

MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS



FEBRUARY 2005

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Houston Maritime Museum

2204 Dorrington Street, Houston 77030

Saturday, February 12th, 2005 4:00pm

RSVP by February 9th via coupon on page 3 or

SmarTransTM on our website

<https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=1658&groupID=151>

Who knew there is a maritime museum in Houston? The Houston Maritime Museum opened in 2000 and is certainly the first of its kind in this city. But since Houston is the second largest port in the United States, such a museum was long overdue. Founder James Manzolilo has a life-long association with the ocean. A naval architect who has traveled extensively, Manzolilo came to believe that the artifacts he acquired were meant to be shared. Currently over 150 historic naval and merchant ship models, numerous nautical items and sea treasures offer an insight into maritime history. There is also a fantastic collection of navigational instruments, pearls from Tahiti, and coal from the Titanic. And check out the gift shop for unique nautical gifts. Our visit to the Museum will feature a lecture by Jim on the business of "Shipbuilding 7400 Feet Above Sea Level – Mexico City Style." The cost is \$7.50 per person for 2005 dues-paid members and their guests (\$10 for non dues paid members) which covers a donation to the museum and light snacks. The Museum is one block south of Holcombe and one block east of Greenbriar, near the medical center. See www.houstonmaritimemuseum.org.

- Dave Johnston

Houston Aeros Hockey

Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 7:35pm

RSVP via SmarTranssm by 11pm CST, March 25th

Suffering through a season without the NHL? Who needs 'em?! The annual MIT Club hockey night is **Saturday, April 2**. The American Hockey League Aeros battle their I-10 rivals, the San Antonio Rampage. By popular demand, we return to VIP seating -- center ice behind the penalty box. We've got a block of seats close to the glass for great hockey action. Seats are limited so reserve early! Tickets are \$24.00 per person for 2005 dues-paid members and their guests, \$28 (the box office price) for non-members. In addition, discounted VIP parking (strongly recommended) is available for \$5 (normally \$7).

First come, first served so reserve early! Please note that registration for this event must be done via SmarTransTM, MIT's online secure transaction process:

<https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=1657&groupID=151>

- Dave Johnston

Leadership In Education Program (LEAP): Call for 2005 Nominees

Nominations Due March 15, 2005

For application information, go to this website:

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/LEAP.htm>

The MIT Club of South Texas through its **Leadership in Education Program** has an ongoing interest in encouraging students interested in science and mathematics and in helping to elevate the level of technical literacy in our community. We would like to recognize key science and math teachers who are making a difference and to support their ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology. **We invite science and math teachers from the Greater Houston/South Texas Area to apply** for the 2005 MIT Leadership in Education Award. **The winner of this award will attend the 2005 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers, June 26 - July 2, 2005, at our expense.**

This program brings educators to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research. This program is described more fully in the accompanying application brochure. We will select a winner based on enthusiasm as an educator, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community. This is the twelfth year we have supported teachers from South Texas to attend this unique program.

In order to be considered for a scholarship and travel expenses for the MIT summer program, applications should be returned in time to be received by **March 15, 2005**. If you have any questions or comments, call 281-679-7608. It costs about \$1000 to sponsor a teacher at the MIT summer school. MIT Alumni who would like to lend support to this important program may send contributions via our annual membership/LEAP contribution form.

-Ed Rinehart

2005 Club Membership Drive

It's time once again, time for the annual MIT Club of South Texas membership drive. The MIT Club of South Texas invites you to join or renew your membership for 2005. Membership in the club runs coincident with the calendar year, which means that those members who paid their dues before October 1, 2004 need to renew now for 2005. Membership is open to all MIT alumni and alumnae, as well as current undergraduate and graduate students and their parents. Your dues in the local club are used to pay for mailing announcements and the newsletter, sponsor events for

local high school students accepted at the Institute, award prizes at local science fairs, and improve local science and math education through our Leadership in Education Program (LEAP). Although we do benefit from some administrative assistance from the Institute, the MIT Club of South Texas does not receive funding from MIT or from the Alumni/ae Association. Check the website to sign up:

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/membership.htm>

Last year was one of our best membership years ever for our local club, and we'd like to make next year another winner. Join today to get the maximum benefit from your membership!

- *Yezmin Acle*

MIT Alum Returns From International Space Station (ISS) On October 23, 2004

International Space Station Expedition 9 crewmembers, Commander Gennady Padalka and NASA Science Officer Mike Fincke '89 landed on target in the steppes of Kazakhstan at 8:36 p.m. EDT Saturday after 188 days in space. Congratulations to Mike Fincke '89 !

MIT Alum On Shuttle Return-To-Flight Mission – May 2005

When the Space Shuttle returns to flight, it will do so with MIT Alum Wendy B. Lawrence '88 (Capt., USN) serving as Mission Specialist. STS-114 is currently scheduled to launch in May, 2005 for a trip to the International Space Station. Astronaut Eileen Collins will command STS-114, assisted on the flight deck by Pilot James Kelly. Since 2001, they have been preparing for the flight alongside Mission Specialists Soichi Noguchi of the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and Stephen Robison. NASA Astronauts Andrew Thomas and Charles Camarda will also serve as mission specialists. Wendy Lawrence previously flew aboard STS-67 in 1995, STS-86 in 1997, and STS-91 in 1998. (from NASA Press Release H03-360, dated 11-07-03).

