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General Meeting:
Sunday, January 18th, 1:30 PM
Bring a friend!

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“Clean-lined and fast, the Vengeance will outperform any known dive bomber in the world today. Figures on just what it will do are a military secret, of course. Suffice to say that it far surpasses the Stuka. Bomb capacity is particularly large, and one of the most important features is exceptionally long range to allow the ships to operate deep in enemy territory. The crucial moment for a dive bomber is naturally the long screaming dive toward the target and the subsequent pullout. During these few precious seconds, control of the plane is the prime essential, and control means in this case being able to hold the ship to a speed that guarantees the pilot accuracy in aiming his bombs.” Sept. 1941
The planned development of the 160 acre site includes 30 acres being purchased by Kaiser Permanente for a 1 million square foot Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, a separate 400,000 square foot retail center to be developed independently, as well as one of the largest film studios in the country at 78 acres known as Downey Studios. There will also be a 12 acre park and education center and an aerospace museum.

The City expects to generate as much as 1.25 million a year from tax and other fees from retailers at the site, developed under the name of Downey Landing.

Clean-up activities will be concurrent with the development of the commercial and hospital sites. Final soil management and installation of the required ground water treatment facilities should be completed within 5-7 years.

The agreement for privatization of liability for the cleanup process is similar to one which allowed the development of the former 2,700 acre McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento. Due to the agreement the McClellan site was already well on the way to development which led to 5,000 jobs within a few months of the base's closure.

Under the Downey agreement, pollutants detected in soil and groundwater beneath the site will be cleaned up by an International Risk Group affiliate in conjunction with ARCADIS G&M Inc.

Downey is not about to forget the history of the old NASA property here which has a 70 year record of flight and aerospace production and development. A Columbia Memorial Learning Center and a small aerospace museum will be included in the site.

When completed, the Downey development is expected to generate 4,000 good-paying jobs."

"Pioneers in Aviation II - The Race to the Moon."
The film also focuses on two additional aerospace captains of industry: Dutch Kindelberger, who founded North American Aviation; and James McDonnell, who founded McDonnell Aircraft. Winship said the second film "completes the final story arc," tracing the U.S. role in aviation history from the Wright brothers' first flight to the Apollo moon landing in 1969. Winship has found material for these documentaries in the vaults of The Boeing Co., which since the series of mergers and acquisitions in the late 1990s includes material from all of those aviation pioneers. Winship promises more documentaries, from material "being excavated from the extraordinary trove of the Boeing film archives."

"Pioneers in Aviation I" profiled two of America's legendary aerospace pioneers: William Boeing and Donald Douglas. Interweaving the stories of the two men and the companies they founded, "PIONEERS" features rare film footage from the early decades of the century, together with historical photographs, period music, and narration. The age-old wish to defy the law of gravity found its fruition in turn-of-the-century America. William Boeing and Donald Douglas each came of age at this renaissance moment in the country's history, and their achievements are infused with the indomitable spirit of their time. "PIONEERS IN AVIATION" celebrates a uniquely American heritage in documenting the lives of the men who founded the fledgling airplane industry and, together, forged the very history of flight. Pioneers and Aviation II (see below) will focus on James Howard "Dutch" Kindelberger (North American Aviation) and James S. McDonnell (McDonnell Douglas Corporation). ALF President Larry Latimer and Director Jerry Blackburn have been working with William Winship, the film's Director, on historical information concerning Downey California's role in aviation and aerospace history related to "Dutch" Kindelberger and his company, North American Rockwell. Pioneers in Aviation I received an Emmy nomination.
The crew of Columbia STS-107

In honor of seven fallen heroes...

The STS-107 crew, clockwise from top:

Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla, Commander Rick Husband, Mission Specialists Laurel Clark and David Brown, Pilot Willie McCool, Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon and Payload Commander Michael Anderson.

A Statement from the Families of Space Shuttle Columbia

On January 16th, we saw our loved ones launch into a brilliant, cloud-free sky. Their hearts were full of enthusiasm, pride in country, faith in their God, and a willingness to accept risk in the pursuit of knowledge --- knowledge that might improve the quality of life for all mankind. Columbia’s 16-day mission of scientific discovery was a great success, cut short by mere minutes ---- yet it will live on forever in our memories. We want to thank the NASA family and people from around the world for their incredible outpouring of love and support. Although we grieve deeply, as do the families of Apollo 1 and Challenger before us, the bold exploration of space must go on. Once the root cause of this tragedy is found and corrected, the legacy of Columbia must carry on --- for the benefit of our children and yours.

“’ The same Creator who names the stars also knows the names of the seven souls we mourn today. The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth; yet we can pray that all are safely home.”

- President George W. Bush
Aerospace Legacy Foundation

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About us:
The Aerospace Legacy Foundation was founded in 1995 by a
group of scientists, engineers, business people, educators, retir-
ees, and the public at large. Incorporated as a nonprofit founda-
tion in 1997, the foundation seeks historical integrity and educa-
tional use of a reasonable portion of the NASA/Boeing site in
Downey, which has been acquired by the City of Downey.

Our meetings for 2004:
Start with January 18th, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.
Also February 15, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.
March 21, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.
April 18, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.
May 16, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.

Aerospace Legacy Foundation- Membership 2004

The Aerospace Legacy Foundation has been an active participant with the City of Downey
in creating the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning and History Center.

$10.00 Basic yearly membership  $50.00 Sustaining or supporting membership
$100.00 Gold membership  $100.00- $500.00 Donation– Contribution

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