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00:00:07,249 --> 00:00:03,050  
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

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00:00:09,680 --> 00:00:07,259  
presents the von Karman lecture a series

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00:00:12,049 --> 00:00:09,690  
of talks by scientists and engineers who

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00:00:14,720 --> 00:00:12,059  
are exploring our planet our solar

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00:00:30,990 --> 00:00:14,730  
system and all that lies beyond

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00:00:34,830 --> 00:00:33,690  
well hello and welcome to NASA's Jet

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00:00:37,260 --> 00:00:34,840  
Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena

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00:00:39,810 --> 00:00:37,270  
California on a very hot afternoon here

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00:00:41,369 --> 00:00:39,820  
in Pasadena for our monthly public

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00:00:45,240 --> 00:00:41,379  
lecture series called the von Karman

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00:00:47,939 --> 00:00:45,250  
series I'm Preston dykes well 50 years

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00:00:49,920 --> 00:00:47,949  
ago three human beings set out on a

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00:00:52,619 --> 00:00:49,930

journey across a quarter of a million

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00:00:54,780 --> 00:00:52,629

miles of space to the moon two of them

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00:00:56,819 --> 00:00:54,790

set down in a fragile landing craft on

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00:00:58,229 --> 00:00:56,829

the lunar surface and one of them

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:58,239

stepped into history

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00:01:02,850 --> 00:00:59,920

uttering a phrase that we all know by

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00:01:04,619 --> 00:01:02,860

heart but for that one human being to

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00:01:06,840 --> 00:01:04,629

make that one small step took the

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00:01:08,789 --> 00:01:06,850

focused efforts of hundreds of thousands

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00:01:11,550 --> 00:01:08,799

of people over the course of a decade in

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00:01:14,250 --> 00:01:11,560

industry in universities and in

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00:01:16,620 --> 00:01:14,260

government for their part JPL and

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00:01:18,929 --> 00:01:16,630

Caltech which manages JPL for NASA

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00:01:21,749 --> 00:01:18,939

didn't play the leading roles in the

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00:01:24,990 --> 00:01:21,759

Apollo effort but for all who

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00:01:26,789 --> 00:01:25,000

contributed to Apollo as for all of us

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00:01:30,330 --> 00:01:26,799

who play even a small role in the space

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00:01:31,980 --> 00:01:30,340

program today the true reward lay not in

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00:01:33,330 --> 00:01:31,990

the glory of the moment but in

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00:01:37,590 --> 00:01:33,340

contributing to something greater

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00:01:40,440 --> 00:01:37,600

something that mattered JPL's primary

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00:01:42,450 --> 00:01:40,450

role then and now is to help lead the

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00:01:44,760 --> 00:01:42,460

robotic exploration of the solar system

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00:01:46,410 --> 00:01:44,770

and that included developing guidance

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00:01:48,380 --> 00:01:46,420

navigation and communication

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00:01:50,969 --> 00:01:48,390

technologies that contributed to Apollo

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00:01:53,190 --> 00:01:50,979

JPL also manages NASA's Deep Space

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:53,200

Network used for communicating with all

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00:01:57,570 --> 00:01:55,600

spacecraft that fly beyond the moon but

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00:01:59,730 --> 00:01:57,580

during Apollo the Deep Space Network was

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00:02:01,980 --> 00:01:59,740

used to receive the astronauts TV

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:01,990

transmissions from the moon and it also

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00:02:06,360 --> 00:02:04,240

was a vital communications backup during

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00:02:09,419 --> 00:02:06,370

Apollo especially during the tense days

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00:02:11,070 --> 00:02:09,429

of Apollo 13 Caltech

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00:02:13,440 --> 00:02:11,080

long a world leader in the field of

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00:02:15,119 --> 00:02:13,450

geology contributed both to the field

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,129

training of the astronauts and as you'll

51  
00:02:20,520 --> 00:02:17,440  
hear tonight to the study of the samples

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00:02:23,160 --> 00:02:20,530  
they returned tonight we'll hear just

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00:02:25,110 --> 00:02:23,170  
part of the Apollo story the road to

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00:02:27,210 --> 00:02:25,120  
Apollo and how JPL figured into it and

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00:02:29,280 --> 00:02:27,220  
how scientists at Caltech and other

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00:02:31,559 --> 00:02:29,290  
institutions teased out some of the

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00:02:32,789 --> 00:02:31,569  
moon's greatest secrets we'll have two

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00:02:33,869 --> 00:02:32,799  
speakers tonight followed by some

59  
00:02:35,759 --> 00:02:33,879  
discussion and then we'll take your

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00:02:37,770 --> 00:02:35,769  
questions if you're watching our live

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00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:37,780  
webcast you can submit questions via the

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00:02:44,440 --> 00:02:40,480  
YouTube chat all right now for our first

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00:02:46,199 --> 00:02:44,450

speaker JPL is fortunate to have an Emmy

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00:02:49,210 --> 00:02:46,209

award-winning producer on its staff

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blame Baggett's first space production

