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Our next SAME General Membership & Business Meeting will be February 18, 2010, at 1130 at the Naval Aviation Museum's Cubi Bar.

We will be hearing a presentation from Mr. Kevin King from the National Flight Academy.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – FEBRUARY 2010

Unlike President Kennedy, let me reverse his famous plea and instead suggest that you “ask not what you can do for SAME but what SAME can do for you.” That’s not to imply that we won’t need help, because we will. We are a voluntary organization. But the Pensacola Post should exist for the good of its members, not primarily for the perpetuation of the organization.

Certainly, we will continue to raise money for scholarships and engineering camps, because that is investing in our youth – the future of the engineering profession. That is an important part of what we do, but it is not, in and of itself, sustaining. We must pursue programs, forums and activities that directly benefit our members and the organizations, public and private, that sustain us. Let us hear from you. How can SAME better serve YOUR INTERESTS?

Our incoming Board of Directors met last week to map out plans for the coming year. On the immediate horizon, we will hear from Mr. Kevin King from the National Flight Academy. He will be discussing their mission and the program’s current events. In March, we will have a combination lunch/tour at the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC) facility. For further details, please check out our website at <http://posts.same.org/pensacola>.

Mark your calendars:

18 Feb – Flight Academy Presentation

The National Flight Academy teaches the principles of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with an immersive, hands-on approach that reaches far beyond the traditional academic experience. Students in 7th- 12th grades spend 5 ½ days undergoing an intensive course that combines classroom fundamentals with virtual reality. In this high-tech adventure like no other, students–dubbed Aviators–join a squadron and immediately begin planning and executing missions based on real-world events.

18 Mar – IHMC Tour at UWF

IHMC is a not-for-profit research institute of the Florida University System and is affiliated with several Florida universities. Researchers at IHMC pioneer technologies aimed at leveraging and extending human capabilities. Our human-centered approach often results in systems that can be regarded as cognitive or perceptual prostheses, much as eyeglasses are a sort of ocular prosthesis. These systems fit the human and machine components together in ways that exploit their respective strengths and mitigate their respective weaknesses.

Current active research areas include: knowledge modeling and sharing, adjustable autonomy, robotics, advanced interfaces and displays, communication and collaboration, computer-mediated learning systems, intelligent data understanding, software agents, expertise studies, work practice simulation, knowledge representation, and other related areas.

What has SAME Pensacola been up to?

Each of the Vice Presidents has been gathering ideas and input to prepare for the upcoming year. Any volunteers or ideas that anyone would like to contribute in the areas of Education and Training, Outreach, Relationships, or Contingency are greatly welcomed.

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