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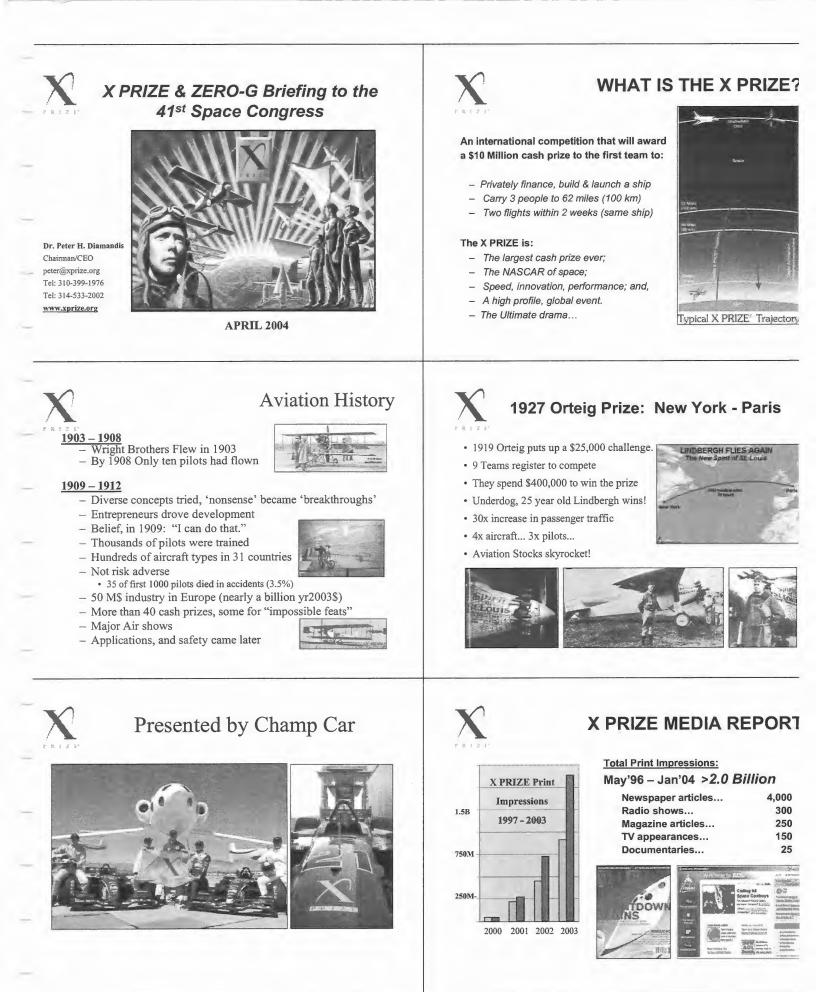
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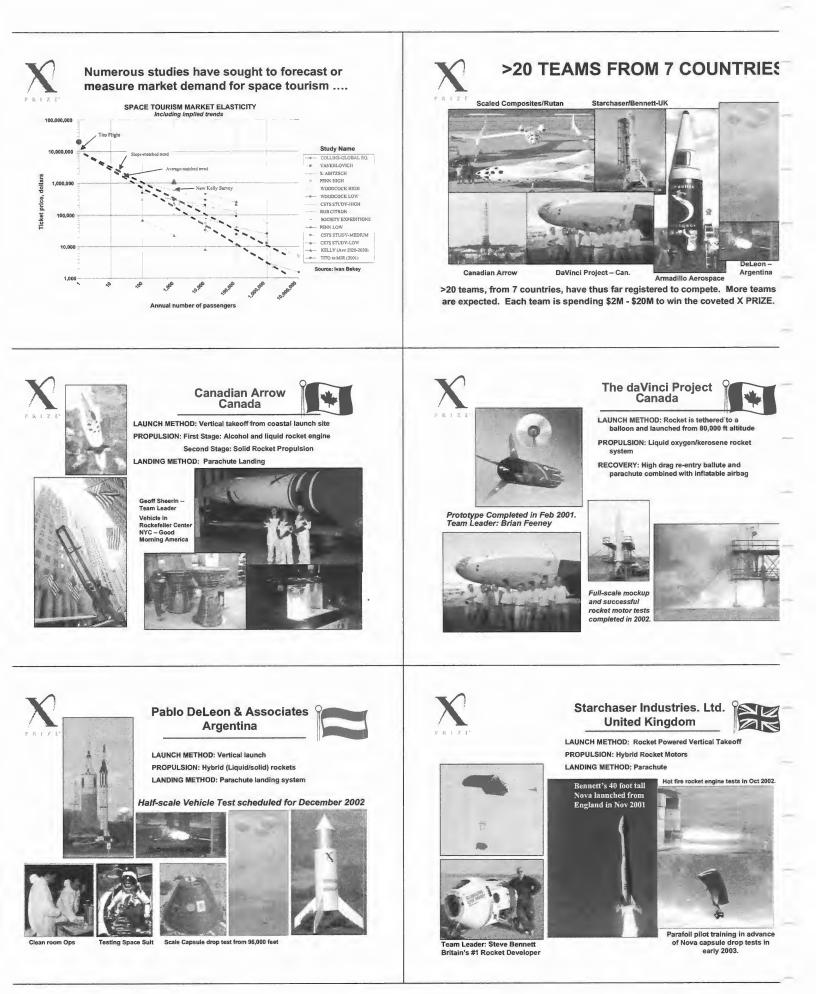
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- X PRIZE has issued an RFP to U.S. spaceports.
- Four spaceports have provided proposals:
 - California
 - Florida
 - New Mexico → NEW MEXICO

→ FLORIDA

- Oklahoma
- · One Location will be selected by May'04
- First CUP planned for Summer 2005 (exhibition) & 2006 (competition)





Company Overview

An overnight success after 11 years of hard work...