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00:02:54,160 --> 00:02:52,310

for PBS back in 1985 with spaceflight

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00:02:56,890 --> 00:02:54,170

the first nationally broadcast

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00:02:59,619 --> 00:02:56,900

television series ever made about the

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00:03:02,589 --> 00:02:59,629

space race one of his key advisors on a

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00:03:05,490 --> 00:03:02,599

was Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins

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00:03:08,080 --> 00:03:05,500

who called Space Flight the real stuff

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Blane next turned to astronomy he was

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00:03:12,420 --> 00:03:09,650

the executive producer of the

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00:03:15,430 --> 00:03:12,430

astronomers also produced for PBS in

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1999 he joined JPL and is now a JPL

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fellow working full time on films about

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JPL historic role in the exploration of

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space among his many honors Blaine is

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00:03:26,770 --> 00:03:24,500

the recipient of the highest honor NASA

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00:03:29,440 --> 00:03:26,780

bestows on a civilian the Distinguished

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Service Medal and finally if all of that

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00:03:35,770 --> 00:03:32,060

wasn't enough Blaine's birthday just

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00:03:37,990 --> 00:03:35,780

happens to be July 20th which is the

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00:03:40,270 --> 00:03:38,000

very day that Apollo 11 made the first

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00:03:40,870 --> 00:03:40,280

human landing on the moon so please

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00:03:48,220 --> 00:03:40,880

welcome

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00:03:48,789 --> 00:03:48,230

Blaine Baggett thank you and good

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00:03:51,220 --> 00:03:48,799

evening

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00:03:53,229 --> 00:03:51,230

Wow it's fantastic to see you all here

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00:03:55,809 --> 00:03:53,239

thank you so much for coming out I'm

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00:03:58,990 --> 00:03:55,819

just delighted to see so many of you and

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00:04:01,059 --> 00:03:59,000

by the way my also I served my birthday

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00:04:05,410 --> 00:04:01,069

it also serves as the day that we first

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00:04:13,990 --> 00:04:05,420

landed on Mars with Viking so something

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was meant to be I think okay maybe I

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00:04:20,529 --> 00:04:17,060

better stop her on the head the more

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00:04:23,260 --> 00:04:20,539

that I have come to understand the moons

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00:04:25,450 --> 00:04:23,270

of the solar system the more I

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00:04:28,390 --> 00:04:25,460

appreciate them for their incredible

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diversity I would start with in the

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00:04:35,800 --> 00:04:31,430

outer solar system at the with these

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00:04:41,589 --> 00:04:35,810

moons Hyperion looks to me like a

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00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:41,599

seashell pan looks to me like a UFO and

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00:04:48,520 --> 00:04:45,440

if we have any star war fans out there

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00:04:51,400 --> 00:04:48,530

oh I don't have to make the reference

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00:04:53,469 --> 00:04:51,410

but there's the darks Dark Star but

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00:04:56,860 --> 00:04:53,479

there's more to the moons than just

108

00:04:58,330 --> 00:04:56,870

unusual shapes moons in our solar system

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00:05:01,600 --> 00:04:58,340

are now the prime

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00:05:04,540 --> 00:05:01,610

targets for the search for life Saturn's

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00:05:07,290 --> 00:05:04,550

moon Enceladus is a beautiful icy world

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00:05:10,930 --> 00:05:07,300

where geysers are constantly erupting

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00:05:14,620 --> 00:05:10,940

spring out into space water ice Titan

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00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:14,630

which also orbits Saturn has rivers and

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00:05:21,159 --> 00:05:17,600

lakes but they're made of liquid ethane

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00:05:23,830 --> 00:05:21,169

and methane and NASA's just announced an

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00:05:26,560 --> 00:05:23,840

exciting mission called dragonfly that's

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00:05:30,159 --> 00:05:26,570

going to explore Titan and on the right

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00:05:33,730 --> 00:05:30,169

is Jupiter's moon Europa beneath it's

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icy crust is a Waterworld thought to

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00:05:41,770 --> 00:05:37,490

contain more h<sub>2</sub>o than in all the oceans

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00:05:43,629 --> 00:05:41,780

on earth combined and here at JPL we're

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hard at work on a mission right now

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called Europa clipper to be launched to

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00:05:52,210 --> 00:05:47,410

this world

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00:05:54,930 --> 00:05:52,220

now these moons and many others there

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00:05:58,390 --> 00:05:54,940

are almost 200 moons in the solar system

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00:06:00,879 --> 00:05:58,400

those moons and many others exist in the

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00:06:02,980 --> 00:06:00,889

outer solar system if we move inward

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00:06:03,370 --> 00:06:02,990

towards the Sun we find a different

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00:06:06,879 --> 00:06:03,380

story

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00:06:09,129 --> 00:06:06,889

Mars has two very small moons Venus and

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Mercury have none only the earth has a

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00:06:17,680 --> 00:06:14,780

sizable moon and a beautiful moon why

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00:06:20,920 --> 00:06:17,690

that is that we really have the

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00:06:23,140 --> 00:06:20,930

terrestrial planets we were all all we

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00:06:25,750 --> 00:06:23,150

have one large moon is a great mystery

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but I will leave the science of the moon

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and the engineering it took to get us

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there to two great pioneers who are with

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us tonight that I it's a great honor and

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privilege for me to share the stage with

