



So Many People to Thank!

NARCON 2013 was a big success, but it didn't 'just happen.' A lot of talented, hard working people contributed their time, effort, and skills to produce our LUNAR extravaganza.

Planning for NARCON 2013 took a long time. As far back at December, 2011, Ryan Coleman, Jack Hagerty and others were looking for venues. Eventually Cliff Sojourner and Charlie Whitman toured several local sites and they put together the proposal which led us to the Biltmore Hotel. By April, 2012, Cliff had negotiated the final proposal which was sent to, and approved by, the NAR BoD. Game On for NARCON 2013!

An event this big needs a director. Sam Fineberg stepped up and did a fabulous job of keeping track of all of the activities, accommodations, meetings, trips, and lots of other things. Helping Sam in the "lots of things" department were VP Tony Cooper and President Dave Raimondi.

The heart of NARCON is an interesting and challenging variety of technical presentations. That means we needed speakers, of course, and several LUNARtics stepped up to volunteer. Not everything rocketry-related happens in our backyard, however, so Jack Hagerty, Ryan Coleman and Charlie Whitman contacted other distinguished candidates and worked on speaker coordination. They did a great job! If you missed any of their talks, links to videos are available on the previous page.

NARCON needed a logo so Jack Hagerty and Ryan Coleman worked together to develop a memorable one. Jack then used the logo to create a flyer which he distributed at NARAM to begin generating interest in NARCON 2013. Later on Sam Fineberg used the logo in a T-shirt design which was available at Zazzle.com, and Jim Flis of FlisKits created a neat NARCON 2013 sticker (and donated enough stickers for everyone!).

Nothing gets done without money. Sheryl Cooper. 'Nuff said!

Side trips are an interesting addition to any conference and NARCON had some great ones. Bruce LaFetra helped with planning, along with Marcus Krause for the CHM tour, Jack Hagerty for the Hiller museum tour, and Alyn Thym for the Nike tour (which was so well attended that they broke us up into two groups!). Some lucky attendees were able to view Steve Juvetson's amazing collection of rocket memorabilia.

You've seen the big, burly guys ejecting unruly fans at football or baseball games? That's the job of the Event Staff, and NARCON 2013's big, burly guys (and gals) were coordinated by Greg Kurlinski. Other Event Staff members were Steve and

Durelle Kurlinski, Larcie Fitzmorris, Merelan Jones, and Myrriah Rivera.

Several people worked on donations. Marcus Krause and Mike Gentile worked with vendors and Casey Barker arranged a donation from Google. The large number of donated rocketry items fueled a huge raffle!

The large number of speakers meant that the attendees could only attend half of the talks. Videographer Jeff Dillon and his assistant, Robert Belknap, solved the problem by recording the sessions. They did a great job!

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The goal of the professional conference attendee is to collect some free stuff and NARCON 2013 didn't let us down. Among the goodies in that distinctive green Bay Area Rocketry bag were:

- An ESTES 'Classic Series' Photon Probe kit and an ESTES catalog
- Lots of QUEST info, including a 25% off discount coupon (good until Dec 31st!).
- FlisKits included their nifty NARCON 2013 sticker
- Another nice sticker from Bay Area Rocketry
- and AEROTECH provided a catalog with all of their products

Thanks, everyone, for the SWAG!



Bringing home the SWAG!