Our History Committee’s Audiobook Project

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Ted Kenny is making great progress on the audiobook version of Suddenly Tomorrow Came... A History of the Johnson Space Center. Ted is the AIAA Houston Section Chair of the History technical committee. The book’s author, Dr. Henry C. Dethloff, will do a little bit of reading for the audiobook eventually.

Ted set up a recording studio at a desk in his office at NASA / JSC. An ordinary desk has blankets draped over a structure designed to allow a reader to sit at the desk and read while ambient noise is reduced or eliminated. He did an impressive job with his own reading and editing, then he invited me to read about eight pages from the start of Chapter One. Ted might be able to edit my work into something we can keep, but I prefer to do it again one day so that I can actually follow the instructions he placed on our Google documents. Some preparation is required at least a day in advance.

Dr. Steven E. Everett and Norman Chaffee are two other readers lined up so far. Quite a few readers and proofers will be needed. Volunteers can contact us in the usual ways, including the email address on page four of every issue of Horizons.

At Norman’s request, Ted will also use his excellent sound studio for the NASA Alumni League (NAL-JSC) oral history project. Great work has already been done on that NAL-JSC task, but it slowed down recently, though the need is as great as ever.

Dethloff, Texas A&M University Professor Emeritus of history, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas, his MA from Northwestern State University (Louisiana), and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He served on active duty in the Navy (1956-1958) and in the Navy Reserves to 1969. He taught at the University of Southwest Louisiana (1962-1969) and Texas A&M University (1969-1999), also serving as Department Head (1980-1985). He retired in 1999 as Professor Emeritus. He is now President of Intaglio Research (1982-present).

Dethloff is the author or co-author of more than thirty books. He edited Aerial Navigation (Intaglio Press, 2003), a translated edition of a 1903 French publication on the history of flight.