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them now as for the present we are in

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the news not only because of the Apollo

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11 anniversary we are in the news about

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the moon because nASA has declared we

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are going forward to the moon - it's the

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next step and on our way to Mars now to

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me time will tell whether this is the

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latest case of us becoming moonstruck

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00:07:08,170 --> 00:07:05,539  
and whether being moonstruck is going to

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00:07:10,330 --> 00:07:08,180  
actually stick again the biggest

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00:07:11,800 --> 00:07:10,340  
question I think is whether we will have

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00:07:15,879 --> 00:07:11,810  
the will which

155  
00:07:17,980 --> 00:07:15,889  
translates into the funding to go those

156  
00:07:20,379 --> 00:07:17,990  
in favor of going to the moon have their

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00:07:22,720 --> 00:07:20,389  
arguments first of all the technologies

158  
00:07:25,060 --> 00:07:22,730  
have come a long long way in the last 50

159  
00:07:27,430 --> 00:07:25,070  
years and what we've learned about the

160  
00:07:29,370 --> 00:07:27,440  
moon in these last 50 years helps to

161  
00:07:31,659 --> 00:07:29,380  
make the case for going again for

162  
00:07:34,780 --> 00:07:31,669  
instance once it was thought that the

163  
00:07:38,680 --> 00:07:34,790

moon's bone-dry that's turned out not to

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be the case missions by NASA and by the

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Indian Space Agency have found evidence

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of water in the polar regions of the

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00:07:49,659 --> 00:07:47,690

moon and craters where sunlight in the

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00:07:52,930 --> 00:07:49,669

shadow of craters where sunlight doesn't

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00:07:54,850 --> 00:07:52,940

reach these areas our prime real estate

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00:07:58,560 --> 00:07:54,860

for future exploration and settlement

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there you see some examples of the water

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because if you wish to live off the land

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as nASA says it wants to do with a

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permanent presence you need water

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00:08:15,100 --> 00:08:11,210

by the way India it's scheduled for a

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new mission to the moon next week it's a

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combination of an orbiter a lander and a

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rover and what is its purpose

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it's going to go prospecting for

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resources including water and then

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there's China its program its space

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program is growing by leaps and bounds

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and China has made no secret of its

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interest in exploiting the resources of

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the moon a Chinese rover launched in

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just January this year is now roving on

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the moon and on the far side of the moon

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for direct communication isn't possible

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00:08:54,730 --> 00:08:50,540

it's an impressive technological

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00:08:57,610 --> 00:08:54,740

achievement and by the way I don't know

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if you know where the rover landed on

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the far side of the moon but it's in a

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crater named after Theodore von Karman

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I hope that name sounds familiar

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it's none other than the first director

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of JPL and for whom this auditorium and

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00:09:19,610 --> 00:09:17,399

this lecture series is named after and I

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can't help but wonder whether the

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selection of a crater named after von

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Karman is somehow intentional in terms

201  
00:09:32,679 --> 00:09:28,680  
of where the Chinese landed but I'm not

202  
00:09:38,240 --> 00:09:35,269  
the larger point I'm trying to make is

203  
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that we may be at the beginning of a new

204  
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space race a space race this time that

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00:09:46,730 --> 00:09:44,790  
is a multinational one a moon rush where

206  
00:09:50,889 --> 00:09:46,740  
the prize is to stake out regions

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00:09:55,309 --> 00:09:50,899  
suitable for establishing human presence

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00:09:58,189 --> 00:09:55,319  
so speaking of space races let's now go

209  
00:10:01,670 --> 00:09:58,199  
back to the first one to understand how

210  
00:10:04,249 --> 00:10:01,680  
Apollo came to be that means we have to

211  
00:10:06,650 --> 00:10:04,259  
go back to 1957 and the launch of

212  
00:10:08,300 --> 00:10:06,660  
Sputnik and to help us we're going to

213  
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watch a video clip from one of my

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00:10:13,009 --> 00:10:10,079

documentaries called destination moon

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00:10:16,300 --> 00:10:13,019

which I had butchered myself to cut it

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down in order to show it in a short clip

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hard to do but better for me to do it

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than anyone else so if we could Jon can

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we roll the first clip Thanks in October

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of 1957 the Soviet Union shocked the

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world with the launch of the first Earth

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orbiting satellite Sputnik America's

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response a satellite called Vanguard was

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Vanguard would be the only one in a long

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string of setbacks for the United States

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space program on a visit to the u.s. in

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1959 Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev

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made sure to underscore the disparity

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between the two nations a scientific

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feat heavily capitalized on by red

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propaganda America's hopes for competing

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in the race for the heavens rested with

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its newly formed space agency the

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National Aeronautics and Space

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00:11:38,600 --> 00:11:36,930

Administration NASA was given an

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assortment of technical facilities

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scattered across the country one of them

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was the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in

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Pasadena California of all the groups

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NASA inherited JPL was a part this

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research center was then like today

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managed and staffed by employees of one

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00:12:00,920 --> 00:11:57,390

of the world's most renowned engineering

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universities the California Institute of

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JPL errs were accustomed to a tradition

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of independence from JPL's perspective

