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**COSMOSPHERE**  
KANSAS COSMOSPHERE & SPACE CENTER



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## president's letter

400 years ago, the first ever astronomical observations with a telescope were made by Galileo Galilei in Padua, Italy with a simple 3-power telescope.

40 years ago, the world watched as Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface on July 20, 1969.

In 2009, we celebrated both of those events...and many more here in Hutchinson at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Here, we are committed to *Honoring the Past and Inspiring the Future of Space Exploration*. Whether the exploration is done by human beings riding flaming rockets into space...or by sending remote scouts to the edges of our solar system to transmit back images and data on our nearest planetary neighbors...or by using telescopes here on Earth and out in space to peer deep into the farthest reaches of our universe, we here at the Cosmosphere recognize the importance of all of those endeavors to increasing our knowledge and inspiring the future of our youth.

In yet another effort to be as environmentally responsible as possible, the Cosmosphere is providing the 2009 annual report as a web-based publication only. As you read its contents, you will see the highlighted achievements in public programs, care of our internationally acclaimed artifact collection, exhibitions, educational outreach, and restoration efforts. Even in the difficult economic framework of the past year, the Cosmosphere worked on the restoration and renovated display of Gus Grissom's Gemini III spacecraft, hosted astronaut Joe Engle to talk about his experiences in the amazing X-15 spacecraft, hosted the crew of the shuttle *Discovery's* first ever STS-41-D mission in 1989, produced new exhibits of artifacts from the Apollo 11 mission, and (for the first time ever in the United States) put on display a visually stunning exhibit of inscribed photographs from the width and breadth of the Apollo program. In honor of the 400th anniversary of those first sightings of the Moon by Galileo, over 900 people attended the wildly popular first annual "Starry Night" celebration...many staying until very late to look through the tremendous collection of telescopes brought here to Hutchinson from around the region.

As President and CEO of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, I am proud of the work done by our staff and volunteers over the past year and it is my pleasure to provide this report of our efforts. I would be remiss if I did not thank our tireless staff, our committed corps of volunteers, our generous individual and corporate donors, our dedicated members, our Board of Directors, and most especially you, our visitors and supporters from all over the globe. Thank you for making 2009 a year to remember as we continue our work here *Launching the Future!*

Christopher Orwoll  
President and CEO

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## governing board of directors

**Mr. Loren Alderson**

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President, Hutchinson Community College

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Owner, New Vista Image

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## foundation board of directors

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**John Withrow**

President, TSW Products Co., Inc.



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## highlights

### January

- Coffee at the Cosmo “The Evolution of Space Suits”
- Spirits and Stars Kickoff
- Carolyn Russo member event “In Plane View” exhibit of 56 photos

### February

- Star Ball Homecoming
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Spacesuit Evolution – Apollo Era”

### March

- Regional Science Fair
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Liberty Bell 7 Recovery and Artifacts”

### April

- “Driven to Explore” from NASA
- Astronaut Steven Bowen speaks
- Public Star Observation in honor of Year of Astronomy
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Emptying the Vault – Odd Treasures from the Cosmosphere Collections ”

### May

- Bill Parsons, former director of KSC, speaks to members
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Photographic Equipment of the Space Program”

### June

- Coffee at the Cosmo “Trophy Trout” given to Guenter Wendt. New Wendt exhibit opening soon.
- Andy Chaikin presentation and book signing
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Russian Spacesuits”



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## highlights

### July

- Former Astronaut and Moonwalker Charlie Duke speaks to members
- Apollo 1 archive opens to public
- Hundreds gather in Cosmosphere lobby to honor the 40th Anniversary of Man Landing on the Moon
- “Reflections: Images of Apollo” opens
- Former Astronaut Joe Engle speaks July 3 and is grand marshal of the parade the next morning
- Coffee at the Cosmo “40th Anniversary of Apollo 11”

### August

- Coffee at the Cosmo “Pop Culture”
- First Starry Night Party draws 900 people
- Discovery Crew speaks Aug. 22
- “Greece” opens in IMAX

### September

- Buz Carpenter, NASM docent, speaks to 500 people and trains docents
- Smithsonian Museum Day
- “Forces of Nature” opens in IMAX
- Coffee at the Cosmo “How Do You Go to the Bathroom in Space?”

### October

- Colorado Pilots Association visits
- Coffee at the Cosmo “What is it? – Strange Items from Archives”

### November

- Teachers’ Night Out draws record crowd of 500 educators from all over the state
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Been There, Done That: Stuff that’s been to the Moon (and back)”

### December

- Cosmosphere is featured on cover of 2009 AT&T Yellow Pages
- Coffee at the Cosmo “Are We There Yet? Navigating in Space”

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## educational program summaries

Program	Number Attending	# of States	Top State %	2nd State %
Alien Adventure	53	6	85% KS	8% MO
Home Planet	33	7	76% KS	9 % MO and TX
Investigate Space	128	11	84% KS	9% MO
Mars Academy	154	13	77% KS	8% MO
FATP Level 1	204	14	73% KS	7% NE
FATP Level 2	137	9	72% KS	17% MO
FATP Level 3	102	14	57% KS	25% MO
FATP Level 4	60	10	70% KS	10% MO
FATP Xtreme	23	8	61% KS	
ICE	74	19	20% CA	11% WI and MN

Scout Program	# of Scouts	# of Adults	# of States (by Troop)	Top State %	2nd State %
Boy Scouts	684	375	5	69% KS	25% MO
Girl Scouts	401	124	3	74% KS	24% MO



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# financial summaries

## Key Areas

Key Areas	Income	Expense	Net
Box Office and Retail	1,404,537	975,535	429,002
Education	843,051	696,455	146,596
Restoration, Artifact Rentals and Special Projects	111,870	79,614	32,256
Fundraising, Membership, Grants	445,887	120,734	325,153
Tax Support	664,355	0	664,355
Admin, Marketing, Finance	73,973	1,790,704	(1,716,731)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,543,673</b>	<b>3,663,042</b>	<b>(119,369)</b>



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## donors

### **2009 Donations \$1,000 +**

Capitol Federal Foundation  
Charles E. Carey Memorial Fund  
Clarence and Mary Jane Mollett  
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Mrs. Jean Garvey  
Mrs. Katherine Hall Gates  
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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mollett  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Orwoll  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Shears

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Montana Mike's Steak House  
Southwest & Associates, Inc.  
The Hutchinson News  
TSW Products Co., Inc.  
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Wal-Mart  
Woodwork Manufacturing & Supply, Inc.

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