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*Wallops Flight Facility  
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*NASA Visitor Center  
November 22, 2008  
11:00 a.m.*

## ORDER OF EVENTS

# NASA WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY

The Wallops Island Flight Facility was established in 1945 by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and is one of the oldest launch sites in the world. This facility was built to conduct aeronautical research using rocket-propelled vehicles. Its first rocket, the Tiamat, was launched on 4 July 1945. With the birth of NASA in 1958, Wallops contributed to the development of components of space flight programs, capsule escape, and recovery techniques. In 1981, Wallops was consolidated with the Goddard Space Flight Center and is now NASA's primary facility for suborbital programs.

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### OPENING REMARKS BY MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**Albert M. Orgain IV, Chairman**  
**Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society**

### RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

#### MARKER PROGRAM

**Joanna Wilson, Archaeology Stewardship**  
**Virginia Department of Historic Resources**

#### WALLOPS ISLAND HISTORY

**Dr. John Campbell, Director**  
**NASA's Wallops Flight Facility**

#### WALLOPS ISLAND COMMUNITY

**Mr. Ron Wolff, Chairperson**  
**Accomack County Board of Supervisors**

#### WALLOPS ISLAND ROLE TODAY

**Randall Burdette, Director**  
**Virginia Department of Aviation**

#### CLOSING REMARKS

**Keith Koehler, Public Affairs Office**  
**NASA's Wallops Flight Facility**

#### UNVEILING AND ACCEPTANCE

**Randall Burdette, Director**  
**Virginia Department of Aviation**

**Joanna Wilson, Archaeology Stewardship**  
**Virginia Department of Historic Resources**

**Dr. John Campbell, Director**  
**NASA's Wallops Flight Facility**