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NASA was a newcomer with no portfolio in

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contrast JPL had built missiles and the

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first successful u.s. satellite Explorer

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1 JPL was led by William Pickering when

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NASA asked Pickering his ideas for the

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nation's robotic space program he

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responded with an ambitious plan that

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00:12:38,000 --> 00:12:35,400  
called for JPL flying an armada of

255  
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spacecraft to the moon and nearby

256  
00:12:42,190 --> 00:12:39,060  
planets

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[Music]

258  
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Sputnik has been called America's

259  
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technological pearl harbor it was a

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00:12:52,310 --> 00:12:49,940  
shock to the American psyche and the

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00:12:54,530 --> 00:12:52,320  
reactions ranged from the reasonable

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00:12:56,600 --> 00:12:54,540  
like placing greater emphasis on science

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00:13:02,060 --> 00:12:56,610

and math in the classrooms for which I

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suffered to the extreme the ideal of

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00:13:06,889 --> 00:13:04,260

setting off a nuclear bomb on the moon

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00:13:10,250 --> 00:13:06,899

to demonstrate America's technological

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capability a number of well positioned

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people in the United States toyed with

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00:13:17,000 --> 00:13:14,970

this idea they included the scientist

270

00:13:19,430 --> 00:13:17,010

Edward Teller known as the father of the

271

00:13:22,160 --> 00:13:19,440

hydrogen bomb and JPL's director at the

272

00:13:26,050 --> 00:13:22,170

time William Pickering now what you see

273

00:13:28,400 --> 00:13:26,060

here is an Air Force report because they

274

00:13:30,769 --> 00:13:28,410

explored this ideal to great depth

275

00:13:34,460 --> 00:13:30,779

creating this report that went on for

276  
00:13:36,530 --> 00:13:34,470  
about 250 pages one aspect of the report

277  
00:13:38,900 --> 00:13:36,540  
was to consider what sites might be

278  
00:13:40,490 --> 00:13:38,910  
derived from measuring the lunar debris

279  
00:13:44,389 --> 00:13:40,500  
that would be scattered by a nuclear

280  
00:13:46,610 --> 00:13:44,399  
explosion one of the research credited

281  
00:13:50,180 --> 00:13:46,620  
researchers on the project was a college

282  
00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:50,190  
student by the name of C E Sagan that's

283  
00:13:55,639 --> 00:13:53,279  
right that's the late Carl Sagan who

284  
00:13:58,670 --> 00:13:55,649  
would go on to become one of the world's

285  
00:14:04,060 --> 00:13:58,680  
best-known scientist and an outspoken

286  
00:14:06,949 --> 00:14:04,070  
critic the nuclear arms race meanwhile

287  
00:14:10,130 --> 00:14:06,959  
the Soviet Union continued to surprise

288  
00:14:11,960 --> 00:14:10,140

and confound for instance when Nikita

289

00:14:13,460 --> 00:14:11,970

Khrushchev made the first visit of a

290

00:14:13,880 --> 00:14:13,470

Soviet head of state to the United

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00:14:16,850 --> 00:14:13,890

States

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00:14:19,370 --> 00:14:16,860

