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**Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Selected for Radio Contact
with International Space Station
Live Saturday, December 27 Starting at 10am
Open to the Public**

Two years after applying to NASA, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will be honored by conducting an Amateur Radio science experiment to speak with the International Space Station Astronaut E. Michael Fincke. Spearheaded by Ig Justyna with a local amateur radio group they applied to Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) on behalf of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. When asked why they chose Ann Arborgs Hands-On Museum for this momentous opportunity he said that “the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum was an excellent candidate that reflected the goals of advancing Science and Amateur Radio for young people.” “In fact” Ig continued “Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum has recently added an Amateur Radio Exhibit that will inspire young people to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through Amateur Radio communication.”

Ig Justyna will be joined by Tim Nevius PhD fellow Amateur Radio operator supplying the primary and back up radio systems for the International Space Station experiment.

The actual two Amateur Radio operators contacting the International Space Station will be 15 year old Olivia Nevius and Candida Justyna. According to Ig Justyna “the female operators underlines the importance of women in Science, Technology and Amateur Radio Communications”. Both Olivia and Candida will have a panel of 13 kids who will be asking questions to astronaut E. Michael Fincke, Colonel in the US Air Force and Commander of Expedition 18. Astronaut Fincke is a multiple Veteran of space travel and on his first mission to the Space Station spent 187 days, 21 hours and 17 minutes on board. He also logged 15 hours, 45 minutes and 22 seconds of space walking time.

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is inviting everyone to this exciting event and special presentation from the sponsoring Amateur Radio Group.

10 am Saturday, December 27, 2008, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 220 East Ann Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 734.995.5439, www.aahom.org

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