



SIA President's Report

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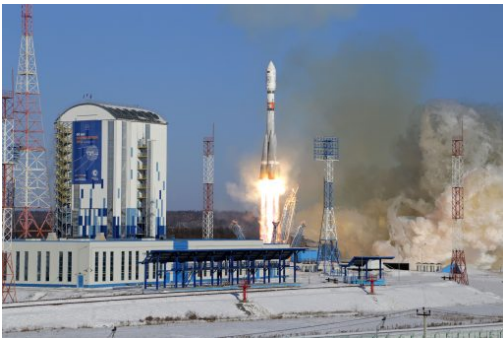
SIA Member News

SPACEX SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES FIRST TWO STARLINK LEO BROADBAND TEST SATELLITES



On Feb 22nd, SpaceX announced the successful launch of the Tintin A&B (Microsat 2A & 2B) Starlink broadband test satellites. The LEO satellites, along with a Spanish radar satellite, were launched on board a Falcon 9 launch vehicle from the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. For more details, please see the SIA Member News page [HERE](#). (Photo credit: SpaceX)

SPIRE ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF LEMUR SATELLITES



On Feb 1st, Spire announced the successful launch of four new LEMUR satellites on board a Soyuz launch vehicle from the Vostochny Cosmodrome. More details on the Member News page [HERE](#). (Photo credit: Roscosmos)

Other SIA Member News Headlines:

- [SES Chosen by NBC Olympics to Provide 4K Satellite Distribution for XXIII Olympic Winter Games](#)
- [Viasat Launches Unlimited Nationwide Satellite Home Internet with Speeds up to 100 Mps](#)
- [OneWeb Announces Formation of Seamless Air Alliance for a New Era of Inflight Connectivity](#)
- [Eutelsat Unveils Features of its New QUANTUM Satellites](#)
- [Intelsat and SES File Proposal with the FCC to Protect Satellite C-band Spectrum](#)
- [Globecomm Joins Amazon Web Services Partner Network](#)
- [SES and Carnival to Test Maritime Cruiseship Internet with Unprecedented 1.5 Gbps bandwidth](#)
- [Iridium Announces COMSAT to Provide Iridium Certus Services to DoD](#)
- [Inmarsat and Satcom Direct Celebrate 10-Year Broadband Partnership](#)
- [Spire Launches 10 LEMUR Satellites on Three Different Launch Vehicles](#)
- [Artel Announces the Appointment of Ed Spittler as Head of SATCOM](#)
- [Viasat Announces IFC Agreement with United Airlines](#)

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SIA Event News



SIA is an official partner of SATELLITE 2018. The satellite industry conference and exhibition will take place from March 12th-15th at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. SIA is organizer of the Government and Military Forum and will also once organize tours of the exhibitor floor for U.S. Government officials. Please click [HERE](#) for more show details.

For a complete SIA list of Association and industry events, please see below or click [HERE](#).

SIA News Headlines

SIA PRESENTS TO NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL - FOCUSING ON REGULATORY REFORM, SPECTRUM ACCESS



On Feb 21st, SIA President Tom Stroup (pictured above) presented on behalf of SIA during the National Space Council Panel Discussion on Entrepreneurship and Economic Expansion on the Next Space Frontier. The panel was part of a Council meeting hosted by NASA's Kennedy Space Center and was chaired by Vice President Mike Pence. "SIA applauds the Council's words regarding the creation of a streamlined regulatory and licensing environment that encourages continued commercial space innovation and entrepreneurship," said Tom Stoup. During the presentation, Mr. Stroup continued, "The leadership of the National Space Council can help support the advancement of the satellite industry in three ways: by creating a regulatory environment that fosters the continued innovation and leadership of U.S. satellite companies, supporting access to spectrum to promote the continued growth of the industry, and ensuring a sustainable space environment." For more details and information, please read the press release [HERE](#). (Photo credit: NASA.gov and NASA Live)

SIA APPLAUDS RELEASE OF FCC BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT REPORT

On Feb 5th, SIA applauded the release of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 2018 Broadband Deployment Report. In the report, adopted by the Commission on Feb. 3rd, the FCC newly acknowledged satellite providers as being capable of meeting the 25 Mbps/3 Mbps speed benchmark for broadband services. "SIA applauds the Commission's recognition that satellite already provides millions of Americans with broadband service," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. For further details, please see the SIA News page [HERE](#).

SIA PRESIDENT MODERATES SMALL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM PANEL

On Feb 7th, SIA President Tom Stroup moderated the Market for Defense Applications Panel at this year's SMALLSAT Symposium held in Mountain View, CA. The panel was made up of U.S. Government and satellite industry speakers including Kay Sears, VP of Strategy and Business Development for SIA Member Lockheed Martin Space Systems and Ric Vandermeulen, VP of Space and Satellite Broadband for SIA Member Viasat Inc.

SIA Filing News

SIA FILES REPLY COMMENTS WITH THE FCC REGARDING THE USE OF SPECTRUM BANDS ABOVE 24 GHZ

On Feb 23rd, SIA filed reply comments with the FCC in response to the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding spectrum bands above 24 GHz. As SIA explained in its initial comments, the rapidly increasing demand for user capacity across the United States requires access for satellite operators to additional spectrum in order to support these consumers and their need for expanding broadband services. Accordingly, SIA supports more flexible use of the 24.75-25.25 GHz ("24 GHz") band by Fixed Satellite Service ("FSS") systems. See the complete reply comments [HERE](#).

SIA FILES COMMENTS REGARDING SATELLITE AND RURAL TELEHEALTH

On Feb 2nd, SIA filed comments with the FCC in response to its NPRM regarding the promotion of telehealth in rural America and improving the Rural Health Care (RHC) program. SIA noted that the Commission should consider the vital role satellite broadband connectivity plays in improving access to healthcare services in rural areas, and ensure that satellite broadband services are eligible to equitably compete for access to USF funding. SIA remains readily available to work with the Commission in furthering its efforts on this matter. For more details and to view a complete copy of the filing, please click [HERE](#).

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Calendar of SIA Featured Events

- [SIA EXECUTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER ONLY EVENT - Satellite Industry Leadership Dinner and Awards, Washington, DC March 12th](#)
- [SIA PARTNER CONFERENCE - SATELLITE 2018: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC March 12-15](#)

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