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Media interest in our incubator tenants

Business incubators are a hot topic in this cold economy. The July issue of AirTran's in-flight magazine [GO](#) featured the [8th Continent Aerospace Business Incubator](#) at the Boulder Innovation Center.

GREETINGS!

Wasn't it wonderful to visit, or revisit, the Apollo 11 moon mission on its 40th anniversary last month? Those were powerful days - but at the 8th Continent Project, we believe the promise of space has only begun to be tapped.

Register now for free seminar on intellectual property protection

If your young company relies on proprietary or licensed technology for its success, understanding the strengths and weaknesses of current intellectual property law is critical.

That's why we asked patent attorney and IP expert Gene Branch to anchor our first Space 2.0 Seminar. We only have room for 40, so register now.

Patent Reform: Are we headed in the right direction? A view from the trenches: Wednesday, Aug. 12, 7-9 a.m. MDT: Gene Branch, a partner in the intellectual property law firm [Townsend and Townsend and Crew](#), will discuss the shortcomings of America's antiquated patent system, why it needs to be overhauled and what it means if you have an idea you need to protect.

The seminar (limited to 40 people) will be a breakfast meeting at TTC's Denver office, 1400 Wewatta St., Suite 600. Cost is \$20 for nonmembers, **free for 8th Continent Chamber members**. RSVP to news@8cproject.com

We'll be offering a simultaneous webcast with the opportunity for participants outside Colorado to hear Gene's talk, ask questions and interact with other

Center, mentioning tenant [flaik](#). Our second tenant, [ColdQuanta](#), was featured in a story about commercialization of Bose-Einstein Condensate in [Photonics Spectra's](#) July issue and will appear in the [Boulder County Business Report](#) soon. The ColdQuanta team created some buzz in the optical physics universe when they carried out the first-ever live conference demos of cold atoms at the [CLEO](#) and [DAMOP](#) conferences this summer.

Burke participated in a discussion about the Apollo moon missions and what they meant for space innovation July 20 on [InterstellarTV.com](#), on "Space and Security News for Space Entrepreneurs," hosted by Chamber member Dave Hook of Planehook Aviation Services in San Antonio.

New England Innovator: TechStars

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Colorado Calendar: Risk Capital 101

Shades of Green: Risk Capital 101, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5-7 p.m. MDT: Jason Mendelson, managing director at Boulder-based Foundry Group, will talk about navigating the risk capital landscape at Gordon Biersch Brewpub, at the northwest corner of Flatiron Crossing Mall (next to the theaters) in Broomfield. Cost is \$20 for nonmembers, free for 8th Continent Chamber members. Food and drink will be available to purchase. RSVP to news@8cproject.com.

Fall preview: Moon rocks and Madrid

The 8th Continent Project has an exciting fall in the works. Among the projects you'll be hearing more about:

- Reciprocal delegations representing aerospace ventures will exchange visits between the state of Madrid, Spain, and the state of Colorado
- Our seminar series will continue in October and November
- Higher-ed institutions and workforce development organizations are working on an integrated aerospace training program that will solidify Colorado's position as a nexus of space innovation and entrepreneurship
- The Colorado School of Mines' Geology Museum, where 8C's office is located, is getting its own moon rock

Word of mouth still fuels our growth ... and

**About The 8th
Continent Project**

The Colorado School of Mines' 8th Continent Project is the world's most comprehensive effort to integrate space technology and resources into the global economy. 8th Continent provides the infrastructure and resources to solve a wide range of challenges from global warming to biomedical to renewable energy development. 8th Continent brings space down to Earth with the industry's first trade association, incubator, funding network and research hub, all working together to develop the next generation of space-derived business ventures.

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Chamber membership remains free for the first three months. If you know of emerging companies, service providers or investors who should be included in our growing community, direct them to www.8cproject.com to sign up for trial membership.

If you see the economic wisdom of creating companies from space technology, and the benefit of connecting with other companies in this industry, please consider a larger sponsorship. Contact me personally (burke.fort@8cproject.com) for more information or visit the "[Do More](#)" section of our website.

Thank you again for your interest and support of 8th Continent. As always, if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, we welcome your email.

Until next month,



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