Members of the German Air Force enjoyed the Opening Welcome Reception.

STC 2001 provided an excellent networking opportunity at all levels.

Winners of the first CrossTalk Airplane Contest (see sidebar on page 30).

Beatles enthusiasts young and old enjoyed 1964's live tribute.

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Attendees heard one of 199 software-related presentations.

The crowd watched eagerly at the first CrossTalk Airplane Contest.

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Highly skilled aeronautical engineers attempted the challenge before them.


Dan Wynn and Lt. Col. Glenn Palmer enjoyed one of the many tracks on offer.

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Oracle's Steve Perkins addressed "Implementing E-Business Practices".

Alex Lubashevsky and Dr. Eli Goldratt entertained and educated the audience.

Lt. Gen John Woodward answered questions at the Co-Sponsors, Panel Discussion.

Dr. David Cook addressed software requirements.

Maj. Gen. John Barry closed the general session.

# Paper Airplane Contest Wows STC 2001 Conference Attendees

SALT LAKE CITY – The audience surrounding the foyer at the Salt Lake Convention Center erupted into a giant "ahhhhh," when the paper airplane sailing effortlessly from the platform launch landed 73 and one-half feet down the makeshift runway below them. Although he didn't know it yet, Steve Smith had just won first place at the first ever CROSSTALK Paper Airplane Contest held May 1 as part of the 13th Annual Software Technology Conference (STC).

For his winning flight, Smith, engineer project manager at the Joint Force Program Office, took home a Handspring Visor Prism handheld computer. In second place, with 70 and three-fourths feet, was John Stark, chief engineer, Predictive Technologies Division, Science Applications International Corp., who received a $100 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble. Third place went to Maj. Stewart Laing, deputy chief of Testing Division, Global Transportation Network Program Management Office, with a flight of 65 and two-thirds feet. Laing won a $50 gift certificate to the Olive Garden.

In its first year, the paper airplane contest drew 105 entrants who constructed their airplanes from a choice of two paper weights pre-printed and supplied by the Software Technology Support Center (STSC) at Hill Air Force Base and the contest sponsor SHIM Enterprise, Inc. The STSC held the airplane contest as a gathering event to solicit authors for its monthly journal CROSSTALK, *The Journal of Defense Software Engineering*. Contest participants were cheered on by about 350 spectators eating pizza, kabobs, and desserts while listening to running contest commentary by co-announcers Dave Cook and Les Dupaix, engineering consultants at the STSC.

Nearly 3,000 people attended the STC conference, "2001 Software Odyssey: Controlling Cost, Schedule and Quality," offering 199 software-related presentations along with 167 trade show exhibits. The conference is co-sponsored by the Departments of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Defense Information Systems Agency and Utah State University Extension.◆


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If your experience or research has produced information that could be useful to others, CROSSTALK will get the word out. We welcome articles on all software-related topics, but are looking for pieces in several high-interest areas. Drawing from reader survey data, we will highlight your most requested article topics as themes for future issues. We will place a special, yet nonexclusive, focus on the following tentative issues of CROSSTALK:

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**We accept article submissions on all software-related topics at any time; issues will not focus exclusively on the featured theme.**

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