

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 17–19: National Business Aviation Association 59th Annual Meeting & Convention. Orlando, Fla. See www.nbaa.org

Oct. 24–26: 8th International Dependency Structure Matrix Conference. Seattle. See www.boeing.com/ids/dsm06conf

Oct. 25–27: Cargo Facts 2006. Miami Beach, Fla. See www.cargofacts.com

Nov. 5–7: SpeedNews 11th Annual Regional & Corporate Aviation Industry Suppliers Conference. Indian Wells, Calif. See www.speednews.com/Conference/regionalconference.html

Nov. 6–8: National Defense Industrial Association's Annual International Integrated Program Management Conference. Alexandria, Va. See www.ndia.org

Nov. 8–9: 8th Annual Managing Aircraft Interior Costs Conference. Seattle. See www.aviationindustrygroup.com/index.cfm?pg=201

Nov. 13–17: National Defense Industrial Association's 6th Annual CMMI Technology Conference and User Group. Denver. See www.ndia.org

Nov. 27–30: 25th Army Science Conference. Orlando, Fla. See www.asc2006.org

Nov. 28–29: 10th Annual Latin American & Caribbean Airline Engineering & Maintenance Conference. Mexico City. See www.aviationindustrygroup.com/index.cfm?pg=210

Dec. 5–6: Aerospace & Defense Finance Conference. New York. See www.aviationweek.com/conferences/finmain.htm

Feb. 6–7: Asian Business Aviation Conference & Exhibition. Hong Kong. See www.abace.aero

Feb. 14–15: Defense Technology & Requirements. Washington, D.C. See www.aviationweek.com/conferences/dtarmain.htm

Feb. 18–22: IDEX 2007. This marks the eighth occurrence of the annual Middle East defense conference and exhibition. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. See www.idexuae.com

March 19–21: SpeedNews 21st Annual Aviation Industry Suppliers Conference. Beverly Hills, Calif. See www.speednews.com/Conference

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Roaring into the skies

Boeing last month delivered the first EA-18G Growler airborne electronic attack aircraft to the U.S. Navy. Here, the aircraft takes off from Lambert–St. Louis International Airport on Sept. 22, heading to its new home at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

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First thing in the morning

Space Shuttle *Atlantis*' main landing gear is about to touch down at the Shuttle Landing Facility at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. The Sept. 21 return concluded a successful STS-115 mission in which the crew traveled to the International Space Station to resume construction of the space outpost. While at the ISS, the crew installed the Boeing-built P3/P4 integrated truss and solar arrays.

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And away we go

A Boeing Delta II launch vehicle blasts off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., on Sept. 25 on its way to successfully deploying a replenishment Block IIR Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite for the U.S. Air Force. Boeing provides launches for the GPS program aboard Delta II vehicles and has a planned GPS manifest through at least 2007.

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