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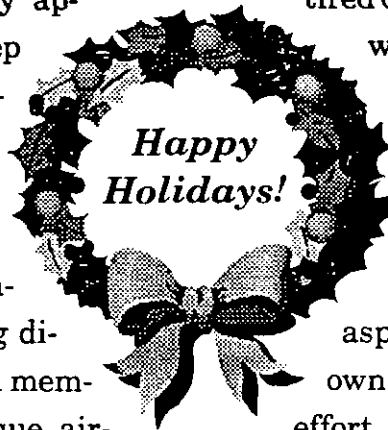


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Chairman's Corner

It's the holiday season and time to turn the page on yet another exciting year in the Aerospace profession. The pace of life seems to quicken during the last six weeks of the year with all the usual business and family activities, but one should find some quiet time to reflect on the reality of the recent past and the revalidation of the course ahead. The Aerospace industry appears to be headed out of its deep slump and new jobs are being created across the board. Hopefully this will signal the end to the erosion of the AIAA membership in the local section as well as Nationally. Your council is offering diverse programs with appeal to all members ranging from UFO's, antique aircraft, brand new business jets, and new missile programs to name just a few. We also use our collective expertise to aid the youngsters following in our footsteps. In March and April of 1997 we will be judging the annual Science Fair projects and awarding monetary prizes to the top students. In early February we help celebrate Engineers Week by encouraging students to

excel in math and science. If you would like to help in either of these efforts, give me, or any of your Council members a call. I would also challenge our section's retired members to continue to contribute in every way they can. The Section can get special funding for projects from AIAA National which are outside of our annual Section budget. If any member (retired or not) has suggestions for projects which benefit the Section or promote Aerospace Education, please bring them forward for consideration. You as an individual member of AIAA can make a difference to your profession, to those aspiring to the profession, and to your own career development. But it takes effort and commitment, and that precious commodity called time. During this holiday season take the time to reassess the ups and downs of the past year, learn from your successes and failures, apply that learning to your future plans and either reconfirm your present course or chart out a new one. In your pursuit of excellence, never give up. Do whatever it takes. Don't fear to fail forward-Innovate! ■



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Future AIAA Events



AIAA Council Meeting

Monday, 6 January

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

MDA HQ, Level 2S

Conference Room

Technical Meeting

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Dinner Meeting

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