the Soviets timed the trip to coincide

293

00:14:23,240 --> 00:14:19,380

with the first mission to reach the moon

294

00:14:25,790 --> 00:14:23,250

Luna 2 to like just kind of rubbing our

295

00:14:28,910 --> 00:14:25,800

nose in it in just two weeks after that

296

00:14:31,370 --> 00:14:28,920

they launched Luna 3 they took this

297

00:14:33,560 --> 00:14:31,380

image to the far side of the Moon it's

298

00:14:37,030 --> 00:14:33,570

not much by today's standards but at the

299

00:14:40,810 --> 00:14:37,040

time it was a technological triumph an

300

00:14:44,060 --> 00:14:40,820

Eisenhower could only grin and bear it

301  
00:14:47,389 --> 00:14:44,070  
now ten weeks after John F Kennedy took

302  
00:14:51,439 --> 00:14:47,399  
office the Soviet Union struck again

303  
00:14:54,940 --> 00:14:51,449  
watching the first human into space now

304  
00:14:57,040 --> 00:14:54,950  
in Kennedy's inaugural dress he suggests

305  
00:14:58,900 --> 00:14:57,050  
it allowed in his speech that the

306  
00:15:02,050 --> 00:14:58,910  
Soviets and the Americans should explore

307  
00:15:04,300 --> 00:15:02,060  
space together but the launch of Gagarin

308  
00:15:08,500 --> 00:15:04,310  
changed that thinking at least for a

309  
00:15:12,280 --> 00:15:08,510  
time and a frustrated Kennedy wrote this

310  
00:15:14,560 --> 00:15:12,290  
memo directing Vice President Lyndon

311  
00:15:17,440 --> 00:15:14,570  
Johnson to conduct a survey to find a

312  
00:15:20,290 --> 00:15:17,450  
way any way to beat the Soviet Union in

313  
00:15:22,720 --> 00:15:20,300

the space race what would it take

314

00:15:25,180 --> 00:15:22,730

Kennedy wanted to know putting up a

315

00:15:27,160 --> 00:15:25,190

Space Lab a trip around the moon landing

316

00:15:30,580 --> 00:15:27,170

a rocket on the moon landing a man on

317

00:15:33,010 --> 00:15:30,590

the moon or any other idea and no

318

00:15:34,540 --> 00:15:33,020

Kennedy's impatience he wanted to know

319

00:15:39,190 --> 00:15:34,550

are the people involved in the space

320

00:15:44,470 --> 00:15:39,200

program working 24 hours a day and if

321

00:15:47,650 --> 00:15:44,480

not John why not to get the answers to

322

00:15:53,100 --> 00:15:47,660

Kennedy's questions Johnson turned to

323

00:15:58,930 --> 00:15:53,110

NASA Administrator James Webb and

324

00:16:01,720 --> 00:15:58,940

Secretary's offense John McNamara Webb

325

00:16:03,700 --> 00:16:01,730

believed the only real hope to have the

326

00:16:06,730 --> 00:16:03,710

first first in space was landing an

327

00:16:08,350 --> 00:16:06,740

astronaut on the moon McNamara didn't

328

00:16:11,440 --> 00:16:08,360

think even that would be enough and

329

00:16:12,810 --> 00:16:11,450

argued for a mission to Mars a human

330

00:16:16,720 --> 00:16:12,820

mission to Mars

331

00:16:19,210 --> 00:16:16,730

well Webb's more practical proposal one

332

00:16:21,370 --> 00:16:19,220

out and Kennedy took it to Congress and

333

00:16:23,350 --> 00:16:21,380

now made his very famous speech

334

00:16:25,570 --> 00:16:23,360

proposing to land a man on the moon and

335

00:16:28,750 --> 00:16:25,580

returning him safely to earth before

336

00:16:31,570 --> 00:16:28,760

this decade is out what's not well-known

337

00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:31,580

is the phrase before the story of the

338

00:16:38,800 --> 00:16:35,360

phrase before this decade is out it was

339

00:16:41,230 --> 00:16:38,810

a last-minute compromise James Webb was

340

00:16:43,570 --> 00:16:41,240

given an advance copy at the last minute

341

00:16:46,540 --> 00:16:43,580

of what Kennedy was going to say and to

342

00:16:49,380 --> 00:16:46,550

his shock the script the address

343

00:16:52,930 --> 00:16:49,390

mentioned that there was a deadline of

344

00:16:54,880 --> 00:16:52,940

1967 Webb convinced the White House to

345

00:16:59,110 --> 00:16:54,890

take out the year and stay and say

346

00:17:01,210 --> 00:16:59,120

instead the decade is out hit 1967 state

347

00:17:05,290 --> 00:17:01,220

in we would not be saying today that

348

00:17:07,720 --> 00:17:05,300

NASA met Kennedy's goal

349

00:17:10,570 --> 00:17:07,730

but now let's turn to JPS role in

350

00:17:13,360 --> 00:17:10,580

getting footprints on the moon even

351  
00:17:16,120 --> 00:17:13,370  
before Kennedy's speech jpo is working

352  
00:17:18,430 --> 00:17:16,130  
on two moon projects the first was

353  
00:17:20,079 --> 00:17:18,440  
called Ranger it was designed to be a

