

SILVER WINGS FRATERNITY

2015 Convention in Daytona Beach, FL

This year's convention was a great success and a memorable one for the many members and guests that attended. The location right on the water in Daytona Beach couldn't have been more scenic. Two terrific tours were arranged by SWF Director (and retired NASA Astronaut) Nicole Stott; the **Kennedy Space Center** and **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University**. There was also time for the required business with the Annual Membership Meeting and a Board of Directors Meeting. At the Banquet Dinner on Friday evening we were treated to two speakers; Mr. Ronald O'Connell told us some exciting and rewarding experiences he had in his long career as an Air Force Pilot and Mr. Gary Fleming reflected on the importance of the relationships in our lives and how he was proud to have met so many Fraternity members who have accomplished so much in their aviation pursuits.

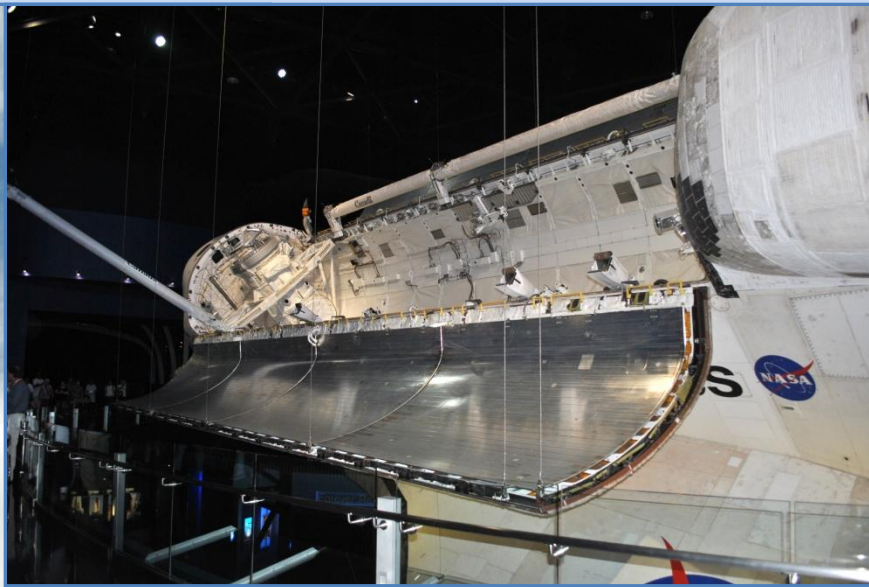
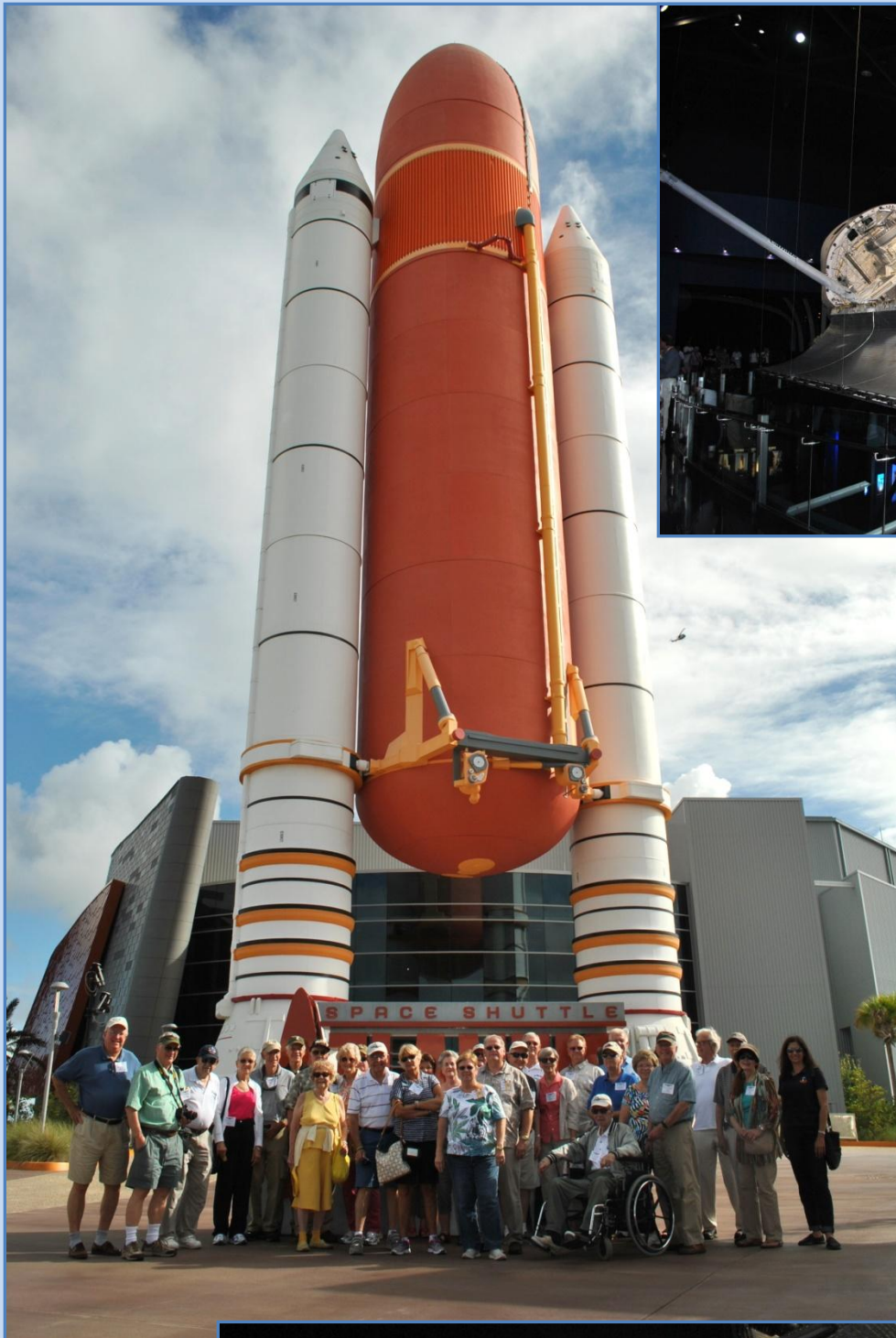
Following the first day registration and a "Meet and Greet" we were off to a local seafood house to satisfy our appetites for both food and conversation. The "Crustaceans" were delicious!



