

S&K Representatives Witness NASA's Launch Of STS-120



Photos: (Above) NASA photo of STS-120 Launch. (Right) Photo of the STS-120 crew. (Bottom) Dermot O'Halloran, Tom Acevedo, Jim Royston, and Jay Sauerwein pose for a photo at a pre launch reception.

On October 23, at 11:38 AM, when NASA launched STS-120 to the International Space Station (ISS) S&K had representatives there to observe the activities associated with the launch. Tom Acevedo, Dermot O'Halloran and Jay Sauerwein were guests of Spacehab, Inc., President Jim Royston.

Prior to shuttle launch activities, a tour of the Spacehab Processing Facility was conducted, with the opportunity to see

actual flight hardware that had flown to the ISS; then followed a tour of the Astrotech Facility where unmanned launch vehicles are prepared for launch prior to going to the launch pad.

The day prior to the launch, pre launch receptions were attended, affording much networking with NASA and industry executives. Launch day started with arrival at the KSC Operations Support Building (OSB), directly across the street from the

Launch Control Center (LCC) and Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB). This was approximately 3 miles from the Launch Pad. This is the closest viewing area for the media and dignitaries in attendance. A pre launch briefing and video of actual launch preparations was provided by an astronaut who had completed numerous missions to the International Space Station (ISS).

An unscheduled 'hold' in the countdown caused everyone in attendance to hold their breath in hopes that the anomaly would be resolved in order to continue the countdown. After a short delay the countdown was picked up and a breath taking launch was observed. Tom commented that "I have seen many shuttle launches on TV but this feeling is indescribable. Over the announcing system we heard "we have lift off" and the launch pad is engulfed in the vapor of main engine ignition; then the shuttle starts its climb, followed 18 seconds later by the rumble and vibration as it headed skyward. At that time we felt an overwhelming sense of pride for being a part of such an awesome event."

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S&K has a long history with NASA, specifically at Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston. S&K Aerospace was the most recent recipient of a five year IDIQ contract, previously held by S&K Technologies, and originating with S&K Electronics in 1998. S&K administrates JSC's Automation and Robotics Research and Development Laboratories. S&K employees located at JSC provide many "think outside the box" research projects including challenges such as the development of Robonaut. Robonaut is used outside of the ISS and Space Shuttle which enables outside maintenance without requiring the lengthy task of donning a space suit or subjecting astronauts to unnecessary risk. Another project is Chariot, a next-generation lunar rover to be used on future manned missions to the Moon. Division employees are providing research and development for the Procedure Integrated Development Environment, or PRIDE, which will allow NASA to develop procedures for use on current and future space vehicles. Many other interesting R&D projects are also in the works or on the drawing board.

STS-120 mission photos and information are available on the internet at:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/shuttlemissions/sts120/



Photo: S&K Technologies, Inc. president Tom Acevedo and S&K Gulf Coast Regional Manager Jay Sauerwein at the Kennedy Space Center.

Division News

GRAND JUNCTION OFFICE KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FIRST PARTY

Employees on the Moab Technical Assistance Contract and their guests and Department of Energy (DOE) clients had a wonderful time at our holiday party that was held on December 1 at Powderhorn Ski Resort, 40 miles from Grand Junction, Colorado. The 40 attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner at the Wildewood Restaurant. Afterward, they were called on to help reenact the story "T" was the Night Before Christmas, complete with costumes and props. The crowd was in stitches by

the end!



Photo: (left to right) Tony Amadeo, Gail Majors, Jim LeBlanc, Marianne Mullis, Patty Wilson, Kym Bevan, Mary Jones, Polly Robinson, and Rick Ryan in character.

SEATTLE EMPLOYEES ENJOY HOLIDAY DINNER AT THE EUROPA BISTRO IN TACOMA

On Friday December 14 we had a Holiday Dinner at the Europa Bistro at 2515 N. Proctor Tacoma, Washington for the FAA employees in Seattle. It is an enchanting Italian restaurant with Tuscan decor, located in the heart of Tacoma's Proctor district. The menu is authentic Italian cuisine and the wine list is one of the top Italian lists in the country. We decided to go with a family style dinner with different dish to pass around.



Photo: (from bottom left clockwise) David Bond with his guest Tracy, Matt Murphy, Ryan Peterson with his wife Kimberly, James Hollis, Craig Smith with his wife Alisha, Miles Cannon and his wife Monica, Lisa Pendas and her husband Randy.

CORPORATE OFFICE HALLOWEEN HAT CONTEST

The corporate office had a Halloween hat contest and a dessert potluck to celebrate Halloween. Toni Courville our payroll coordinator won the contest with her lavishly decorated witch hat.

Other corporate employees also had a blast creating their own hats.



Photos: (above - left to right) Amy Yalon, Dean Hendrix, Cathi Mitchell, Chi Wolf, Ian Rufe, Rene Mitchell, Toni Courville, and John Mausshardt. (left) Toni Courville poses for a photo with her winning Halloween Hat.

WARNER ROBINS EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Employee's of SKT Aerospace Operations, WR location contributed over \$400 and some household items to a needy family this year. These items were presented to Cpl. Robert Davis last evening at our Christmas party. Cpl. Davis asked for a representative from the company to go to the school with him this morning to deliver the items to the school principal, Mrs. Cindy Randall and school counselor Ms. Rhonda McDuffie. I went and they provided me with more details regarding the family that we helped.