354  
00:17:22,360 --> 00:17:20,089  
series of spacecraft that would take

355  
00:17:25,690 --> 00:17:22,370  
close-up images of the moon before crash

356  
00:17:27,310 --> 00:17:25,700  
landing but even crash landing on the

357  
00:17:30,850 --> 00:17:27,320  
moon turned out to be a lot harder than

358  
00:17:34,660 --> 00:17:30,860  
expected I will be asking John khazzani

359  
00:17:37,210 --> 00:17:34,670  
to relive his pain for us live about

360  
00:17:41,410 --> 00:17:37,220  
those days but for right now let me

361  
00:17:41,940 --> 00:17:41,420  
summarize what happened Ranger 1 didn't

362  
00:17:57,100 --> 00:17:41,950  
work

363  
00:18:00,600 --> 00:17:57,110

down and regrouped a year later they

364

00:18:03,460 --> 00:18:00,610

launched Ranger 6 it worked perfectly

365

00:18:07,130 --> 00:18:03,470

except in the last few minutes when its

366

00:18:11,470 --> 00:18:07,140

camera refused to turn on

367

00:18:16,090 --> 00:18:11,480

no pictures meant another failure

368

00:18:19,730 --> 00:18:16,100

January 30th 1964 was JPL's darkest day

369

00:18:21,860 --> 00:18:19,740

and in exactly this room crowded almost

370

00:18:23,810 --> 00:18:21,870

as well as probably as many people as

371

00:18:27,200 --> 00:18:23,820

you see right now in this room were

372

00:18:30,519 --> 00:18:27,210

people listening work to what was going

373

00:18:34,370 --> 00:18:30,529

on live and imagine what they felt like

374

00:18:37,820 --> 00:18:34,380

well let's see if I had better luck with

375

00:18:39,740 --> 00:18:37,830

Ranger seven and as you watch be aware

376

00:18:42,289 --> 00:18:39,750

that you're sitting in the same room as

377

00:18:43,850 --> 00:18:42,299

to some of the people some of the

378

00:18:55,759 --> 00:18:43,860

footage you're about to see of some of

379

00:18:59,810 --> 00:18:55,769

the people in there okay you have six

380

00:19:02,360 --> 00:18:59,820

Rangers which fail with each failure the

381

00:19:05,389 --> 00:19:02,370

pressure on JPL became more intense and

382

00:19:10,850 --> 00:19:05,399

after number six this was really really

383

00:19:12,950 --> 00:19:10,860

a catastrophe I had no fear that the lab

384

00:19:15,580 --> 00:19:12,960

was gonna fall apart it was quite the

385

00:19:21,980 --> 00:19:15,590

opposite everybody pulled together

386

00:19:24,310 --> 00:19:21,990

basically and what can I do to help six

387

00:19:29,000 --> 00:19:24,320

months after the debacle of Rangers six

388

00:19:30,789 --> 00:19:29,010

JPL was ready to try once more it had

389

00:19:37,610 --> 00:19:30,799

required working three shifts a day

390

00:19:41,120 --> 00:19:37,620

seven days a week the next one seven was

391

00:19:44,470 --> 00:19:41,130

a severe strain on everybody because it

392

00:19:47,419 --> 00:19:44,480

had to work and if it hadn't worked

393

00:19:49,399 --> 00:19:47,429

there's no telling what JPL would have

394

00:19:56,750 --> 00:19:49,409

been life or what would have happened to

395

00:19:57,890 --> 00:19:56,760

JPL it was a sobering experience

396

00:20:00,840 --> 00:19:57,900

[Music]

397

00:20:06,380 --> 00:20:00,850

launched through the 66 our cruise was a

398

00:20:09,270 --> 00:20:06,390

textbook flight three days after liftoff

399

00:20:14,970 --> 00:20:09,280

JPL's auditorium was once again filled

400

00:20:14,980 --> 00:20:20,700

[Music]

401  
00:20:25,860 --> 00:20:23,460  
at both pioneer and echo sites we are

402  
00:20:28,160 --> 00:20:25,870  
anticipating turn on momentarily we are

403  
00:20:31,510 --> 00:20:28,170  
five seconds from full power

404  
00:20:34,370 --> 00:20:31,520  
we have full power on channel

405  
00:20:39,890 --> 00:20:34,380  
[Applause]

406  
00:20:48,250 --> 00:20:42,990  
video is very strong

407  
00:20:48,260 --> 00:20:52,000  
three

408  
00:20:56,210 --> 00:20:54,850  
[Applause]

409  
00:20:58,130 --> 00:20:56,220  
[Music]

410  
00:21:05,160 --> 00:20:58,140  
[Applause]

411  
00:21:13,630 --> 00:21:08,530  
when impact occurred the auditorium

412  
00:21:16,320 --> 00:21:13,640  
erupted in a great cheer people shook

413  
00:21:19,210 --> 00:21:16,330

hands and hugged one another some wept

414

00:21:24,550 --> 00:21:19,220

one hard-nosed engineer likened the

415

00:21:26,530 --> 00:21:24,560

event to a spiritual experience some

416

00:21:30,130 --> 00:21:26,540

people had smuggled in some champagne

417

00:21:35,050 --> 00:21:30,140

and champagne bottles were opened it was

418

00:21:48,730 --> 00:21:40,880

[Music]

