

## Air & Space Camp was a Blast!



space adventures, and a certificate of completion. All campers were given the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a plane and get their picture taken. They were also able to keep all of the fun projects they built! The Museum plans to have the camp next year as well. Keep an eye on our website for next years' adventures!

The first annual Stafford Air & Space Camp shot off in the beginning of June and thrilled all the children who attended. The air and space explorers learned about space and aviation through activities. Projects included: building and flying airplanes, building and launching rockets, using the museum's computer lab to fly plane simulators and much more! The first week were children entering 3rd and 4th grade. Their week included fun activities such as eating in space! Week 2 was explorers entering 5th-8th grade. These children participated in more advanced activities, including building robots that actually moved with voice activation. All the campers received an Air & Space Camp t-shirt, snacks ever day, photos of their air &



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Air & Space Camp Director: Chris Ruhl

Air & Space Camp Instructors: Sarah Belanger and Jamie Sutton

### New Additions Coming to the Museum Soon!

- F-35 simulator
- Boiler Plate from an Apollo Mission
- 747 Cowling

## Russian Search and Rescue Jacket Donated to Museum



explained, “This uniform jacket was given to me in recognition of my support and a gesture of goodwill from the Russian Federation Search and Rescue Forces (SAR). It’s a unique item that other space museums will not have.”

Also included in the donation were original crew photos, a book containing rare Soviet space program pictures and a short story Yashkova penned about her support of the landings titled, "A Day in Life of a Space Interpreter". When asked about her work with the space program she enthusiastically states, “One does not necessarily need to be an astronaut to enjoy an exciting career in space!”

Russian interpreter Irina Yashkova has recently donated several important items to the Stafford Air & Space Museum from her experience with the International Space Station.

Yashkova works as an

interpreter with the joint U.S./Russian space programs supporting seven Space Station Expedition landings in Kazakhstan from 2003 to 2006.

One of the items arriving at the museum is a jacket

used by Russian Search and Rescue Forces in Kazakhstan. These jackets are worn by team members while retrieving the International Space Station crew returning to Earth on Russian Soyuz rockets. As Yashkova

## SpacePlane “Lands” at Museum

The SpacePlane has recently landed at its new permanent home, The Stafford Air & Space Museum.

This attraction is a miniature movie theater made to resemble a futuristic SpacePlane, which is a combination space ship and airplane. The concept behind the SpacePlane is like a normal jet airplane that takes off and lands using a regular airport. This will allow people to experience space travel without special training or requirements. Visitors to the

SpacePlane exhibit will be able to sit in the plane and view an educational, animated short movie that shows what a trip in space may look and sound like in the future.

The SpacePlane’s former home, the Tulsa Air and Space Museum, donated the SpacePlane to the Stafford Air & Space Museum. OSIDA (Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority) produced the SpacePlane’s



movie about space travel that may utilize the Clinton– Sherman Industrial Airpark runways in Burns Flat.

**New Additions...**

## Movie Premier was a success!

Julie Harding, Weatherford Daily News Reporter



Stafford Museum Executive Director Lynn Thurman and Film director Jeffery Roth

Hollywood came to Weatherford on June 13 for a private screening of "The Wonder of It All" at the museum. Director, Jeffery Roth was on hand to meet guests and introduce the film, which he called a "labor of love".

"The film is a humanistic look of the guys that walked on the moon," said Roth. "It's amazing that, for all the things these guys have done, no one has told their story in a personal way." "It's very personal,

emotional stuff," explained Roth. "the concept was rejected by network television because astronauts talking about feelings wasn't 'man enough'." "It's only when somebody passes on...then they're

interested in knowing the story," he said. "We wanted to tell the story while we would hear it from them." Roth said it took a full year to secure interviews with the seven moonwalkers. The film features Apollo astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Alan Bean, Edgar Mitchell, John Young, Charles Duke, Eugene Cernan, and Harrison Schmitt. "We had about 14 hours of footage," said Roth. "It was tough to narrow it down to 82 minutes." The Stafford Air & Space Museum was just one stop on the film's journey, and the smallest town so far. Roth has recently screened the documentary at the Smithsonian Institute, and in Canada, Europe, and Australia.

## Sale of Amen Bench benefits the Museum

A pleasure trip in their private plane turned into an adventure and ultimately a bench purchase at the museum for a Boston couple. David and Jann Tenenbaum were just stopping to refuel their Baron at Weatherford's Stafford Airport when they decided to take a quick tour through the Weatherford landmark museum. "It was a real surprise," said David Tenenbaum. "The museum just kept going and going!" After over two hours in the museum the Tenenbaums decided to push their IFR

clearance to stay longer. As they were exiting the museum they began a conversation with visiting Houston designer and Weatherford, Oklahoma native, Kelly Gale Amen. Amen introduced them to his latest functional art piece, the Stafford Commemorative Museum Bench and explained that proceeds from the sale of the bench benefit the educational programs at the museum. This extraordinary bench has laser-cut spacecraft images drawn by General Stafford along with a laser-cut Stafford signature and

plaque. The Tenenbaums were so impressed with the quality and design of the brushed aluminum bench, they purchased one of the limited editions for their Massachusetts garden. David later wrote, "Look out for the bench! My wife Jann and I took one look at it and had to get one. While it sure raised the cost of the visit from the \$5 museum admission, it is a terrific looking piece, there just isn't that much aerospace art out there, and the cause is a good one. Who knew an aerospace museum visit would morph into a furniture shopping trip?"



David and Jann Tenenbaum

What's Happening...

# Stafford Air & Space Museum

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## Fall Workshop Planned

The next NASA teacher workshop is planned for September 24, 2008. Please e-mail [director@staffordmuseum.com](mailto:director@staffordmuseum.com) for more information or go to the Stafford Museum's website: [www.staffordmuseum.com](http://www.staffordmuseum.com).



## Flight Simulation Computer Lab



15 computer stations

Open 9 am– 4:30 pm

Choose from dozens  
of different airplanes  
simulation models

Located in the Titan  
Missile Room at the  
Stafford Air & Space  
Museum

Free with admission!

*Everyone is welcome  
to use the computers!*