

AEROSPACE UPDATE



July 2015

Commercial Space - Georgia's Next Great Aerospace Opportunity

Since the beginning of the "Space Age" in 1957, NASA has led the government-industry team of the U.S. for both unmanned and manned exploration and exploitation of space. The aerospace industry has been a big part of that effort with major contractor facilities growing up around the key NASA Centers in Florida, California, Virginia, Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi.

The environment changed considerably in the last few years, with NASA shifting their focus to deep space missions and contracting commercial services for assured access to low earth orbit. The Space Foundation estimates commercial space activities to be more than \$225 billion annually, and this will continue to grow. Factoring in the potential for truly new commercial sub-orbital and orbital enterprises, such as space tourism, the prospect for commercial space is brighter than ever.

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Georgia Unmanned Systems News



FAA's Mike Wilson addresses the group

The meeting had a share of new attendees, which testifies to the group's growing influence across the state.

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Unmanned Systems in the Film Industry

On June 16, The Georgia Department of Economic Development's Film and Media Division and the Center of

Aerospace Events

Having an event? Send your info to [Valerie Sanders](#) to be added to our Community Calendar!

July 12-16

International Conference on Environmental Systems
Bellevue, WA

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July 14-16

MGA SkyCamp
Eastman, GA

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July 20-26

EAA Airventure Oshkosh
Oshkosh, WI

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July 21

Space Working Group Meeting

Atlanta, GA

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July 27-29

AIAA Propulsion & Energy Forum

Orlando, FL

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August 28

Unmanned Systems Working Group Meeting

Atlanta, GA



COIA's Steve Justice kicked off the meeting

Innovation for Aerospace sponsored a meeting to discuss the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the film industry here in Georgia. The meeting brought together more than 30 representatives from both the film and UAS industry for initial discussions about the film industry's needs, the current state of FAA rules and the capabilities of Georgia

based companies.

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Atlanta Aero Club Luncheon UAS Panel



UAS Panel: Mike Wilson, Paul Ferguson, Jon Lambert, and Will Wheeler

At the Atlanta Aero Club's June meeting, the featured program was a panel discussion about Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Amanda Hill, Principal at MaesAwyrr, LLC, served as moderator for a panel of UAS experts:

- CAPT (US Navy, Ret.) Mike Wilson, of the FAA UAS Program Office
- Mr. Paul Ferguson, CNN Infrastructure and Technology Leader
- CAPT (US Navy, Ret.) John Lambert, Executive Vice President of Nexutech and previous Board Member and Chairman of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI)
- Mr. Will Wheeler, UAS Operator for Phoenix Air based in Cartersville, GA.

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Upcoming Events

Space Working Group Meeting

July 21, 2015 - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

GTRI Conference Center, 250 14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

On behalf of Chairman Bobby Braun, you are invited to the next Georgia Space Working Group meeting on July 21st at the GTRI Conference Center. Much has happened in the space sector since our last meeting including the announcement of the Camden Spaceport, flight tests by local companies on new products, and new initiatives within industry.

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Youth Aerospace Activities

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September 15, 2015
Coastal Georgia Center
Savannah, GA

This event will:

- Promote awareness of capabilities of the local aerospace supplier base.
- Connect suppliers to major OEMs, to each other, and to resources.
- Provide development workshops to help companies build skills and become more competitive.

Stay tuned for more info!



Atlanta Warbird Weekend **September 12-13, 2015** **Dekalb-Peachtree Airport**

A spectacular fleet of P-51 Mustangs and other World War II Warbirds will fill the sky for the second Annual Atlanta Warbird Weekend (AWW) Sept. 12-13 in Atlanta, Ga., at Dekalb-Peachtree Airport (KPDK).

Atlanta Warbird Weekend is open free to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day to see the aircraft, meet veterans and purchase rides in some of the vintage aircraft. Parking will be available for \$10. This year's theme will be a "Gathering of Mustangs", a rare collection of P-51 Mustangs along with a British RAF Spitfire, German FW-190 and other famous WWII aircraft are scheduled to participate at the 2nd Annual Atlanta Warbird Weekend. A special event, "Dinner with an Ace," will feature World War II pilot Bud Anderson as guest speaker at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at the 57th Fighter Group restaurant at Dekalb-Peachtree Airport." Tickets are \$125 for this limited seating event. "The 2014 dinner was sold out, and everyone enjoyed the evening," said Jim Buckley, CAF Dixie Wing leader.

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Dubai Air Show **November 8-12, 2015**

Join the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) at the Dubai Air Show, one of the world's leading aerospace shows. The Middle East is one of Georgia's top aerospace export markets, with 2014 exports totaling more than \$660 million. Georgia companies can increase their visibility in this growing market by co-exhibiting with GDEcD in the prestigious U.S. Pavilion.

- Participation Fee: \$2,500 until August 1, 2015; \$3,000 after August 1, 2015.
- Deadline: September 1, 2015; spaces are limited and

expected to fill quickly

- To register or for more information: Ms. Taube Ponce, Senior International Trade Manager, tponce@georgia.org or 404-962-4118.

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2016 Georgia Rock Star Awards

Georgia's small business rock stars are recognized by the state for their outstanding and innovative business practices.

Any type of small business employing under 100 is encouraged to apply. *Nominations accepted July 1-September 30, 2015.*

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