

Dear AIAA Twin Cities Section Member:

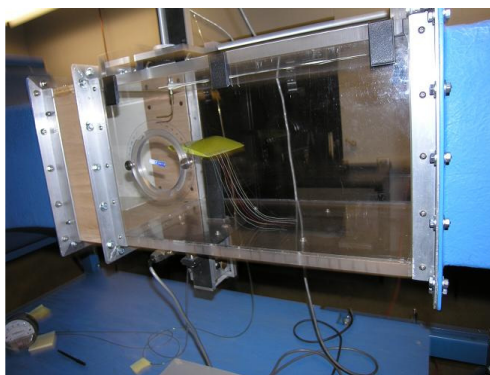
Road Trip! – We're excited to have our next event hosted by Minnesota State University in Mankato on Sunday, **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. A chartered bus will leave from Southdale Center in Edina, or you can meet us there. We'll have a three-part program including visits to Mankato regional airport (KMKT), Minnesota State University Mankato main campus, and to MSU's Astronomy and Physics department astronomical observatories.



At the KMKT airport we will visit North Star Aviation training and corporate fleet facilities. North Star Aviation (NSA) is an official flight training provider for the Minnesota State University Aviation program. We will tour the airport facilities as well as maintenance and corporate hangars. We will also see flight simulators (Flight Training Devices) used for flight training and try some.

Lunch will be served at noon in Centennial Student Union (SU) building room 284 (A, B, and C sections). We will hear two short presentations during the lunch. First will be 30 minutes presentation by Dr. Nihad Daidzic on "High-Altitude Flight Environment and flying in NASA's microgravity parabolic platform (KC-135)". The second presentation of 15 minutes by Dr. Vojin Nikolic will be on the MSU's Aerospace Summer Camp 2008 "Reaching for the Stars". This is the two-week summer camp designed for the high-school students to increase their interest in science and engineering (aerospace and aeronautics in particular).

After the lunch we will visit some MSU research facilities - primarily the CSET's wind tunnel.



After visiting the facilities at MSU campus we are invited to tour the two observatories operated by Physics and Astronomy department (College of Science, Engineering and Technology – CSET). Dr. Steve Kipp, Professor of Astronomy will be our host.

We will have an opportunity to collect flyers and materials about MSU's undergraduate and graduate programs kindly provided by the admissions office and graduate studies office. There is a possibility that the Barnes and Noble Bookstore will be opened in order to buy some MSU souvenirs and books.

Some useful links for the training and research facilities as well as academic departments that we will visit:

- Aviation department <http://ed.mnsu.edu/aviation/>
- North Star Aviation <http://flymankato.com/flighttraining.php>
- Mechanical Engineering department <http://cset.mnsu.edu/mece/me/>
- Physics and Astronomy <http://cset.mnsu.edu/pa/>
- Andreas and Standeford observatories <http://cset.mnsu.edu/pa/observing/>  
<http://cset.mnsu.edu/pa/about/facilities.html>

## SCHEDULE

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| <b>Date:</b>  | Sunday, 20 April 2008                                    |   |
| <b>Time:</b>  | 8:00 AM  | Begin meeting at Southdale Center in Edina (food court entrance)  |
|               | 8:30 AM  | Chartered bus departs Southdale Center  |
|               | 10:00-11:30 AM   | KMKT Airport Tour of facilities, airplanes, and simulators  |
|               | 11:45 AM   | Arrival at the MSU campus   |
|               | 12:00-1:00 PM  | Greetings and lunch at MSU main campus (CSU Building, Room 284 ABC. Drs. Daidzic and Nikolic will give presentations) |
|               | 1:00-2:15 PM   | Visiting MSU research facilities (Wind tunnel TR E104, Drs. Nikolic and Daidzic)                                      |
|               | 2:30-3:30 PM   | Visiting the MSU observatories (Dr. Kipp)   |
|               | 3:30 PM  | Bus departs Mankato for return to Southdale Center in Edina   |
| <b>Place:</b> | Minnesota State University, Mankato<br>Mankato, MN 56001 |   |
| <b>Cost:</b>  | \$10 per person (collected at lunch).                    |   |

To confirm your attendance, please **RSVP by Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** via our website form at <http://www.aiaa.org/portal/twincities>, via email to [aiaa@twopenguins.net](mailto:aiaa@twopenguins.net) or by calling Scott at 651-456-7813. Non-members are also welcome, so feel free to bring family, co-workers, and classmates.