An Opportunity To Help The MIT Club Of South Texas – A Call For Volunteer Speakers

Last year our two MIT@HomeSM programs were among the highlights of the year. I am currently trying to put together another program in the series for later this winter. We know that there are many club members who are among the leaders in their field at either a national or local level. In addition there are many people with years of experience, and many stories to tell about their field of expertise. (It doesn't matter what the field is, we're considering a wide range of possible areas.)

If you would like to tell your story to other MIT alums in the area send me a note with a few sentences about what you would like to talk about. (If you responded to the note I sent in September, there is no need to reply, I still have that information.)

-*Alan Cisar*

Are You Interested In A “Driver Education” Event? Let Us Know !!!!

The Club wants to know if you are interested in participating in a “Driver Education” day at Texas World Speedway in College Station, Texas !!! We need at least 20 drivers minimum. Cost per driver for a full day's use of the track, instructors, including insurance, is about \$275 to \$350. More people = lower cost/person. We can arrange for a catered lunch (friends and family who come to watch are welcome, however there will be a nominal charge for lunch for non-drivers). Two hours of “driver education instruction”, then we'll have 6 hours of track time (woo hoo !) We are planning for an event in March 2005. Please send an email to us at texaswebmaster@alum.mit.edu if you are interested. We also need to know if you prefer a weekday or weekend (weekdays are easier to reserve).

Four Local Teachers Receive MIT Club of South Texas 2004 Leadership in Education Award

The MIT Club of South Texas selected four teachers in the Greater Houston area to receive the 2004 MIT Leadership in Education Award. The Leadership in Education program reflects MIT's continuing desire to encourage students interested in science and mathematics and to help in elevating the level of technical literacy in our community. Awards are made to recognize key science and math teachers in the Greater Houston area who are making a difference and to support these teachers' ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology.

The winners for 2004 are:

Thaddeus Eugene Hughes

Northbrook Senior High School (Spring Branch ISD)

Nancy E. Wilson

Taylor High School (Alief ISD)

Roberto Martinez

YES College Preparatory School

Anne Mangas Smith

James E. Bay Elementary School (Clear Creek ISD)

Mr. Hughes and Ms. Wilson had their expenses paid to attend the 2004 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers. This program brings educators from around the country to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research. Mr. Martinez and Ms. Smith each received a \$100 grant to be used in support of their ongoing commitment to the education of our youth. These teachers were selected because of their enthusiasm as educators, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community.

- *Ed Rinehart*

Stand By For Upcoming Happy Hours !

Look for future email and website announcements for a Clear Lake area Happy Hour in late February / early March !

- *Tarik Ward*

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_____ @ \$7.50 / person (2005 dues-paid club members & their guests)

_____ @ \$10.00 / person (non-dues-paid members)

_____ Amount Enclosed

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas**, and return to:

David Johnston
522 Kickerillo Drive
Houston, TX 77079-7415

Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for Calendar Year **2005**:

Name: _____ Class & Course: _____

Home: _____ Work: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Preferred Announcement Service – In addition to our regular monthly Newsletter, Please specify your preferred contact method for **special members-only events** and **event reminders**. (Your use of Email helps the Club control operating costs – Your Email address will be held confidential):

E-mail : _____ US Postal Service

FAX: (____) ____ - _____ Please circle preferred fax receive times: Day Evening Overnight No Preference

Benefactor, \$200+ Sustaining, \$100+ Patron, \$50+ Regular, \$25 Recent Grad ('00-'05), \$5

Parent (per household), \$25

Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education: \$ _____

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas** and return to:

Stacey Nakamura
16100 Space Center Blvd #201
Houston, TX 77062

**Paying for BOTH your 2005
 Dues AND Museum
 Tickets? Please send both
 coupons to Dave Johnston**

Dues Paid Members for 2005 (as of January 23, 2005)

Benefactor

Israel, Sharon
Williams, Curtis

Patron

Bair, R. Stanley
Chan, Eric
Closmann, Phil
Cisar, Al
Cisar, Marilyn Taggi
Gabel, Morris
Grossweiler, Philip
Kashiwagi, Brian
Lantner, Janet
Markham, Janet

Mutchler, Lynne
Nakamura, Stacey

Regular

Acle, Yezmin
Aron, Jeffrey
Bryan, Ken
Ceyhan, Ismail
Dewitt, Robert
Knudsen, Chris
Lantner, Gary
Merz, Shane
Peaceman, Donald
Tang, Sunny
Tubman, Kenneth

Vargas, Herman
Wagner, Jeanette
Waldron, Robert
Wang, Dean

Recent Graduates

Fantozzi, Esme
Jamroz, Przemek
Quintana, Mauricio
Sarkar, Ananya

Parents - Regular

Wu, Peter & Annie

Upcoming Events:

MIT @ Home.3

Driver Education Day @ Texas World Speedway

Houston Museum of Natural Science: An Evening with Dr. Van Tuerenhout