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FAMOUS FIGURES: CARL HUSS

Below: From the Hidden Figures (Modern Figures) article's FAQ on the NASA website, February 25, 2017.

5. Is the movie character Paul Stafford based on an actual NASA employee?

The character Paul Stafford (played by Jim Parsons) is a composite of a number of engineers with whom **Katherine Johnson** worked. In her time with the Space Task Group there was considerable turnover of personnel. Much of her early work on trajectories was done with Ted Skopinski, but there was a team of engineers with whom she worked at the time, including Skopinski, John Mayer, Alton Mayo, Al Hamer and **Carl Huss**.

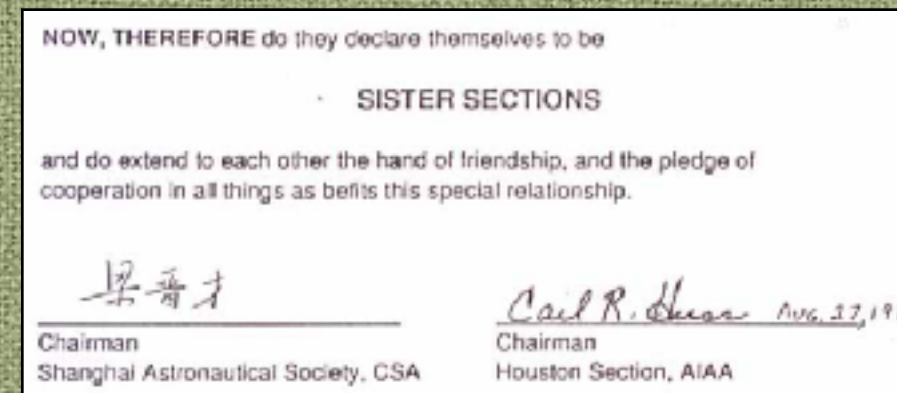
Below: Image credit: Flickr.



Left: A group image including Carl Huss, from the June 1986 issue of Horizons. Our Section obtained this issue a year or two ago thanks to Karen Frank (formerly Karen Godek). For a 1964 image of Carl Huss and some of the Space Task Group in Houston, see the back cover of the May 2011 issue of Horizons.



1986-87 Officers and Councillors at the Banquet, left to right: Stephanie Vickery, Don Rhorer, Jim Oberg, Bob Lewis, Carl Huss, Karen Godek, Lou Livingston, Scott Satterwhite, Nancy Wood, Dick West, Debra Nienhaus



Above: An excerpt from an AIAA Houston Section document.



Above: From the NASA/SC newsletter *Space Center Roundup* (July 8, 1964), some of the Mission Analysis Branch of the Space Task Group: From left to right: Richard Koos, Paul Zimberg, John O'Leighlin, Doris Folkes, Emil Schuesser, Cathy Osgood, Jim Duthy, Morris Jenkins, Carl R. Huss (plaid jacket), John Mayo, Bill Tindall, Harold (Hui) Beck, Charles Allen, Ted Skopinski, Jack Hartung, Glenn Lunsney, Shirley Hunt Hinson, John Shawntis, Bill Reini, Mary Shep Burton, Lynn Dunsen, Jerry Engel, Harold (Harry) Miller, and Clay Hicks. Missing from the photograph: Nancy Carter, Mary Jensen, and Ed Linberry. For a high-resolution copy of this picture (1 MB), please e-mail editor@aiaa-houston.org. Image credit: NASA (A3-564-2664/Hallbeck/Crop1964.jpg). (Some empty sky is cropped out of the above copy of the photograph.) Editor's note: Carl R. Huss (McDonnell Douglas) was the 1987-1988 chair of AIAA Houston Section for our section's 26th year, as shown in a document in Cuesner Yanglan's history technical committee web page on our section's web site (www.aiaa-houston.org). See the columns by the editor and assistant editor for more information about this photograph.