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Here's an odd little item from the online version of the latest Aviation Week issue: http://www.awgnet.com/aviation/avi_int.htm

GRAVITY MODIFICATION EXPERIMENTS

A team working on NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program is pursuing several small, "breakthrough physics" research projects that could have a significant effect on future space flight. The project's approach is to search out and review promising areas where experimental data from astronomy, astrophysics, particle physics and other fields does not fit accepted theories, according to Garry Lyles, manager of the ASTP program at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. Cleveland-based NASA-Lewis, however, is leading the breakthrough physics effort. Areas of interest include faster-than-light travel, inertia modification and quantum fluctuation energy. To qualify, ideas must have a well-developed theoretical basis, pass a peer review and have defined experiments that can provide low-cost, clear resolution to the theory. A first experiment, on potential gravity modification, is being pursued in conjunction with the University of Alabama and should be completed by year-end. If successful, it could help shield an object from its gravitational field, effectively lowering the weight of launcher or orbital vehicles and reducing the need for heavy-lift boosters. NASA plans a closed, mid-August workshop to recommend which subjects to pursue.

Kerry

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