ZERO-G has already obtained Patents (#5,971,319), Trademarks and FAA Supplemental Type Certificates (#ST01051LA) to protect its leadership position.

ZERO-G's goal: Make the excitement and unique environment of space accessible to the general public and the commercial marketplace in a safe and cost-effective fashion.





Executive Managemen

ZERO-G management includes a world-class team of professionals from NASA, the FAA, and executives from the aerospace, tourism and educational arenas.



Peter H. Diamandis Chairman/CEO & Founder

B.S., M.S., M.I.T., Aerospace Engineering.

M.D., Harvard Medical School Founder, Managing Director, Int'l Space University Chairman & President, X PRIZE Foundation Co-Founder, Space Adventures.

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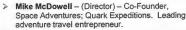
President & Founder

B.S., Aerospace Engineering, Brown University M.S. ScD,Bio/ Mechanical Engineering, M.I.T. Space Shuttle Astronaut: STS-45; STS-45 3000 hrs in military jets; 8,000+ hrs in 737 type rating Pilot for major U.S. Airlines Founder, President, Payload Systems, Inc.



Key Management, Directors & Advisors

- Rick Searfoss (VP) NASA Shuttle Commander and Pilot. Airforce test pilot. Motivational speaker.
 - Alan Ladwig (COO) Previous NASA Associate Administrator of Policy & Plans.
 - Noah McMahon Chief Marketing Officer
 - Robert Ward Director, Aircraft Operations



- Gloria Bohan- President, Omega World Travel a \$500M/year leisure travel company.
- Ted Ellett Hogan & Hartson, FAA General Council under President Reagan & Bush.
- Astronaut Advisors ZERO-G has numerous Astronaut Advisors who will fly with the Customers.





Ladwig



- Only method to create weightlessness on Earth.
- 25-30 seconds of zero gravity during each parabola.
- NASA has flown over 140,000 parabolas over the past 30 years without incident.
- NASA uses a 45 year old Air Force KC-135 aircraft.
- Before ZERO-G, parabolic experiences were not available to the General Public in the U.S.

Parabolic (Zero-G) Flight

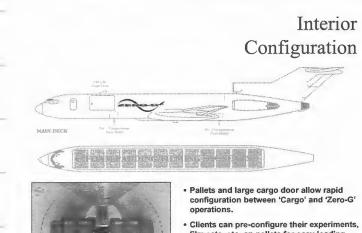








- ZERO-G uses a specially modified B-727 н.
- Aircraft mods have been approved by FAA н.
- Same body size as NASA's Parabolic aircraft.
- B-727 offers a better quality parabola than NASA's aircraft.
- Large fleet of 727 and easy access to maintenance facilities offers high assurance of aircraft availability.
- Operated under Part-121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, the highest standard for aircraft safety.



- film sets, etc. on pallets for easy loading onboard.
- 12 Pallets 3 Pallets holding 30 seats; 9 Pallets for foam padding.



Operations Plan

ZERO-G and its aircraft are based in Miami, Florida. Regular operations will take place from there, but ZERO-G is able to relocate the aircraft anywhere a client wishes to fly with the addition of a ferry charge.

Future plans include using Las Vegas, Nevada as an additional base in order to capture more of the individual adventure market.





- ZERO-G was required by the FAA to demonstrate the normal operations of every subsystem, or to modify systems for normal ops in parabolic flight.
- ZERO-G conducted extensive engineering and verification work, including the creation of a 60,000 node FEM (Finite Element Model) in conjunction with strain-gauge measurements during flights.
- The following systems were tested in flight and data obtained to demonstrate normal operations: - Fuel System and fuel procedures

 - JT8D Engines Constant Speed Drives
 - Air Cycle Machines
 - Structures Analysis
 - Flight Operations Procedures
- The following modifications were made as part of the "Mechanical STC" to allow for safe operations during flight: Avionics/Gauges
 - Hydraulic System
 - Continued Airworthiness Program
 - Approved interior



ZERO-G has selected Amerijet Int'l Airlines. a Florida-based, Part-121 Boeing 727-200 operators. Amerijet provides:

- AIRCRAFT: Access to one or more specially modified Boeing 727-200 cargo aircraft
- · MAINTENANCE: In strict adherence of the FAA's Continued Airworthiness Program.
- CREWS: Experienced & specially trained Flight & Ground Crews
- INSURANCE: Hull, 3rd Party and Liability protection plus \$1M/client.
- PRICING: Fixed Charter/ACMI price/Hr

AMERIJET INT'L AIRLINES

Mechanical STC

#ST01051LA



Barriers & Competition

Multiple Effective Barriers to Entry

- (1) Patent (#5,971,319) - Business Model (the use of a cargo aircraft) - Engineering modifications
- (2) Trademarks - ZERO-G® - Question Gravity"®.

(3) FAA Approvals -- Supplemental Type Certificate (#ST01051LA).



Competition – No U.S. competition

- NASA KC-135 not allowed to compete with ZERO-G (by law).
- CNES Airbus 300 -- costs >\$150,000 per flight (can not fly public).
- Russian IL-76 -- military aircraft located in Russia/not FAA certified.

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Corporate and Individual Pricing:	
 Retail Ticket Price 	\$2,950
 Full Flight Price (27 flyers) 	\$79,500
Entertainment Flight Price	\$65,000
Research/ Education Flight Price	\$59,500
Government Flight Price	TBD

NOTES: Current price for ZERO-G Flights in Russia is \$7,000 (excluding travel and hotel).



Markets

ZERO-G has identified five robust markets for its services:

- 1. Entertainment / Film Production
- 2. Individual Adventure Travel
- 3. Corporate / Incentive
- 4. Research/ Education
- 5. Government



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