



# SIA President's Report

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## SIA Member News

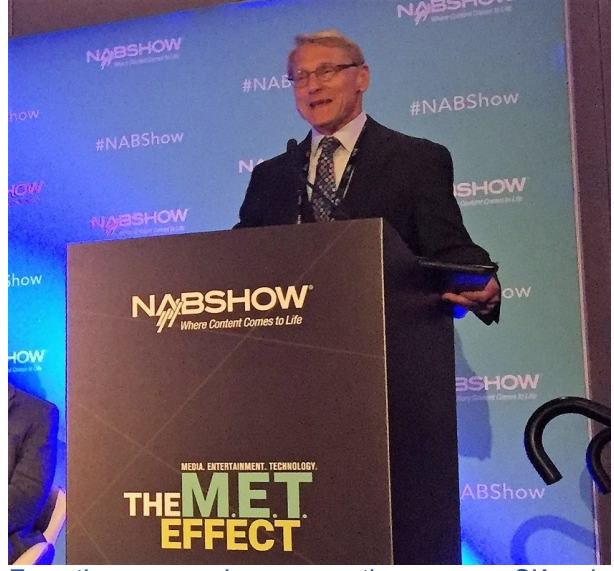
### INMARSAT SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES 4TH GX BROADBAND SATELLITE



On May 16th, Inmarsat announced the successful launch of its fourth Global Xpress (GX) broadband satellite. The Boeing manufactured I-5 F4 GX satellite was launched on board a SpaceX Falcon 9 launch vehicle from Pad 39-A at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The satellite joins three other GX spacecraft previously launched and will add redundancy and further network capacity. For more information please read the SIA Member News Page [HERE](#). (Photo Credit: Inmarsat.com)

## SIA News Headlines

### SIA ORGANIZES SATELLITE INDUSTRY TRACK AT 2017 NAB SHOW



For the second consecutive year, SIA in partnership with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) organized the Satellite Technologies Track at the 2017 NAB Show in Las Vegas. For further details please see the SIA News Page [HERE](#). Above: SIA President Tom Stroup welcomes NAB Show attendees to the Satellite Technologies Track Panel Sessions. (Photo courtesy of SIA)

### Recent Member News Headlines:

- [ViaSat-2 and EUTELSAT 172B Launch Targeted for June 1st](#)
- [Boeing and DARPA to Design Reusable Space Plane to Launch Satellites](#)
- [Iridium Announces Target Date for Second Launch of Iridium NEXT Satellites](#)
- [HawkEye 360 and Kratos to Advance Spectrum Detection and Geolocation Services](#)
- [SES Announces Launch Success for SES-15 Satellite](#)
- [Inmarsat Announces COMSAT- DoD and GX Aviation Agreements and Fleet Xpress Milestone](#)
- [Hughes Announces New HM500 Transportable Satellite Terminal](#)
- [Intelsat OneWeb Combination Agreement Update](#)
- [DigitalGlobe Announces Agreement with Rise Broadband](#)

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## SIA Filings and Letters

### SIA CONTINUES TO ENGAGE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE TO REFORM COMMERCIAL REMOTE SENSING

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, SIA filed a letter addressed to The Honorable Brian Babin, Chairman Subcommittee on Space House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and The Honorable Ami Bera, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Space House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. In the letter, SIA President Tom Stoup thanked both for recently hosting SIA's member companies for a round table discussion on the needs, challenges, and opportunities for reforming the commercial remote sensing regulatory regime in the U.S. SIA noted that the U.S. is clearly a global leader in commercial satellite remote sensing in terms of technology, innovation, bringing new capabilities to market, and leveraging remote sensing data to solve challenging problems. However, the remote sensing business is changing rapidly, both domestically and internationally, evolving into a digital information services business. This new reality requires regulatory reforms in order to keep the U.S. satellite industry competitive globally, and may necessitate organizational changes within the Dept. of Commerce. Please click [HERE](#) to view a complete copy of the letter.

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### SIA PRESIDENT APPOINTED TO FCC ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP FOR BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

On May 8th, the FCC announced that Commission Chairman Ajit Pai had appointed SIA President Tom Stroup to serve on a Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) Working Group. Specifically, Mr. Stroup was named to the Model Code for States Working Group. The mission of the BDAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on how to accelerate deployment of high-speed Internet access. To view a copy of the Public Notice, please click [HERE](#).

### SIA APPLAUDS NOMINATION OF DAVID REDL AS NEW NTIA ADMINISTRATOR

On May 22nd, SIA applauded the nomination of David J. Redl as Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce and National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) Administrator. Mr. Redl is currently Chief Counsel at the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. "SIA congratulates David Redl on his nomination as the new head of the NTIA and the Association urges that he be confirmed as the new Assistant Secretary," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "Mr. Redl's understanding of the importance of spectrum as a resource, his international spectrum management experience including his engagement with the ITU plus his recognition of the importance to satellite of a globally harmonized spectrum plan make him an ideal choice as the next chief of the NTIA. Read more at the SIA News Page [HERE](#).

### SIA SUPPORTS CHAIRMAN PAI AND FCC PROPOSAL TO REDUCE INTERNET REGS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

On May 18th, SIA applauded the action of Chairman Pai and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reduce regulations that currently restrict the way Internet service providers can offer fixed and mobile broadband services. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was passed at the May Open Commission Meeting. In the NPRM, the FCC proposes to "restore the Internet to a light-touch regulatory framework by classifying broadband Internet service access as an information service and by seeking comment on the existing rules". "SIA applauds the FCC's efforts to restore the less restrictive framework that helped foster U.S. technological innovation and Internet leadership for the better part of the past two decades," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "We also appreciate the Commission's recognition of the critical role satellite broadband plays in the delivery of vital Internet services to customers at home and abroad and the industry looks forward to continuing and expanding that role into the future."

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## Calendar of SIA Featured Events

- [SIA MEMBER DISCOUNT - Global Forum 2017: Shaping the Future, Fairmont Winnipeg Hotel, Winnipeg, Canada October 2nd-3rd](#)
- [SIA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION - DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA December 12th-14th](#)

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