

Konrad Dannenberg: An Ambassador For Space

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Overview

Konrad K. Dannenberg, *figure 1*, was a German rocket engineer who came to the US after World War II under a special project to help the US with rocket technology. Later in life he inspired children and adults with his lectures and tours about rocket history at the US Space and Rocket Center.



Figure 1: Konrad Dannenberg in 1960's

Short History

Born on August 5th, 1912, young Dannenberg was very interested in rockets and space travel. During WWII he worked for the German Army developing rocket technology. He helped develop fuel nozzles for V2 rocket engines, *figure 2*. After WWII Konrad was brought to the US to help American scientists at Fort Bliss in Texas launch German V2 rockets.



Figure 2: Fuel injector nozzle of Dannenberg's

Redstone Arsenal

After Fort Bliss Dannenberg move to Huntsville, Alabama to work for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (ABMA) at Redstone Arsenal. Konrad was a liaison engineer to the Chrysler Corporation for the Redstone and Jupiter missile systems. In the 1960's he went to work for the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). While here he was the Deputy Director and Later the Director for the Saturn Systems office.

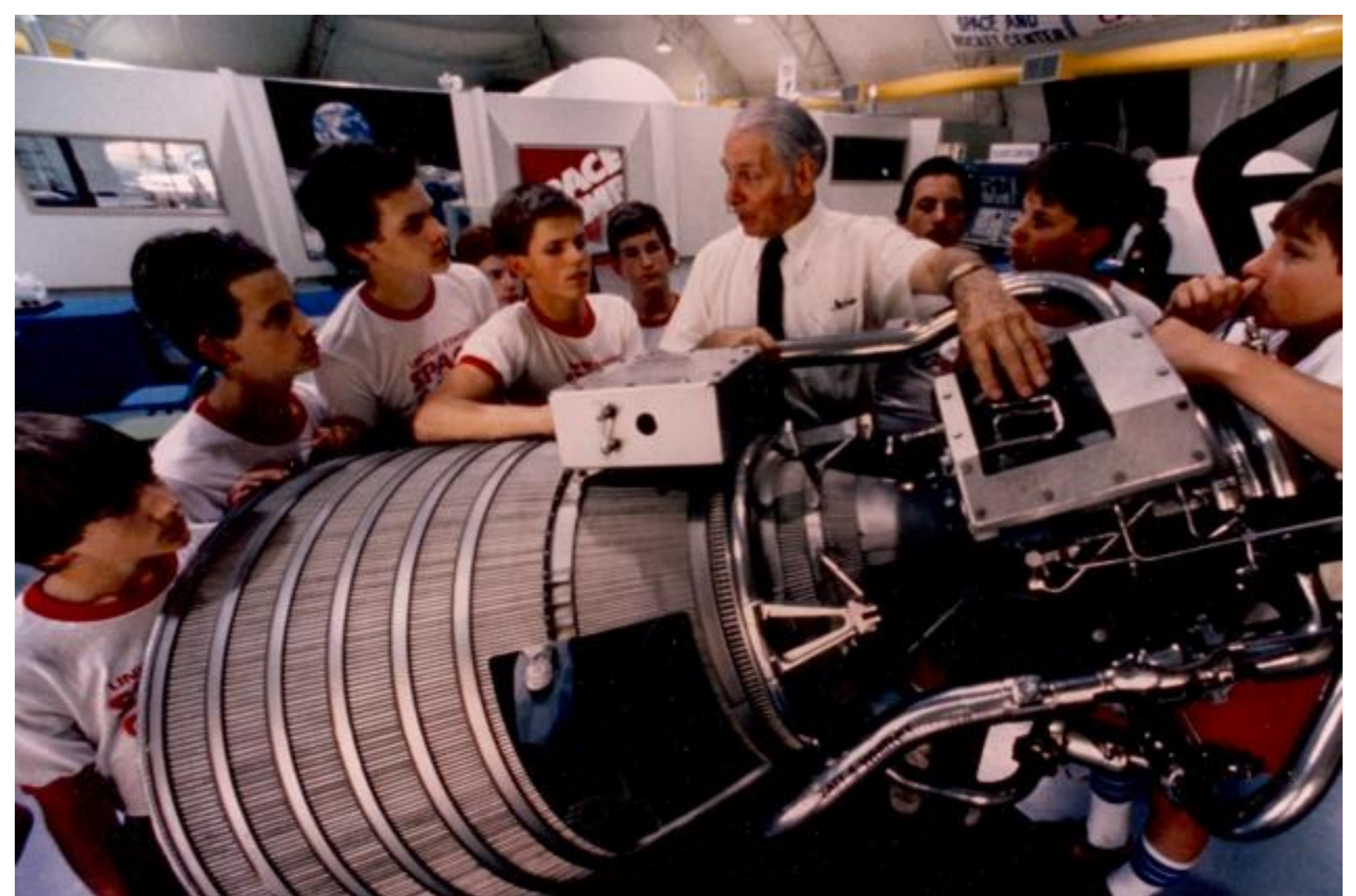


Figure 3: Dannenberg lecturing to young Space Camp students in the 1980's.

