



President's Report

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The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) President's Report is a weekly executive capsule covering current satellite industry news and events. See the bottom of page for additional information.

Recent News

SWE-DISH Satellite Systems AB, a **DataPath®** company specializing in compact, quick-to-air and easy-to-use mobile satellite communications equipment, is adding a 1.2-meter antenna module to the CommuniCase® Technology product line, creating the new SWE-DISH Suitcase® CCT120. This is the latest enhancement to the proven line of ultra-portable SWE-DISH Suitcase terminals. Suitcase terminals, known for being light, compact and easy to use, have transformed the way journalists, military personnel and emergency first responders communicate from remote locations. SWE-DISH will present the Suitcase CCT120 for the first time at IBC2008 in Amsterdam. <http://www.datapath.com/NS-DataPath%20News%20Releases>

CapRock Communications announced a three-year agreement with Condux S.A. de C.V. to deliver VSAT communication services onboard its fleet of construction vessels. Condux, a leading offshore construction services company and subsidiary of Mexican-based Grupo Protexa, has chosen CapRock's services to provide its clients with reliable communications to support daily offshore operations. http://www.caprock.com/press/archive_2008/newspr080909.htm

Boeing, through its commercial launch business, successfully launched the GeoEye-1 satellite aboard a Delta II rocket procured from United Launch Alliance (ULA). Liftoff occurred from launch pad SLC-2W at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The ULA Delta II rocket deployed the spacecraft approximately 58 minutes after liftoff. GeoEye-1 will have the highest resolution of any commercial imaging system, capable of collecting images with a ground resolution of 16 inches (.41 meters) in panchromatic (black-and-white) mode. Virginia-based GeoEye is the premier provider of geospatial information for the national security community, strategic partners, resellers and commercial customers.

http://www.boeing.com/news/releases/2008/q3/080906a_nr.html

SPOT LLC offers a new, inexpensive product that can be valuable to those living in Hurricane zones and other areas as they prepare to face emergencies and natural disasters. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security declared September "Disaster Preparedness Month" and with Tropical Storm Hanna approaching the Southeast coast this weekend, and Tropical Storms Ike and Josephine following, residents can use a reliable personal locator to supplement their landline and cell phone service, which may be compromised during a natural disaster.

http://www.globalstar.com/en/news/pressreleases/press_display.php?pressId=503

Boeing technicians prepare the third Wideband Global SATCOM satellite for an around-the-clock sequence of tests inside a thermal-vacuum chamber at the company's satellite manufacturing facility. Boeing recently completed thermal-vacuum testing of the third satellite in record time, as a result of continuous improvements in testing efficiency. Boeing is building six WGS satellites for the U.S. Air Force.

http://www.boeing.com/news/releases/2008/q3/080903b_pr.html

The switch to digital TV in the Wilmington, N.C., market encountered some obstacles, but most of those involved with the single market DTV transition said the change to all-digital broadcasting was a smooth operation. One station, NBC affiliate WECT, admitted there were a few challenges. "As expected, there are some glitches and we know at least a few of our viewers are struggling to see our signal," the station said. "Fixing those problems is the gritty work of this transition, but the switch also comes with celebration." Story Courtesy of SkyREPORT

ISE, a subsidiary of **Integral Systems, Inc.** announced the delivery and installation of a fully integrated CSM (Carrier Signal Monitoring) and transponder planning system for the THOR family of satellites at Telenor Satellite Broadcasting AS facilities in Nittedal, Norway. The turnkey system includes products from Integral Systems' wholly-owned subsidiary, SAT Corporation, the leading provider of satellite carrier monitoring solutions. This system consists of SAT Corporation's Monics carrier monitoring and interference detection system for Ku-band beams, and a transponder management system from Optimal Satcom.

<http://isys.client.shareholder.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=332832>

Mobile Satellite Ventures announced that it has joined with the State of Washington's Military Department Emergency Management Division to launch the NorthWest Satellite Mutual Aid Radio Talkgroup serving public safety interests throughout seven states in the northwestern United States including Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. NWSMART is the fifth in a planned network of nine regionally-focused, locally managed talkgroups across the nation enabling critical and interoperable communications at all levels of public safety agencies and facilities. <http://www.msvlp.com/media/press-releases-view.cfm?id=184&yr=2008>

2008 Upcoming Meetings and Events

This Month:

September 23 -25 – APSCC 2008 Satellite "Satellites on the Move" Jeju Island, Korea
<http://www.apsc.org.kr/event/apsc2008.asp>

September 29 - October 3– IAC 2008 International Astronautical Congress and Exhibition, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow, Scotland,
www.iac2008.co.uk

Ahead:

October 14 – ISCe Satellite Investment Symposium (ISIS NYC '08) – 3 West Club, New York, NY www.isis-nyc.com

October 14 - SSPI 3rd Annual Future Leaders Dinner. 3 West Club, New York, NY.
www.satfuture.com

October 15-16 – SATCON Satellite and Content Delivery Conference & Expo, Javits Convention Center, New York, NY <http://www.satconexpo.com/>

October 29 – 31 – TCIP 10th Annual Conference Hyatt Regency Chicago Chicago, IL
www.ctc.org

December 9-11 – SIA Co-Sponsored DoD Commercial SATCOM User’s Workshop, Bethesda Marriott, Bethesda, MD

January 18-21 – Pacific Telecom Council PTC '09, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, HI
<http://www.ptc.org/>

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