Off to the Kennedy Space Center.



We did a quick walk through the various displays and exhibits at the Visitor Center and then headed back to the Space Shuttle "Atlantis" building. Great place for a photo op. Wow is that a huge gas tank!



Our guide provided a personal touch as he was a payload engineer on the Shuttle program.

Nicole related that **Atlantis** holds a special significance for her as she returned from three months on the **International Space Station** in this very spacecraft.



Nicole took us to places that aren't on "the tour"

This is the Astronauts' dining room and crew quarters. Since the 1960s this is where they stay in quarantine before a space mission.



Comfortable enough, but certainly not a luxury hotel room.



After they get suited up for launch they come out of these doors then they load onto the "Astro Van" and head to the launch site.



What a great visit to the space Center.

It is truly one of our **National treasures!**

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

This unique university is oriented toward Aeronautics, Engineering, and the advancement of every facet of Aerospace.



You can never tell what you might find coming down this campus' sidewalks.....





This beautiful sculpture adorns the ERAU flight line.



And, this one is in the Flight Operations building.



How about learning to do flight planning in this lab in the flight training building?



Or, learn aviation maintenance in the **Emil Buehler Aviation Maintenance Sciences** building.

Or study to be an **Air Traffic Controller** or **Aviation Weather Specialist**.



With the latest in training simulations and lab equipment.

We found **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University**, now celebrating 90 years since its beginning, to be fresh and new. You could feel the excitement and enthusiasm in both the faculty and the students alike to be at the premier university for all things Aeronautical!

Annual Membership Meeting

The Secretary reading the minutes from last year's membership meeting.



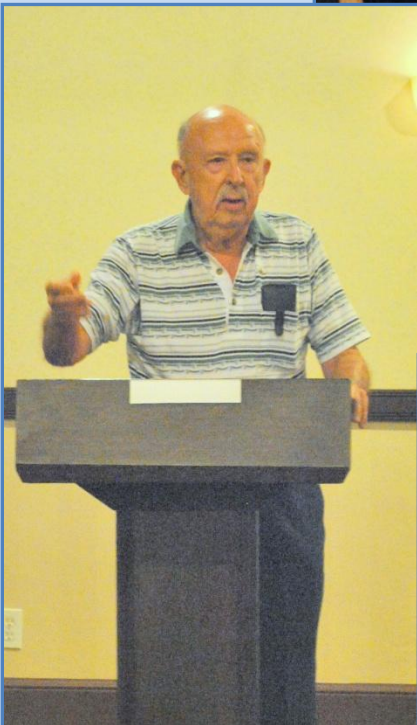
The membership elected three Directors to the Board this year and received the Chapter reports and the Financial Report.

Convention Banquet Dinner



This group of attendees were recognized for completion of 50 years since their first solo.

The **Board of Directors** with newly elected Silver Wings Fraternity **President Walter Baker**, who will be serving his fourth term .



Speaker Ron O'Connell



Speaker Gary Fleming

We're already looking forward to next year's Convention hosted by the Georgia Chapter !!!