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FINDING AMELIA

A challenge in Systems Engineering

Date: Saturday November 20th 2010

Time: 8 AM to 3 PM

**Location: The Engineers Club at the
Garrett-Jacobs Mansion**

11 West Mount Vernon Place • Baltimore, MD 21201

Cost: \$43 (includes breakfast and lunch)

An autographed book can be pre-ordered for \$35.

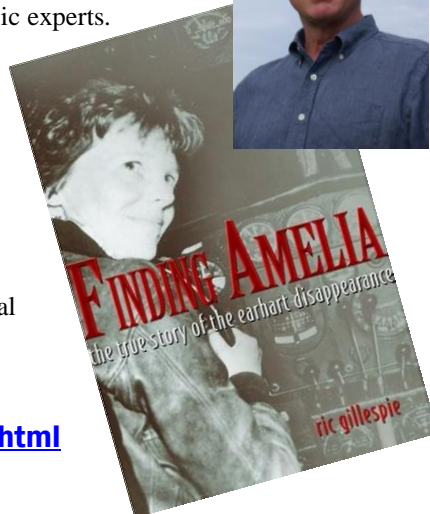
Finding the solution to the riddle of Amelia Earhart's disappearance is no different than solving any problem: assemble and evaluate the best available data to figure out where to look, use the best available technology to search for the answer. This is easier said than done. The U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet tried in 1937, and nearly three-quarters of a century later, despite millions of dollars spent on deep-sea, hi-tech searches, the fate of America's famous missing person remains an enigma. Ric Gillespie, the historian, expedition leader, and author will describe the role that systems engineering plays in the search for Earhart. Gillespie is the executive director of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR - pronounced tiger), a nonprofit, aviation historical institute that promotes responsible aviation archaeology and historic preservation education. TIGHAR's current projects include efforts to recover: a last-of-its-type WWII torpedo bomber from a Pacific lagoon, a rare WWII fighter buried in a Welsh beach, the twenty-two year effort regarding the Earhart case.

The author of "*Finding Amelia - the True Story of the Earhart Disappearance*" (Naval Institute Press, 2006) Gillespie is recognized as a world authority on Earhart. He directs the work of TIGHAR's: volunteer historians, scientists, archaeologists, engineers and forensic experts.

He integrates: archival research, data analysis, digital information management, traditional archaeological techniques, and remote-sensing technologies to test the hypothesis that Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, ended their days as castaways on a remote, uninhabited, waterless atoll. TIGHAR's ten expeditions to the South Pacific used 21st century technology to solve a 20th century riddle under 19th century conditions. TIGHAR's quest is the focus of a two-hour Discovery Channel special to air later this year.



The hard-cover, first edition of Gillespie's book is out of print and a limited number of copies with DVD data disk remain. Signed copies normally sell for \$100. By special arrangement with the Engineer's Club for this event only, signed hard-cover copies of "*Finding Amelia*" are available for pre-order at \$35.



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Attendance limited to 60 persons