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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

The Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington, VA was the site of the 39th National Conference on Aviation and Space Education, 16-18, October. Prior to the Conference, a tour of the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy National Air & Space Museum adjacent to Dulles Airport was offered. On display were many aircraft including the Concorde, Boeing B-29 (Enola Gay), Boeing 307, Boeing 367-80 prototype, Lockheed Sr-71 Blackbird, Space Shuttle Enterprise Prototype and Caudron G4 pioneer trainer, bomber, And reconnaissance aircraft.

The Conference began with a reception followed by a Hanger Talk panel discussion by aerospace author Frank Sietzen, astronaut Dr. Janice Voss and George Whiteside moderated by Tim Huddleson.

Special speakers were: Ken Blackburn holder of the Guinness World Record for time aloft for a non Powered paper airplane: Gregory Condon who is manager of NASA Smart Skies Education Project: former astronaut Dr. Bonnie Dunbar, President and CEO pf Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA: and Capt. Barrington Irving the first black and youngest pilot to fly solo around the world.

There were many concurrent sessions addressing subjects of interest to elementary, middle and senior high school teachers including model rocketry, physics, principles of flight and technology in the classroom.

Major Gene Olson and LtC. Vivian Olson attended the Conference. After, they toured the National Archives Building, the Smithsonian, the Holocaust Museum, a tour of Arlington Cemetery and the Women in Military Service Memorial. They found LtC. Ruth Hubert, WWII WASP with biography and photo in the computer files. A special treat was a concert by the Annapolis Navel Academy Women's Chorus.

The following friends and members attended the CAP Social on Wednesday, October 29th, 2008. Major Jack Wholley with Stephen Jenkins, Ellen Schilling, and Betty Braverman, Major Gene and LtC. Vivian Olson, Lt. Wynelle Deese and Odette , Lt.Adrian Cuanta and SM Joyce Nader, SM Freddie Perez and Juanta Berrios, SM Rich and Dawn Fellows, SM Michael and Barbara Lombardo, Lt. Bob and Carole Smith, SM Dan Atrium, LtC. David and LtC. Diana Carlson, LtC. Ken McMchon, and LtC. Walt Pleasants with Ken Pleasants and Luke Molinar.

Congratulations to LtC Larry McConnell, who passed the test for Instructor Pilot rating.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 17. 2008 at the Olive Garden Restaurant.