419

00:21:52,150 --> 00:21:48,740

finally the now humbled JPL workforce

420

00:21:54,430 --> 00:21:52,160

has succeeded at the moon the television

421

00:21:57,130 --> 00:21:54,440

camera recorded some four thousand

422

00:22:00,130 --> 00:21:57,140

images that aren't much to behold today

423

00:22:01,750 --> 00:22:00,140

but at the time they were as a scientist

424

00:22:04,240 --> 00:22:01,760

in this room declared at the time a

425

00:22:10,270 --> 00:22:04,250

thousand times better than any image of

426  
00:22:12,370 --> 00:22:10,280  
the moon from Earth now the Rangers by

427  
00:22:16,360 --> 00:22:12,380  
the way here's some some headlines just

428  
00:22:19,120 --> 00:22:16,370  
to give you some sense of I think it it

429  
00:22:21,460 --> 00:22:19,130  
reveals the sense of anxiety that was

430  
00:22:25,330 --> 00:22:21,470  
relief you know the relief of we had

431  
00:22:27,190 --> 00:22:25,340  
finally succeeded I'm interested in the

432  
00:22:30,770 --> 00:22:27,200  
to hurt in the minor riot and going to a

433  
00:22:40,130 --> 00:22:35,060  
I don't know the story about that I'll

434  
00:22:42,320 --> 00:22:40,140  
have to look that up any rate so after

435  
00:22:45,740 --> 00:22:42,330  
Ranger came surveyor and surveyor was a

436  
00:22:47,720 --> 00:22:45,750  
far far more complicated mission this

437  
00:22:50,299 --> 00:22:47,730  
was about soft landing on the moon and

438  
00:22:54,289 --> 00:22:50,309

staying alive on the moon for some time

439

00:22:56,029 --> 00:22:54,299

and I said well let's just watch the

440

00:22:57,830 --> 00:22:56,039

video I think that will that will tell

441

00:23:09,590 --> 00:22:57,840

more than I can so John if we can roll

442

00:23:12,350 --> 00:23:09,600

that please of all the questions NASA

443

00:23:13,970 --> 00:23:12,360

wanted answered the most important was

444

00:23:18,049 --> 00:23:13,980

knowing what the surface would be like

445

00:23:20,390 --> 00:23:18,059

for Apollo astronauts was it solid or

446

00:23:27,560 --> 00:23:20,400

would layers of dust act like lunar

447

00:23:29,360 --> 00:23:27,570

quicksand and swallow them whole NASA

448

00:23:32,750 --> 00:23:29,370

had hoped the answers would come from

449

00:23:35,330 --> 00:23:32,760

surveyor this was JPL's first experience

450

00:23:37,669 --> 00:23:35,340

in overseeing on behalf of NASA the work

451  
00:23:40,070 --> 00:23:37,679  
of an aerospace company but the

452  
00:23:43,549 --> 00:23:40,080  
contractor Hughes aerospace was

453  
00:23:45,590 --> 00:23:43,559  
struggling for good reasons surveyor was

454  
00:23:48,500 --> 00:23:45,600  
far more technically challenging than

455  
00:23:51,649 --> 00:23:48,510  
the Rangers this spacecraft not only had

456  
00:23:55,430 --> 00:23:51,659  
to soft land on the moon it had to do so

457  
00:23:57,620 --> 00:23:55,440  
autonomously it was also expected to

458  
00:24:00,710 --> 00:23:57,630  
send back images and science data from

459  
00:24:04,549 --> 00:24:00,720  
the lunar surface not for a day but for

460  
00:24:07,340 --> 00:24:04,559  
weeks that was a difficult trying period

461  
00:24:11,299 --> 00:24:07,350  
because we were growing up at the same

462  
00:24:16,710 --> 00:24:11,309  
time that Hughes was growing up and we

463  
00:24:31,229 --> 00:24:16,720

didn't always mesh a trying time

464

00:24:38,710 --> 00:24:34,060

aerodynamic shroud is often grand bahama

465

00:24:41,169 --> 00:24:38,720

is tracking as shown by the animated

466

00:24:46,960 --> 00:24:41,179

diagrams and the monitor the Atlas sent

467

00:24:52,360 --> 00:24:50,050

sixty three hours after launch surveyor

468

00:24:53,320 --> 00:24:52,370

one was only one thousand miles away

469

00:24:55,660 --> 00:24:53,330

from the moon

470

00:25:00,730 --> 00:24:55,670

with the speed increasing as the moon's

471

00:25:00,740 --> 00:25:07,240

[Music]

