



This Week At The Patricia Huffman Smith NASA Museum
"Remembering Columbia"

This week at the Museum we want to invite the general public and the surrounding schools to take advantage of an amazing speaker that will be speaking at the museum on October 15, 2015. Larry McCormick has completed 40 years with the Boeing Company. His career began in Palmdale, California where he helped build and later modify the Space Shuttle orbiters – Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis, Endeavour, and Enterprise. Larry was promoted to management in 1980 where he oversaw various Space Shuttle Program operations including manufacturing, quality, and public affairs. In 2002, Larry accepted an engineering senior management position in Houston, TX in which he and his team were responsible for orbiter problem resolution and corrective actions. Specific areas of Space Shuttle technical expertise include the thermal protection system, electrical and mechanical fabrication and testing, avionics installation and testing, and orbiter final flight system verifications prior to delivery to the Kennedy Space Center. Larry is the recipient of several Lockheed, Boeing, United Space Alliance and NASA awards, including a Silver Snoopy in 1978. The Silver Snoopy award is a special honor awarded to NASA employees and contractors for outstanding achievements related to human flight safety or mission success. The award is given personally by NASA astronauts as it represents the astronauts' own recognition of excellence. In addition, Larry and his Houston engineering team received the 2008 Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Stellar Award. One of the highlights of Larry's career is when he served as a mentor to a team of middle school teachers who designed, built, and flew an experiment on a NASA Zero-G flight. Larry and his team flew 23 parabolas including one Lunar and one Mars simulation. Larry and his wife Kelly reside in League City, TX near their children and three beautiful granddaughters. Larry's hobbies are fishing, boating, and home improvement. He and his wife Kelly recently discovered the beauty of the East Texas Piney Woods and plan to retire near Lake Sam Rayburn in 2015. His goals are to spend quality time with his wife Kelly, travel across the United States of America, and catch all the Crappie and Large Mouth Bass that currently reside in Lake Sam Rayburn. Larry will be speaking at 11 am, 1pm, and 2pm in the museum auditorium. Please contact the museum if you have any questions.

This week we want to thank all of our visitors locally and out of state as well. We look forward to seeing you soon at the museum. There are so many things you can see here at the Museum that you will not see in any other Museum. We also have an amazing gift shop full of really cool gifts, such as 3D space puzzles, space suit back packs, inflatable space shuttles, NASA ties & golf balls, space ice cream and food too, coffee mugs and drinking glasses. We also have a wide selection of shirts, hats and apparel. Not to mention all of the different books and memorabilia that we have as well. So come out today and get your personal tour and check out our gift shop and all that our museum has to offer. We look forward to a record breaking visitor attendance this summer. We are looking forward to many schools taking advantage of our Digital Learning Network that allows us to connect virtually with NASA. Nasa can teach on lessons such as microgravity, food in space, erosion, weather, the solar system, robots, rovers, and so much more. Our hours at the museum are changing effective immediately. We will now be closed on Sundays and Mondays. Contact the museum to get your classroom set up for our Digital Learning Network @ 409-787-4827 or if you have any question –Becca The Patricia Huffman Smith NASA "Remembering Columbia" Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We would welcome and appreciate your taxable donation. Please contact Becca Tatum for more information We invite you to visit us and take a tour of our museum the **PATRICIA HUFFMAN SMITH NASA MUSEUM**

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Don't forget to visit your local library, the JR Huffman Public Library, which is located next door to the Patricia Huffman Smith NASA "Remembering Columbia" Museum.