

## 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.

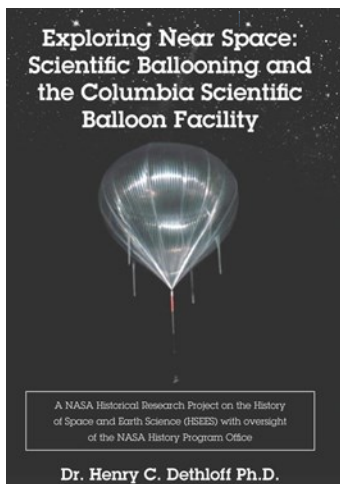
Dethloff, Texas A&M Uni-

versity 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

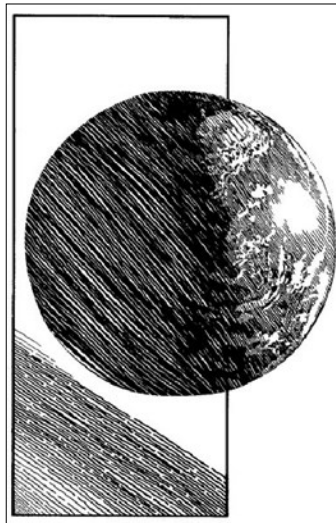
Southwest Louisiana (1962-1969) and Texas A&M University (1969-1999), also serving as Department Head (1980-1985). He retired in 1999 as Professor Emeritus.



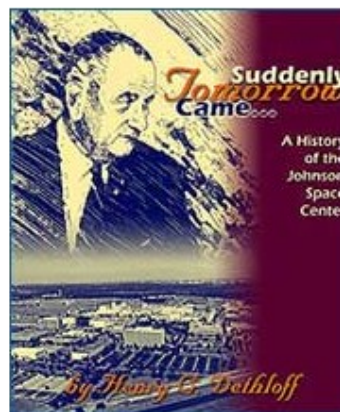
Above: Author Dr. Henry C. Dethloff. Image credit: Dr. Dethloff.



Above: This 2012 book by Dr. Henry Dethloff reminds us that AIAA Houston Section includes two NASA facilities, NASA / JSC in Houston, Texas and the subject of this book in Palestine, Texas. Image credit: Amazon.



Above: Chapter 17. Space Station Earth. From the book *Suddenly Tomorrow Came... A History of the Johnson Space Center*. Image credit: NASA.

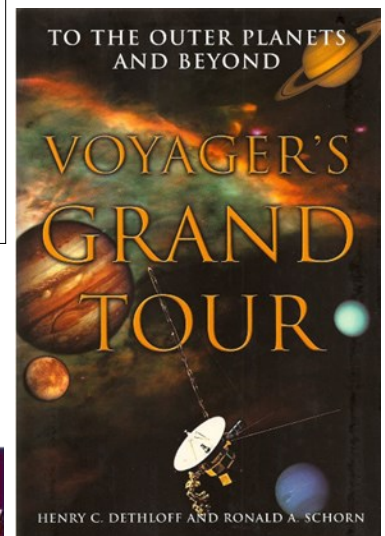


Above: The 1993 book by Henry C. Dethloff. Ted Kenny, Chair of AIAA Houston Section History technical committee, is leading a team in creating the audiobook. Norman Chaffee and Dr. Steven E. Everett are two of the readers signed up so far. A third reader is the author, Henry C. Dethloff. Image credit: NASA/JSC.

## Section News

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.



Above: *Voyager 1* and *Voyager 2* were launched in 1977. Since then they have traveled farther than any human object. *Voyager 1* is now more than ten billion miles from the sun and is headed to the utmost boundary of our solar system. This 2003 book originally published under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution tells the story of their journey through the solar system and beyond. The authors' unparalleled access to NASA archives and imagery make this the authoritative work on the subject. The book includes eight pages of photographs and computer generated imagery and black and white photos throughout. Image and text credit: Amazon.