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MAMA to Host 2021 North American Space Summit in Traverse City

Sterling Heights, Michigan, July 28, 2021– The Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association, or MAMA, will host its fourth annual North American Space Summit Aug. 29-31 in Traverse City, Michigan.

The three-day summit, also known as NASS, will feature influential leaders in aerospace, government, national security, automotive, academia and more on initiatives in new technology, capabilities, services and innovation in near-earth and low-Earth orbit, or LEO.

This year, the NASS will include speakers such as:

- Wayne Monteith, associate administrator for the Office of Commercial Space Transportation at the Federal Aviation Administration
- Monica Jan, senior director of strategy and customer experience at Virgin Orbit
- Frank Weith, director of connected and mobility services at Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. and president of Ventic.
- Rick Tumlinson, founding partner of SpaceFund
- Derek Hodgins, strategy and business development for lunar exploration at Lockheed Martin
- Lt. Gen. David J. Buck, USAF (Ret.) president, BRPH Mission Solutions.
- Dr. L. Brad King, CEO of Orbion Space Technology

“The Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association is excited to once again host this event for the space industry,” said MAMA Executive Director Gavin Brown. “This year’s NASS will provide attendees opportunities to learn how they can help grow this nearly \$424 billion industry, the benefits and opportunities to build meaningful partnerships as well as industry issues, trends and the latest technology.”

The summit’s theme this year will be “LEO: The New Gold Rush,” which will focus on collaborative opportunities for the public and private sector to help grow the commercial space ecosystem in the Midwest. The NASS will feature more than 30 educational and networking sessions for attendees to learn about the next generation of space-enabled communications, autonomous vehicle technology, space supply chains, government applications, funding sources and more.

“The collaboration of commercial and government agencies continues to set new standards for how we think about the space industry’s business model,” Brown added. “Still, this is just the beginning. There are numerous opportunities for more public-private partnerships and investments that can launch the U.S. space ecosystem to new heights. Our goal for this summit is to educate attendees on how they can join us for this exciting next chapter.”

For more information and to register, visit TheNASS.org.

ABOUT MAMA

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