

AIAA Mobile Chapter Apollo 11 Anniversary Celebration at the Exploreum

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On Saturday, July 20, 2019, the AIAA Mobile Chapter partnered with the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the NASA Apollo 11 Moon Landing. AIAA members joined together at the Exploreum to teach aerospace enthusiasts young and old about rocket science and aircraft principles, with the use of wooden balsa gliders, straw rocket launches and a large water bottle rocket demonstration. AIAA involvement included student and graduate student members from the University of South Alabama Launch Society and Design Build Fly team, as well as professional members from local aerospace industry at Airbus, and elementary and college-level educators. The Exploreum also featured a presentation from NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador Jamie Ellis on “To Apollo and Beyond: Back to the Moon, Onward to Mars.” About 12 AIAA members and 8 non-members participated and they spoke to almost 50 museum visitors about AIAA and Aerospace. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported our AIAA Mobile Chapter event kick-off of the year :-)



Figure 1. AIAA Mobile Chapter Apollo 11 Anniversary Celebration at the Exploreum (Pic Courtesy: Dan Domenzain)