

An Evening with the Father of GPS

Celebrating the Global Positioning System's 50th Birthday

5TH DECEMBER 2023 6:00 PM

South Shore Harbor Resort Houston, Texas

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We advocate for policies and systems to protect GPS satellites, signals, and users.

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We also support the President's National Space-based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Advisory Board's recommendations here.









# **Program**

6:00 PM: Reception, Drinks, & Hors-d'ouevres

6:45 PM: GPS World Editor-in-Chief interviews Dr. Brad Parkinson about the early days of GPS, its development, and his thoughts for the future.





7:30 PM: Reception Continues

8:30 PM: Event Concludes

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We Must...

Protect,

Toughen, &

Augment\*

**GPS** 

\* Dr. Brad Parkinson and the President's Space-based PNT Advisory Board.



# Protect frequencies with

Regulations, interference detection & enforcement...

# Toughen receivers with

Better antennas, software, internet based high accuracy & authentication services...



# Augment with...



# 'Space, Terrestrial Broadcast, and Fiber.'

**US Department of Transportation Report January 2021** 



### A Brief History of Satellite Navigation

- 1957 Sputnik inspires satnav development.
- 1959 First Transit/NavSat launch.
- 1973 DoD approves Navstar GPS Project.
- 1983 President Reagan approves GPS for civilian use.
- 1993 GPS fully operational with 24 satellites in space.
- 1995 GLONASS declared fully operational.
- 1996 Differential GPS operational in parts of U.S.
- **2000** Selective Availability discontinued.
- 2003 WAAS, the world's first SBAS, operational.
- **2016** Galileo initial operational capability.
- 2020 BeiDou declared operational.
- **2022** Galileo declared fully operational.
- 2023 India announces NavIC will become a GNSS.

#### **GPS Visionaries & Pioneers**



"The Visionary"
Dr. Ivan Getting

"The God Father"

Dr. Mel Currie, DoD Under
Secretary, Research & Engineering



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"High Cover"
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Mel Brinbaum



Steve Gilbert

"The Study"

Jim Woodford & Hiryoshi Nakamura

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Frank Butterfield, Brad Parkinson, Bill Huston at JPO

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# How did Sputnik inspire development of satellite navigation?

Several days after the launch of Sputnik JHUAPL engineers William Guier and George Weiffenbach were listening to its beep, beep. They realized they could use the doppler shift to determine the location of the satellite. Later the lab's Frank McClure suggested that, if the orbit of the satellite was already known, someone listening to it could determine their location. This gave rise to the first operational satnay system, Transit.



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The Air Force developed selective availability to prevent adversaries from using precise GPS. How did one U.S. government organization defeat selective availability and why?

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# Will the U.S. ever reinstate selective availability?

President Clinton committed the nation to never reinstating it. In 2007 the Department of Defense committed to not including selective availability as a capability on GPS III and future satellites.



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# What do many Chinese sources say was the impetus for development of BeiDou?

The "Unforgettable Humiliation" of 1996. During the third Taiwan Strait Crisis, China fired three missiles into the water offshore of a major Taiwanese naval base. Only one missile landed in the desired area. The other two were lost because, according to Chinese sources, the U.S. altered or denied GPS signals being used for guidance.



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# What event sparked President Reagan's announcement making GPS available for use by civilians?

President Reagan announced that, when GPS became operational in 1988, it could be used by civil aircraft. This led to the U.S. committing to support civil use across sectors and promising to give at least 10 years notice betore and promising to give at least 10 years notice

The shoot down of Korean Air flight 007 by the Soviet Union. The aircraft had become lost and wandered into Soviet airspace.



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When was GPS M-Code developed?

#### **.**2005.

Papers describing M-Code and signals were presented at Institute of Navigation conferences in 2000. The first GPS satellite capable of transmitting M-Code was launched in







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How can the U.S. government provide a GPS high accuracy and authentication service to many users?

By using existing government data and delivering it to internet connected devices. See the PNT Advisory Board's recommendation at https://www.gps.gov/governance/advisory/recommendations/



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https://www.gps.gov/governance/advisory/recommend

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resilient national PNT architecture to underpin national

·Lead to implementation of a systems approach to a

by assigning a senior responsible federal official, and

-Lead to improvements in the agility of PNT governance

to America and the world,

Raise awareness of GPS' contributions and importance

is a White House summit that would:

In the words of the Advisory Board white paper, the goal



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