



Spacecoast Technical Network

Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Friday's Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Mike Zimmardi - Space Coast Travel, LLC.

Mike Zimmardi and Diane Walsh are Travel Professionals and co-owners of Space Coast Travel, LLC., a home based agency based in Titusville, Florida.

They moved to Florida in 2004 from Long Island, NY. Mike worked at Disney Reservation Center for 1-1/2 years and Rex TV and Appliance as an Assistant Manager for 3 years. He was disabled after having several TV sets fall on him while unloading a truck.

Mike has one daughter, Faith, who currently lives in New York. She is married and is an insurance sales person. Diane has a daughter, Alana, who currently lives in Texas, and two sons, Patrick, lives in Texas and Peter, lives in Atlanta.

Diane will not be here as she is currently visiting her 3 grandchildren in Texas for the month of July. Mike and Diane live in Titusville with 7 cats, 1 calico and 6 Siamese.

Space Coast Travel, LLC., donates 5% of their sales commissions to the North Brevard SPCA to help the animals along with other donations.



Positions that NEED Filling!

The **Guest Speaker Coordinator** position needs a back up assistant.

Volunteers are still greatly needed to help cook, serve, and clean up for the STN Friday morning meetings.

If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact:
[Herb McElrath](#) or [Patrick Pearce](#)

Upcoming Speakers

07/11 Mike Zimmardi - Space Coast Travel
 07/18 Ellen Little
 07/25 TBA

08/15 Bill Posey
 11/07 Abby Kohut - Absolute Abby

If you are interested in presenting at an STN breakfast meeting, please call Martin McClellan, Speaker Coordinator at (321) 759-5955, or email at: litamartin@msn.com

Success Stories . . .

Sonny Rai - Got a new job working for Brevard County in Viera!

Jane Jolley- Has agreed to be our Assistant Event Coordinator!

Congratulations, Sonny and Thank You, Jane!

If you have a Success Story that you would like to share with the group, please contact [Gail Peek](#).

Upcoming Events . . .

July 2014 [North Brevard Events for June Goodwill Calendar](#)
 June & July - [Summer Saturday Nights - Brevard Zoo](#)
 June - Aug. - [Butterfly Wings and Enchanted Things - Brevard Zoo](#)
 July & Aug - [SBDC Workshops](#)
 July & Aug - [Florida Business Workshops](#)

07-09 **Business Development Focus Group - 6:00pm, Fairfield Inns and Suites**
 07-10 [Keys to Doing Business with the Federal Government - CSB Wshp](#)
 07-10/11 [Brevard Cafeterial Workers Hiring Event - GW](#)
 07-11 **Marie Hunsaker - Health Nurse will be at meeting for BP Checks**

- 07-16 [Paychecks for Patriots Job Fair CSB](#)
- 07-18 **Business Connection Luncheon - Pt. St. John Library - TBA**
- 07-18 [Safelink Wireless Registration - GW](#)
- 07-18 [Second Harvest - Food Stamp Enrollment](#)
- 07-23 **Business Development Focus Group - 6:00pm, Fairfield Inns and Suites**
- 07-25 **STN Board of Directors Meeting**
- 08-02 [SPCA Pre-Opening Tour](#)
- 08-15 [Registration Deadline: Dinner & Movie Alaska & China Travel](#)
- 08-22 [The View From Within the Spacesuit](#)
- 09-24 [Tri-Regional Business Summit](#)

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please contact [Gail Peek](#).

Weekly Article . . .

Did the Soviets Actually Build a Better Space Shuttle?

By [Anatoly Zak](#), November 19, 2013

A quarter-century ago, it seemed like the space shuttle suddenly got a new sibling. On Nov. 15, 1988, the Buran reusable orbiter, the crowning achievement of the Soviet space program, made its first flight. It would prove to be the Buran's last. But looking back 25 years later, some space experts say the USSR might have built a better shuttle, one that would have laid the groundwork for a new generation of launch vehicles, had it been able to weather the economic storms of the 1990s and the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Copycat?

Once the Soviet winged spacecraft finally made its public debut after years of secret development, an urban myth spread that it was an exact replica of the American space shuttle. It was easy to believe. A long list of Soviet equivalents of Western technology, from vacuum cleaners and cars to aircraft and rockets, were straight-up copies. But while the resemblance between the spacecraft is striking, it turned out to be deceiving.

At the outset of the Buran project in 1976, the Soviet leadership, indeed, gave its industry the task of developing a system with similar technical capabilities to the space shuttle. However, politicians left room for engineers to choose the exact path to such a vehicle, an opening that Buran chief architect Valentin Glushko exploited. As we now know from numerous unclassified documents and eyewitness accounts, Glushko's engineers did not blindly copy the shuttle but instead went through the long and painful process of determining an original architecture for the Soviet equivalent.

Zak, A. (2013, November 19). Did the soviets actually build a better space shuttle?. Popular Mechanics, Retrieved from <http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/space/rockets/did-the-soviets-actually-build-a-better-space-shuttle-16176311>

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Employment / Training Opportunities...

STN Discussion Forum Job Postings (Member Login Required)

JOB POSTINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MEMBER WEBSITE!!!

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**The Spacecoast Technical Network Offers
Two Levels of Membership**

Associate Member - are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of our associate members have since moved on to new positions of employment. Some are starting their own business, while others have re-enrolled in an educational curriculum that will provide them with new skill sets and/or certificates for the next step in their career.

Business Support Member - offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the key to the completion of all STN goals.

One Year Membership is just \$20. Contact [Herb McElrath](#), Director of Membership Services Via Email For More Information Or...

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About The Spacecoast Technical Network

The STN meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers.

The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the

breakfast is \$4 per person. The Spacecoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville.

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