



# Cleveland Astronomical Society

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## Thursday, April 2, 2009 Meeting Announcement

6:15—7:00 p.m. – Get acquainted and snacks

7:45—8:00 p.m. – Short Business Meeting

7:00—7:45 p.m. – Buffet Dinner (Reservations Required)

8:00—9:00 p.m. – Featured Speaker (Free to public)

### Leonard Krieger CanalWay Center

4524 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street (turn onto Whittlesey Way to reach Center), Cuyahoga Heights (216-206-1000)

### Speaker: Tom Benson

Senior Research Engineer

Research and Technology Directorate

NASA Glenn Research Center

## "The International Space Station (ISS): What's Up?"

The International Space Station (ISS) is the largest, most complex, international project in the history of space exploration. NASA marked the 10th anniversary of the launch of the first components of the Station in November 2008. In May 2009 the station is planned to begin operating with its first normal six-person crew. Benson will discuss the current state of ISS construction as it nears completion and some of the experiments that are being conducted on board. Also, he will present a short video of daily life aboard the complex and discuss the first mission of two Educator Astronauts schedule to make their flight in February 2009. He will share information on the status of the Space Shuttle's retirement, expected in 2010, the development of the Orion spacecraft to support ISS beginning in 2015, and the projected use of ISS by the international community into the future.

High School Teachers interested in bringing two students, as our guests, please contact Bob Sledz, President, at 440-333-7827 or [isledz@yahoo.com](mailto:isledz@yahoo.com) by the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting date.