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**Title:** *Building and Operating a Satellite Ground System and Spacecraft Manufacturer Support Business.*

**Speakers:** Alan Meeh, President & CEO, Skylink Technology  
Francis O'Connell, Engineering & Marketing, Skylink Technology

**Date:** September 22, 2016

**Time:** 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM (Refreshments at 6:00 PM)

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**Abstract:**

Alan Meeh and two partners formed Skylink Technology in 1996 in New Jersey in order to supply their engineering expertise to the aerospace industry. Over the years, they designed and developed products to support spacecraft testing and satellite ground stations. Throughout the twenty years in business, Skylink has solved many problems for its customers. This talk will highlight some examples of projects that Skylink has worked and any lessons learned. Alan will also address the business aspects of his company. How he got started, growing pains and lessons learned.

**Biography:**

Alan D. Meeh, President-CEO Skylink Technology, Inc.

Founder and major shareholder of Skylink Technology formed in 1996 to support the manufacturing and testing of spacecraft used in defense, civil, and commercial programs. His responsibilities at Skylink have been the everyday company operations and development of specialized test systems. Prior to Skylink, he worked for Lockheed Martin (formally RCA Astro) in the satellite ground support group. Through the years at Lockheed Martin, he worked on a variety of programs both domestic and foreign. He received my BSEE from New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ.

Francis X. O'Connell PE, Engineer & Marketing at Skylink Technology, 2009 – present  
Fran designs hardware, software for Skylink's satellite test systems. He is responsible for testing of the hardware and performing on-site integration and test of all Skylink systems deployed at customer sites. Prior to Skylink, Fran worked for Lockheed Martin in East Windsor, NJ. There he designed spacecraft computers and interface equipment for weather satellites, Mars spacecraft and science satellites. Fran is a Senior Member in the IEEE. He holds a BSEE from Manhattan College and MSEE from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He is a professional engineer in New Jersey and owner of FXO Inc.

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