Anniversary Receptions, Tours

The anniversary celebration will be a gathering of those who lived at the tunnel. Langley employees, contractors, and alumni are invited to attend.

The 16-Foot High-Speed Tunnel became operational November 13, 1941. It was converted to transonic speed and renamed the Transonic Tunnel on September 6, 1950.

Get Your Flu Shot

Employees and on-site contractors are invited to receive flu shots at no cost. Women who are pregnant will not be offered the shot and should consult with their obstetrician.

The Occupational Health Center will offer flu shots every Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to encourage on-site vaccination. The flu shot is recommended for those 15 years and older. For more information, please contact the Health Center at ext. 1195.

THE VARIABLE DENSITY TUNNEL was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark Exhibit in a ceremony October 10 at the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center. Unveiling the plaque commemorating the exhibit are, from left, Dr. Harry A. Butowsky, a National Park Service preservationist; Center Director Paul F. Holloway; and W.R. Phillips, executive vice president of Newport News Shipbuilding. Butowsky called the tunnel "NASA's most consequential National Historic Landmark." Said Butowsky: "The Variable Density Tunnel was the first facility to establish the NACA as a technologically competent organization and led to the construction of superior aircraft that dominated the airways." The VDT was built by Newport News Shipbuilding and delivered to Langley in February 1922. Proposed by Max M. Munk, Langley's German aerodynamicist, the tunnel allowed the testing of small-scale models at full-scale values in the low-speed range.