The mother and her twenty year old daughter are the sole providers for their family. The mother has a younger son who attends Bonaire Middle and the twenty year old daughter has a fifteen month old

baby. The younger son had a meltdown at school because he couldn't complete a major project that was due. The teacher and counselor spoke with the child and learned that his family had been evicted from their home and he was unable to get all of his things, part of which was his project. The counselor spoke with the mother and learned that they have one source of transportation (older model car with a V8) to share between she and her daughter and they had temporarily moved in with other family members. They both lost their job due to the increase in gas prices and having only one car between them. They have both since found jobs but are struggling to buy gas because their employer's do not pay for two weeks. Mrs. Randall and Ms. McDuffie stressed that the

mother and daughter are putting forth every effort to maintain their jobs and support the family that they have. They also stressed that S&K Employee's have done a wonderful thing for this family and that it's very heartwarming to know that people in the community do care enough to put forth the effort. They say that they see so many good children each year struggle in school because of misfortunes such as this.

It appears that the employee's of S&K Technologies, Inc., Aerospace Operations have done a very good deed this year. Your efforts are recognized and very much appreciated not only at S&K Technologies but within the community.

New/Transitioned Employees

Join us in welcoming these new members of S&K's winning team!

S&K TECHNOLOGIES HOLDING

Acevedo, Thomas R. - 10/01/07
CEO
St. Ignatius, MT

Reeder, Kristin A. - 10/23/07
Administrative Clerk Trainee
St. Ignatius, MT

Wolf, Chi D. - 10/16/2007
Receptionist
St. Ignatius, MT

S&K GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Hollis, James - 10/01/07
Program Manager
Bremerton, WA

Murphy, Matthew A. - 10/15/07
IT Director of Business Development
Bremerton, WA

Weitendorf, Penny L. - 10/01/07
Senior Consultant/Scientist I
Bangor, WA

S&K TECHNOLOGIES

Williams, Scott E. - 10/22/07
Training Coordinator
Grand Junction, CO

Jeffery Jr., James A. - 11/04/07
Operations Specialist III, Constr. Adv
Iraq

Haddin, Amer N. - 12/10/07
Operations Specialist, Business Dev
Iraq

Henderson, Larry D. - 12/10/07
Operations Specialist, City Planner
Iraq

S&K AEROSPACE

Horne, Deborah M. - 10/01/07
Environmental Support
Bangor, WA

Dawson, Kirsten K. - 10/09/07
Administrative II
Bangor, WA

Bartholomew, David F. - 10/16/07
Joint Basing Developer
Ft. Richardson, AK

Orr, Michael J. - 11/13/07
Safety Technician
Bangor, WA

Trezise, Eileen D. - 10/03/07
Support Services for QA
Bremerton, WA

Cooper, Dana C. - 10/16/07
Document/Technical Spec
Grand Junction, CO

Pickard, Kirsten D. - 10/19/07
Webmaster/Cold Fusion Developer
Ft. Richardson, AK

Courville, Christina M. - 12/06/07
Senior Program Manager
Ft. Richardson, AK

Kiser, William M. - 10/03/07
HR Generalist
Bremerton, WA

Gerteisen, June K. - 10/09/07
Joint Basing Developer
Ft. Richardson, AK

Kugler, Joshua J. - 11/05/07
VOC/SigNet Provider
Fairbanks, AK

Wild, Tayna M. - 12/07/07
Customer Service/Help Desk Spec
Ft. Wainwright, AK

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Division News

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With First Party
- Seattle employees enjoy holiday dinner at the
Europa Bistro in Tacoma
- Corporate Office Halloween Hat Contest
- Warner Robins Employees contribute to needy
family for the holidays

New/Transitioned E3employees

Employees of the Quarter

Employee of the Quarter

WE'RE PLEASED TO HONOR THIS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE.

This employee has demonstrated an excellent work ethic, a positive attitude, and the initiative to go "above and beyond" in the performance of his or her duties.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER WINTER 2007

S&K TECHNOLOGIES - AEROSPACE OPERATIONS, GRAND JUNCTION, CO



Polly Robinson

Property Management
Grand Junction, CO

S&K Technologies, Aerospace Operations employee, Ms. Polly Robinson was the recipient of recognition from Mr. Donald

Metzler, the Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Project Director for the Moab UMTRA Project. Mr. Metzler provided this special recognition during the September 2007 meeting of the Senior Advisory Group, and stated that Ms. Robinson did an outstanding job regarding her duties as they relate to

Property Management. This example of customer satisfaction was the result of an Initial Property Control System Review performed by Mr. David Kirsch from the DOE Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center, located in Cincinnati, OH. Mr. Kirsch was very pleased with the outcome of the review, and expressed this high degree of satisfaction to Mr. Metzler.

The recognition by our customer of Ms. Robinson's effort is notable and worthy of our recognition, as it is

through efforts such as these, that continued customer satisfaction will ensure the success of this Grand Junction Office in support of not only Mr. Metzler's mission as it relates to the Moab UMTRA Project, but continued effort of excellence for DOE within the DOE complex."