Ambassador for Space

After retirement Konrad lectured at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. He became their "residential rocket scientist", teaching children and adults about rocket history as well as inspiring them, *figure 3*. He was also project manager of Project Explorer, which let students send their experiment aboard the US Space Shuttle, *figure 4*. Ed Buckbee, said that over his life Konrad inspired thousand of people to pursue degrees in science and engineering. On the morning of February 16th 2009, Konrad Dannenberg passed. He will be remember forever as an Ambassador for Space.

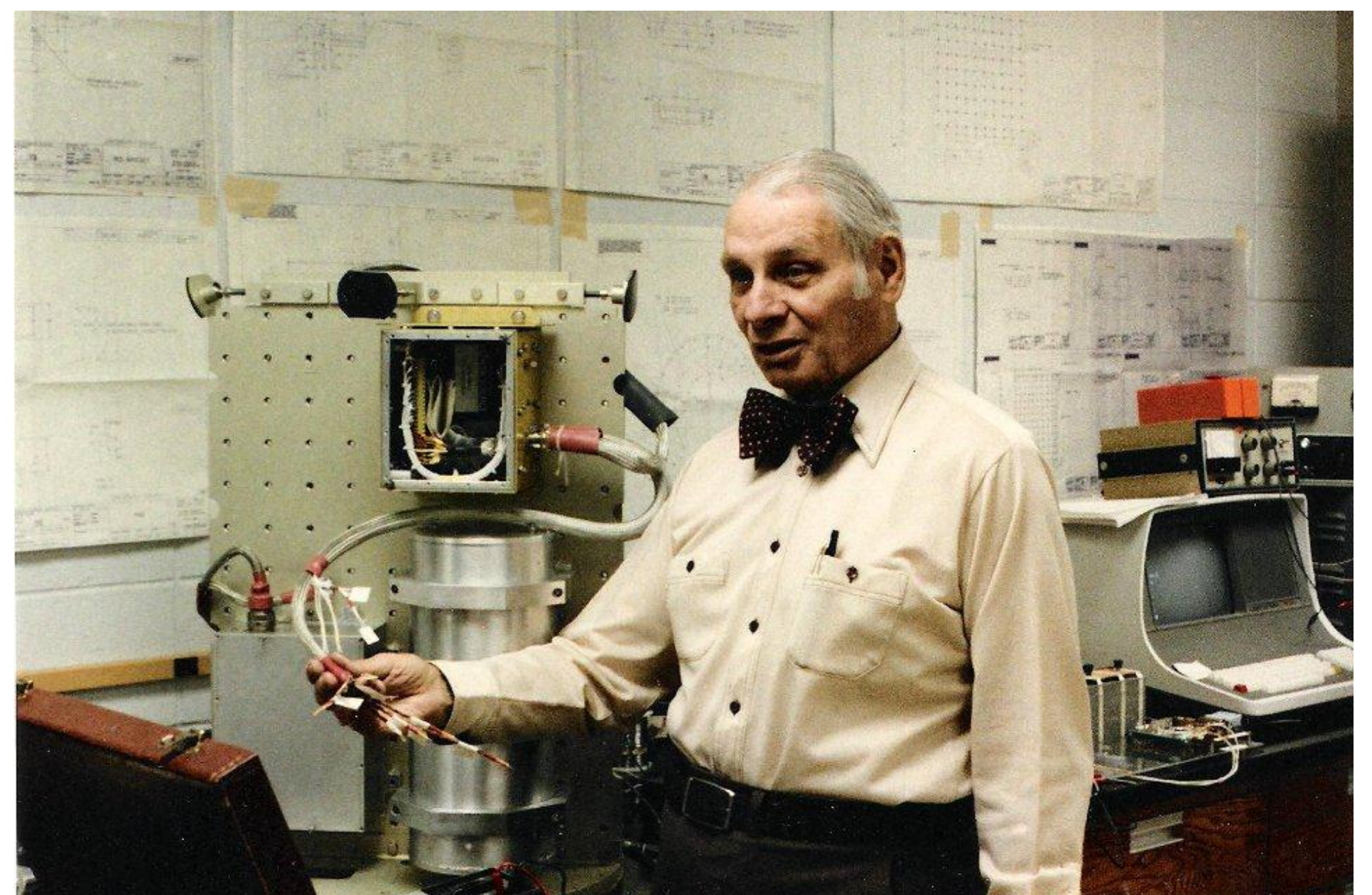


Figure 4: Dannenberg discussing Project Explorer

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