



## Astronaut- Angus breeder brings Atlantis mementos to Junior Show

Mark C. Lee, a NASA Astronaut who flew on the recent Atlantis Space Shuttle will present mementos from the flight, including an Angus *Journal* cover, to the American Angus Assn. in July. The presentation of the gift will be during the National Junior Angus Show, July 18-20, in Louisville, Ky.

Lee, a member of the American Angus Assn., and Angus cattle owner, will give the Association a collage of pictures from the flight, including the Angus *Journal* cover that flew with him and was photographed by an Atlantis Space Shuttle window with the earth in the background.

In addition to the

cover, Lee took 100 National Junior Angus Assn. patches into space. A few of these patches, along with NASA certificates of authenticity signed by Mark Lee, will be awarded to some of the winners at the 1989 National Junior Angus Show. In addition, youngsters who attend the National Junior Angus Show will have an opportunity to win a patch and certificate at drawings to be held during the event.

Lee, who was in charge of the launch of the Magellan probe to Venus on the Atlantis Space Shuttle flight, is a native of Viroqua, Wis., where his parents still live. He and his wife Diedre joined the American Angus Assn. in 1988 after purchasing their first registered Angus cattle. The cattle are registered under their herd name of Astro Angus Farms. Their herd logo features an Angus bull riding into space and a shuttle. They hope to expand the Angus operation when time permits.

A graduate of Viroqua high school, Lee attended the U.S. Air Force Academy and received a degree in civil engineering. In 1980 he earned his masters of mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His numerous Air Force assignments have taken him to many areas of the world including Okinawa, Japan. A major in the Air Force, he logged some 2,200 hours of flying time, much of it in F-4 and F-16 aircraft. He was selected as an astronaut candidate in 1984 and assigned as a mission specialist a year later. The flight May 4-8 was his first space shuttle flight.

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