



Newsletter

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Retired Members Brunch

Location: Museum of Flight, Seattle

Date/Time: Saturday September 18, 9:00 am

Speaker: John Purvis - Airplane Accident Investigation

Contact: Tom Holgate 253-838-0333 (\$20 per person)



John Purvis is an internationally-recognized expert in large aircraft safety and accident investigation. He will discuss the Accident Investigation process for large commercial airplanes. John will draw extensively from his experience as head of the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Accident Investigation team for 17 years.

Royal Aeronautical Society Lecture "Terminal Velocity!"

Captain Ken Franklin with his assistant "Frightful"
Museum of Flight

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, 14 September 2004

Free, Open to the public, No RSVP required

We have the honor of hosting Captain Ken Franklin and one of his Peregrine Falcons, "Frightful." Frightful is an incredible animal that has been directly recorded as the fastest animal on the face of the earth. Ken will show a brief slide show giving a basic biology of the Peregrine Falcon, talk about where Peregrines exist and explain how different subspecies are faster than others. He has also put together a short film showing the Peregrine morphing its shape as it attains high speed and will show a National Geographic film with Frightful in flight. Ken will describe how he free falls from an aircraft to monitor Frightful chasing a lure to the ground whilst he records the Peregrine's speed.

Welcome to the 2004-2005 AIAA Year

As July 1st ticked around I somehow became chair of the Pacific Northwest Section. What a great honor. As we begin the next year I would like to extend my hearty thanks to Vera Martinovich for outstanding leadership last year, to Joe Dortwegt, outgoing secretary and newsletter editor who has given tremendous service to the section, and to Laura Kistler, who has not only dedicated herself to the section but also found time somewhere in early summer to have a baby. Finally, we owe many thanks to Billy Roeseler and Bill Gjertson for their service as advisory council members the past two years.

As the new AIAA year starts you'll see we kick things off quickly with a retiree brunch where John Purvis will reprise his talk from last January for our retired members. You might also be interested to know that as a result of our recommendation, John is now on the AIAA Distinguished Lecturer roster, which means he will get the opportunity to speak all over the country through AIAA. I'm sure he'll be in great demand.

On Tuesday August 24, new AIAA President Don Richardson came to town for an AIAA Town Hall meeting. Don presented a summary of the AIAA strategic plan and solicited feedback from the 40 attendees. We had a wide cross-section of members, from young professionals to older professionals to retirees, and there was much discussion and feedback - all valuable. You can see the strategic plan for yourself at the members section of the newly revamped AIAA website and you can provide feedback to strategicplan@aiaa.org. The plan is a living breathing entity and will only be as successful as we make it.

Don was followed by Karl Grundemann from the Joint Project Development Office who presented a high level look at the very challenging task ahead of the nation in completely revamping our air transportation system, also an interesting challenge to say the least.

There are many exciting and interesting things ahead, so stay tuned.

Dave Paisley
Section Chair

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