

## This is Just a Start

You have the first issue of PACworld in your hands. We hope that you like it. As we said before, the magazine is to be a place for discussion and exchange of ideas, so you need to let us know whether you think there is anything we can do better.

LET'S GO BACK to Walt Elmore's words: "Find out why! To accept something the way it's always been done is not acceptable."

We fully agree with him. And these are some of the things we are trying to do with the magazine and the web site:

Learn from the past

Deal with the challenges of today

Shape the future

In order to do that we need to first ask questions. Questions like:

Why are we doing this?  
What is the problem?  
What is the best way to solve it?  
What do we need to do to move forward?  
Are we using all the tools we have available?

And there are many more. A good question usually contains most of the answer. And if we keep digging, expanding the question, the answer may suddenly pop-up, giving us that great feeling of satisfaction.

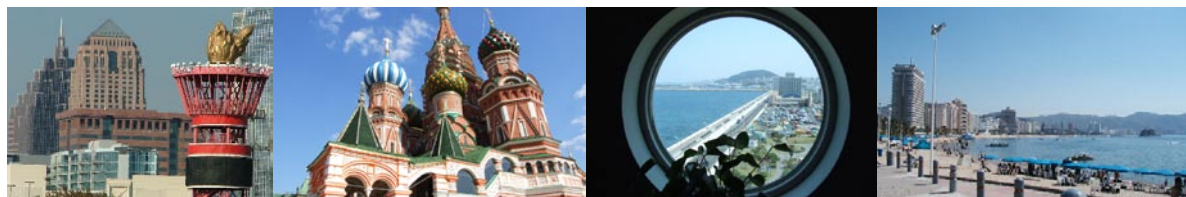
Talking to our friends and colleagues can help a lot in that process. Because when a thought is in our mind it has not materialized. When you get it out, when you share a thought – it becomes material. It starts a wave that can spread everywhere,

that can lead us to new heights that looked out of reach. We just need to go beyond what has been "the rule" and stop thinking that something is impossible. And start doing it.

An old Chinese proverb says: Those who say it can't be done should not interrupt the one doing it!

(SpaceShipOne is shown underneath White Knight during flight 15P. On June 21, 2004, it made the first privately funded human spaceflight, and on October 4, it won the \$10-million Ansari X Prize, by reaching 100 kilometers in altitude twice in a two-week period with the equivalent of three people on board, with no more than ten percent of the non-fuel weight of the spacecraft replaced between flights.)

SpaceShipOne & White Knight Photo: Jim Campbell / Aero-News Network



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