking of ventures, last Friday's Beattie Boys concert was well represented.

Squadron from Embry-Riddle put in a bid for Area Headquarters for the upcoming year. There was competition from another squadron, but since we are the largest squadron in the southeast region, the other squadron pulled their bid.

Later in the afternoon, after inspections, the Kenneth L. Tallman Squadron was named best in the Area and awarded a cash prize.

After the meetings were through and business was completed, the cadets prepared for the banquet. Our Squadron again impressed the others by initiating a few warrior spirit activities during the dinner.

As the Area Commander closed the banquet, minds turned to the activities of the night. Cadets again hit the town, some to a haunted house, others to various clubs, and others even to the movies.

Sunday was spent at Adventure Island where a free barbecue lunch was provided.

The Squadrons participated in some friendly yet competitive volleyball games and had a great time at the various water slides.

With the weekend ending, cadets were looking forward to the National Conclave in Orlando in the Spring of 93 and even to next year's ARCON.

Of course, there is no paper next week and that means no article so I have to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving right now.

Good luck on those finals and I wish I didn't have quite so much space to fill.

Remember elections tonight. Camping this weekend.

Everybody be thinking about next semester and the preparations that need to be made for RUSH.

Pitch in and give Tom a hand. Besides the TV what else do you have to do?

If I can just come up with a little more I can finish and go home and sleep and study...

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