WALBERG TO DISCUSS MANNED MISSIONS TO PLANET MARS AT NASA LANGLEY LECTURE

How shall we go to Mars?

Various scenarios for manned missions to Mars will be discussed at a NASA Langley Research Center colloquium Monday, March 9, 1992. A Mars mission, for example, would be affected by such factors as the effects of reduced gravity over a long period, physical deconditioning caused by the lower gravity on Mars and exposure to space radiation.

Dr. Gerald D. Walberg, former deputy director for space at the Langley Research Center and now professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at North Carolina State University and deputy director of the Mars Mission Research Center in Raleigh, will address employees, retirees and contractors in the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Boulevard, at 2 p.m.

In July 1989, following his retirement from NASA, Walberg accepted the position of research professor of engineering and applied science with the NASA/George Washington University Joint Institute for Advancement of Flight Sciences. He also leads a cooperative George Washington University/North Carolina State University program to carry out mission analyses under the NASA-sponsored Mars Mission Research Center at NC State.

NOTE TO EDITORS: A press briefing will be held Monday, March 9, 1992, at 1:15 p.m. in the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Boulevard. To participate in the briefing, please call the Office of Public Affairs, 864-6124, by noon that day.

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