

## Reluctant Engineers

David Sherels and his brother Antonio were in 1962 electrical engineers. David had an independent engineering company. The two men provided engineering support to private aeronautical design groups. This way they could make a living without coming under scrutiny. Their little company was considered a third-tier supplier. Although this was a good place to stay out of site, it will not hide the quality or skill level of their work. Eventually someone was going to take notice of how good your company is and might want to bring you forward to second tier. This was not what the Sherels brothers wanted.

As things would have it, the brothers were called on to look into trouble shooting on experimental aircraft for one of the big high performance aircraft companies. Even though both men did not want to be involved, it could look somewhat curious to try not to stand out, yet do the work that was called for.

Each time there was a problem David or Antonio would come up with the solution. From 1964 to 1967 the two men became the "Go-To" guys. Their skill level was known at the top levels in the aeronautical community. So, it was no surprise when they were approached by NASA. Again, David and Antonio didn't want to be under so much observation. After a call from the S.G.L. both men took the job. The S.G.L. needed men working in NASA to both provide intelligence back to the S.G.L. and assist NASA with Stavrosian Engineering without anyone noticing. It's their way of helping mankind quietly.

David kept working until 1977. Antonio left in 1970 to work with and help support the S.G.L.. Both men did an outstanding job for NASA, for America and for the S.G.L.. David moved to Scott City, Kansas. His health was poor at age 96. He hopes to attend another First Life Celebration. David said his brother Antonio now lives in England. They haven't seen each other in many years. Antonio has told David he would come for the next First Life in 2003 and spend time together.

David died in late 2002 at 102 years old. Antonio never made it to see his brother. Then, in 2004 Antonio Sherels died at 100 years old. The two brothers will meet in a better place.

The American Aeronautical industry was made better by them. Their work continues off the record as NASA kept all their notes and their solutions to problems the men had found.

Their names will be read aloud at the 2022 First Life Celebration that is going to be held in Massachusetts. To honor their contributions as well as all the Stavrosians that have contributed to the world. It is their way of acknowledging each man that was there to do what was needed yet still stay out of the light.

Report submitted by David's son Matthew Sherels on 8-15-2008 to the S.G.L. researcher C. Smith. The interview date was 8-14-2008 and was held in Wichita, Kansas.

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