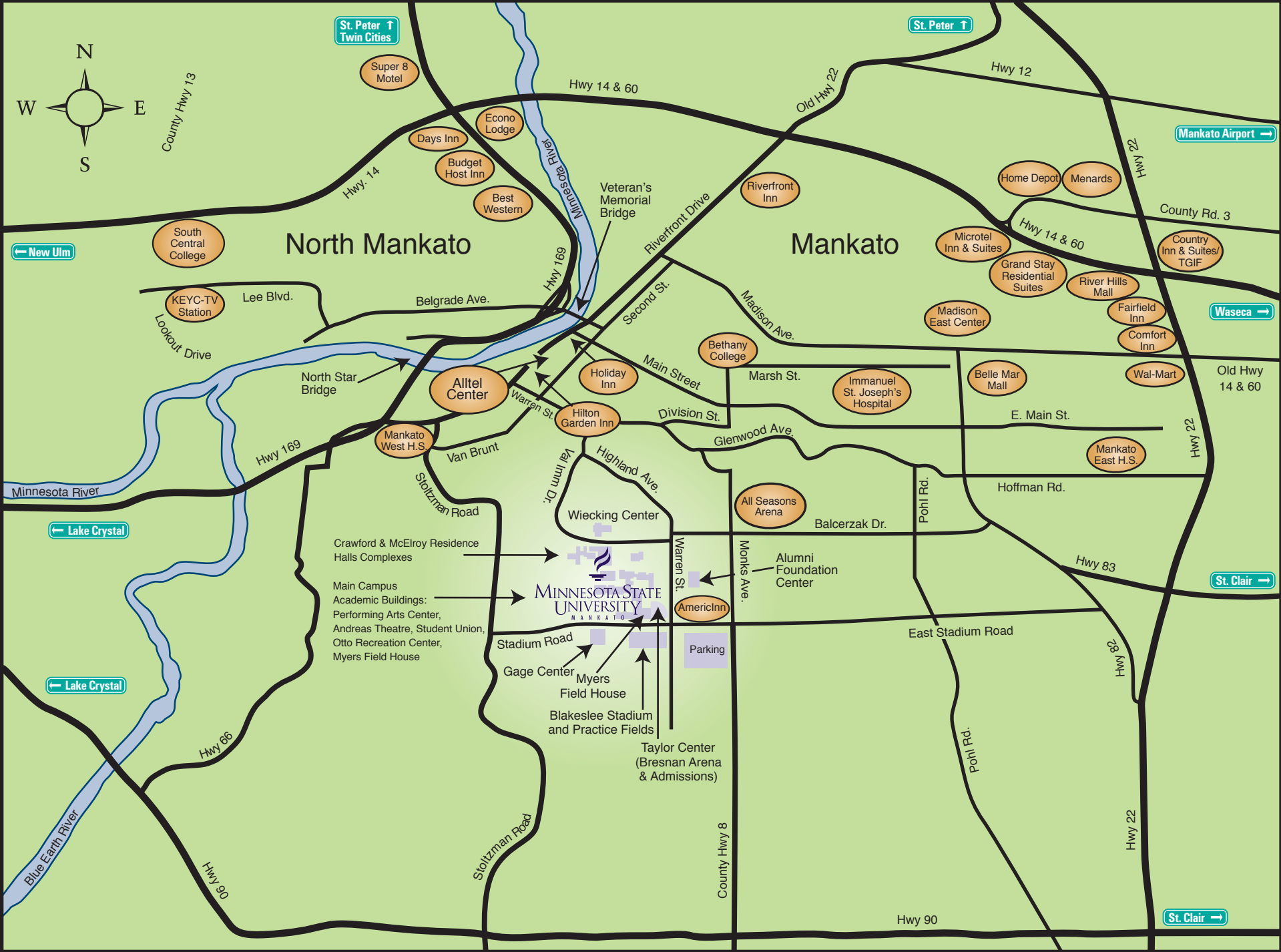
For those that maybe plan to drive your own car the maps and the driving directions to campus and airport are attached.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at MSU in Mankato.

Sincerely,  
Scott Sevcik  
Chair, AIAA Twin Cities Section

P.S. – You can now join us on the professional networking site *LinkedIn.com* at the following website:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/2562/61D06C175C34/>

# Main Roadways and Streets to Minnesota State University, Mankato



# MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO



### BUILDING KEY

- AR All Seasons Arena
- AF Alumni Foundation Center
- AH Armstrong Hall
- CC Carkoski Commons
- CR Crawford Residence Community
- FH Ford Hall
- GC Gage Residence Community
- HC Highland Center
- HN Highland Center N
- JS Julia A. Sears Residence Hall Community
- MC McElroy Residence Community
- MF Myers Field House
- ML Memorial Library
- MH Marris Hall
- NH Nelson Hall
- OR Otto Recreation Center
- PH Pennington Hall
- PA Performing Arts Center
- SU Centennial Student Union
- TC Taylor Center
- TR Trafton Science Center
- TE Trafton Science Center E
- TN Trafton Science Center N
- TS Trafton Science Center S
- WC Wiecking Center
- WA Wigley Administration Center
- WH Wissink Hall

- Marso-Schmitz Plaza
- Jane Rush Gathering Place
- ▶ Handicapped Accessible Door
- Bus Shelter

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