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COUNCIL HISTORY &
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Canaveral Council of Technical Societies was formed in the Fall of 1960 by Col. Prentice Peabody, Clifford Mattox, Adm. Tedder (ret.) and the writer. They were, at the time, respective heads of local groups of the American Rocket Society, the Institute of Radio Engineers, the American Society of Military Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The Council was and is a voluntary association for cooperative action by various local technical societies. Following its formation, the organization quickly grew to include almost all the technical groups in the area. During the first several years a number of all-member meetings were sponsored. Each of these was hosted by one, two, or at the most, three of the member societies.

The 1962 Fall Conference was the first attempt by the Council to utilize the capabilities of all its member societies in one endeavor. The overall smoothness with which the plans and work progressed exceeded the most optimistic expectations. This is a real tribute to the caliber of the committee members of the Council and supporting organizations. All gave unstintingly of their personal time. The understanding and forbearance of their families deserves special recognition and thanks.

With so many doing so much for the Conference, it is impossible to cite any one person as having contributed more than another. All will agree, however, that the unfailing graciousness, enthusiasm and untiring efforts of Dr. James R. Duffett, Council Chairman and Executive Vice Chairman of the Conference, provided an inspiring example.

To all the speakers, moderators, panelists, exhibitors, supporters and sponsoring organizations I express my sincere thanks, and I'm sure, the appreciation of all who were privileged to attend the Conference.

J. H. Wiles

J. H. Wiles, General Chairman
CCTS, 1962 Fall Conference