

Gateway News



American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, St. Louis Section

Chairman's Corner

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The November meeting provided a glimpse of the communication potential the next century holds. David Ryan, Vice President of the Teledesic International presented an internet concept based on a constellation of laser-linked low earth orbit satellites with highband width capability. This will enable persons world-wide to link real time via high quality graphics, a characteristic of the internet. The applications of this capability span the spectrum from commercial to military systems. It was a very interesting and well-presented look ahead at a system that will involve Saint Louis.

A reminder from last month: It is important that members of the Saint Louis Section seek nominees for the Young Professional Award. The Saint Louis Section needs to recognize the contribution that young AIAA members are making to their employer. We ask all AIAA members to look for young professionals in their organization that are eligible for nomination to the Young Professional Award.

Seasons greetings to the Saint Louis Section members and we look forward to seeing you at the January 15th meeting. ■

Paul

January Dinner Meeting

Visionaire Vantage Update will be the topic of the January Dinner Meeting. The Vantage executive jet is a groundbreaking single engine business jet. Development of this concept began in 1988 when James Rice founded Visionaire Corporation. The aircraft is a six place, owner-flown biz-jet incorporating a sweptforward midwing configuration. One aircraft is flying and production work is beginning in Ames Iowa. The Visionaire Corporation in headquartered at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield and will provide us with an exciting update about this bold idea in business aviation. ■

AIAA Opportunities

Engineering Education Evaluators needed to support ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) campus visits. Boeing is spearheading a program to improve engineering education in the United States. As part of this effort, Industry evaluators are needed to visit various universities and confirm accreditation. Contact: Steve D'Urso 314-233-5441

Member Opportunities AIAA St. Louis Section Webmaster needed to supervise the Saint Louis Section Web page. A web page is in work for early 1998 and a local webmaster is needed. Contact: Rudy Yurkovich 314-233-2563

National Engineers Week

National Engineers Week 1998 will be held February 22-28. Planning kits are available to help individuals and groups plan local Engineering Week activities.

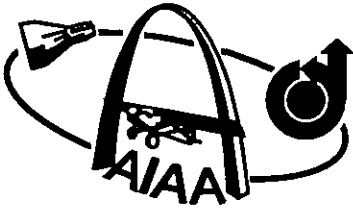
The St. Louis AIAA section will again sponsor an information table at the St. Louis Science Center. We are looking for a few volunteers for this weekend activity.

Please contact : Dave Morgan, 314-234-1919

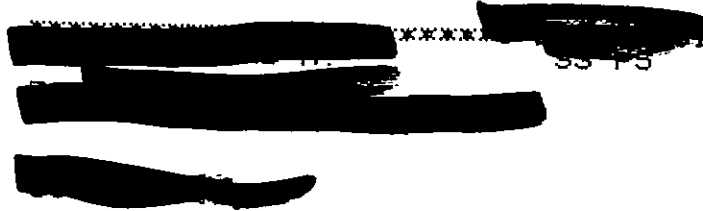


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Future AIAA Events

AIAA Council Meeting

Monday, 5 January

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

HQ (100) Building - Public Welcome



January Meeting

Visionaire Flight Test Update

James Rice, CEO

Thursday, 15 January

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

HQ (100) Building

