



Lunch & Learn  
**A Photographic History of  
Wildlife at and around NASA's Johnson Space Center**  
By Gary Seloff, NASA/JSC Information Management Specialist

An AIAA Houston Section History technical committee event  
Chair: Douglas Yazell; Members: Ted Kenny. New members are invited to volunteer.



Above: **Boomer.** Male Atwater's prairie chicken in mating plumage, drumming and booming at the breeding facility on the grounds of the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas. These birds are critically endangered with only around 100 individuals remaining in the wild due to range reduction, fire ant invasion, and other predators. The breeding program at JSC is in partnership with the Houston Zoo, with offspring reintroduced into their native coastal prairie environment at the Atwater prairie chicken National Wildlife Refuge near Eagle Lake, Texas. Image credit: Gary Seloff. March 16, 2017.



Above: **Just Leaving.** They refuse to stay put. Female belted kingfisher on Horsepen Bayou. Image credit: Gary Seloff. January 27, 2017.



Above: **Canoeboy's Kitty.** It's been five years since a bobcat was photographed on Horsepen Bayou but my guess is this is the same handsome cat climbing out over the water to say hi to his old friend, Canoeboy (aka Jerome, aka WanaM3). Because as soon as he realized I wasn't Jerome, he hung a u-ey, hopped ashore, and disappeared back into the underbrush. Image credit: Gary Seloff. December 17, 2016.

Wildlife on the campus of NASA/JSC includes bobcats, alligators, coyotes, snakes, lizards, and many kinds of birds, including herons, egrets, woodpeckers, owls, flycatchers, cardinals, mockingbirds, bluejays, sparrows, doves, bald eagles, and ospreys.

Gary Seloff is an IT Manager at NASA/JSC with three decades of experience in imagery collection management and IT. For the past 10 years or so, he has been kayaking and taking photographs on Armand Bayou, Horsepen Bayou, Mud Lake, as well as on site at JSC and nearby areas.

- **Date:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018
- **Time:** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM presentation by Gary Seloff, NASA/JSC Information Management Specialist. Presentation start time: Noon.
- **Place:** Tietronix, 1331 Gemini Avenue, Suite 300, Houston Texas 77058.
- **Cost:** No charge for attending. Membership not required.
- **Meal:** Optional, from Jason's Deli. Order and pay online at [www.aiaahouston.org](http://www.aiaahouston.org) at least two days in advance.
- **Registration:** [www.aiaahouston.org](http://www.aiaahouston.org) or our EventBrite web page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nasajsc-wildlife-photography-lunch-learn-tickets-46256853494>  
Walk-ins are welcome. Advance registration helps us to plan better. The bigger the audience, the better.