472

00:25:26,170 --> 00:25:11,390

oddly the vehicle was supposed to enter

473

00:25:31,310 --> 00:25:28,520

certain distance above the surface the

474

00:25:33,250 --> 00:25:31,320

engines are all supposed to shut off and

475

00:25:41,890 --> 00:25:33,260

it is supposed to drop to the surface

476

00:25:41,900 --> 00:25:47,160

and you could hear a pin drop

477

00:25:54,600 --> 00:25:51,090

it worked we were down it's still

478

00:25:56,730 --> 00:25:54,610

transmitting for the first time an

479

00:26:02,180 --> 00:25:56,740

American spacecraft had achieved a soft

480

00:26:07,770 --> 00:26:05,670

surveyor 1 operated for six weeks in all

481

00:26:10,080 --> 00:26:07,780

the sturdy Landers sent back more than

482

00:26:13,770 --> 00:26:10,090

11,000 images before its batteries

483

00:26:17,370 --> 00:26:13,780

ceased to work and NASA had the answer

484

00:26:20,400 --> 00:26:17,380

to its question the lunar surface was

485

00:26:35,460 --> 00:26:20,410

solid and suitable for landing by the

486

00:26:38,460 --> 00:26:35,470

Apollo astronauts this is actually my

487

00:26:41,460 --> 00:26:38,470

favorite surveyor image because every

488

00:26:44,610 --> 00:26:41,470

single time I look at it what I see in

489

00:26:48,780 --> 00:26:44,620

it is almost Neil Armstrong stepping off

490

00:26:53,540 --> 00:26:48,790

the lunar module but it's not it's the

491

00:26:56,730 --> 00:26:53,550

shadow of surveyor 1 on the moon

492

00:26:59,150 --> 00:26:56,740

now I do not want this evening to be

493

00:27:01,170 --> 00:26:59,160

guilty of committing the sin of omission

494

00:27:03,500 --> 00:27:01,180

so I want to acknowledge that the

495

00:27:08,010 --> 00:27:03,510

Soviets were the first to another moon

496

00:27:12,420 --> 00:27:08,020

with Luna 9 it used airbags which we've

497

00:27:14,340 --> 00:27:12,430

adopted to go to Mars so it can be

498

00:27:17,760 --> 00:27:14,350

argued that this wasn't actually a soft

499

00:27:19,350 --> 00:27:17,770

landing and at the time it wasn't large

500

00:27:22,740 --> 00:27:19,360

enough to erase doubts about whether the

501  
00:27:25,520 --> 00:27:22,750  
lunar surface would would able to bear

502  
00:27:29,580 --> 00:27:25,530  
up for the weight of an Apollo Lander

503  
00:27:33,060 --> 00:27:29,590  
but it's interesting to make a

504  
00:27:36,960 --> 00:27:33,070  
comparison between the Luna 9 image of

505  
00:27:39,900 --> 00:27:36,970  
the moon and a surveyor image of the

506  
00:27:43,200 --> 00:27:39,910  
moon and we'd begin to understand that

507  
00:27:45,840 --> 00:27:43,210  
being first doesn't always mean being

508  
00:27:49,110 --> 00:27:45,850  
the best because what happened to the

509  
00:27:53,370 --> 00:27:49,120  
Soviet Union program in part was the

510  
00:27:57,000 --> 00:27:53,380  
concentration on first actually hindered

511  
00:27:59,040 --> 00:27:57,010  
their technological development and for

512  
00:28:00,630 --> 00:27:59,050  
completeness I have to mention one more

513  
00:28:04,620 --> 00:28:00,640

first by the Soviets

514

00:28:06,750 --> 00:28:04,630

the few people know or remember would

515

00:28:08,880 --> 00:28:06,760

you believe me if I told you that the

516

00:28:11,190 --> 00:28:08,890

Apollo 8 astronauts were not the first

517

00:28:16,260 --> 00:28:11,200

Earthlings to fly to the moon and return

518

00:28:20,070 --> 00:28:16,270

to Earth that's true that's a fact these

519

00:28:25,620 --> 00:28:20,080

were the first Earthlings to accomplish

520

00:28:30,270 --> 00:28:25,630

them on zon 5 now it's easy to make a

521

00:28:32,010 --> 00:28:30,280

joke of this but Zhong 5 was serious

522

00:28:34,440 --> 00:28:32,020

business because it demonstrated the

523

00:28:37,470 --> 00:28:34,450

Soviets were very serious still about

524

00:28:39,980 --> 00:28:37,480

sending cosmonauts to the moon but their

525

00:28:44,610 --> 00:28:39,990

version of the Saturn 5 that the n1

526

00:28:48,240 --> 00:28:44,620

never worked now I'd like to make one

527

00:28:53,070 --> 00:28:48,250

more connection between JPL and Apollo

528

00:28:54,659 --> 00:28:53,080

and it has to do with Apollo 12 as you

529

00:28:56,220 --> 00:28:54,669

probably if you've been watching any of

530

00:28:59,010 --> 00:28:56,230

the great documentaries that are airing

531

00:29:01,200 --> 00:28:59,020

this week and on the news you probably

532

00:29:05,220 --> 00:29:01,210

know now it wasn't well known when I did

533

00:29:07,650 --> 00:29:05,230

Space Flight in 1985 but that Apollo 11

534

00:29:09,960 --> 00:29:07,660

landed with only 20 seconds of fuel left

535

00:29:12,810 --> 00:29:09,970

something like that and that was because

536

00:29:14,820 --> 00:29:12,820

the computer overshot where there was

537

00:29:16,110 --> 00:29:14,830

where they were supposed to land and

538

00:29:17,850 --> 00:29:16,120

they were headed towards a field of

539

00:29:19,980 --> 00:29:17,860

boulders so Neil Armstrong had to take

540

00:29:22,350 --> 00:29:19,990

control and find a safe place to win

541

00:29:23,430 --> 00:29:22,360

well the mission planners weren't going

542

00:29:25,500 --> 00:29:23,440

to let that happen again

543

00:29:27,960 --> 00:29:25,510

they wanted a pinpoint landing for

544

00:29:29,760 --> 00:29:27,970

Apollo 12 and they wanted to make sure

545

00:29:32,520 --> 00:29:29,770

that they had a landmark to know where

546

00:29:34,590 --> 00:29:32,530

they landed so they chose that on the

547

00:29:36,360 --> 00:29:34,600

moon everything was kind of the same so

548

00:29:39,299 --> 00:29:36,370

they decided to land next to another

549

00:29:41,370 --> 00:29:39,309

surveyor surveyor 3 and that's it that

550

00:29:44,820 --> 00:29:41,380

you see right here in front of you with

551  
00:29:47,190 --> 00:29:44,830  
Pete Conrad and my favorite all-time an

552  
00:29:49,740 --> 00:29:47,200  
astronaut and behind you can on the

553  
00:29:55,140 --> 00:29:49,750  
horizon you can see the lunar module

554  
00:29:58,310 --> 00:29:55,150  
that they landed in and Cleve used sort

555  
00:30:01,980 --> 00:29:58,320  
of a hacksaw to take off the camera of

556  
00:30:04,470 --> 00:30:01,990  
the surveyor three and a piece of the

557  
00:30:08,760 --> 00:30:04,480  
scoop and brought it back there was a

558  
00:30:10,919 --> 00:30:08,770  
sense some scientists thought when they

559  
00:30:12,840 --> 00:30:10,929  
took it to the lab that there they found

560  
00:30:15,629 --> 00:30:12,850  
microbial life

561  
00:30:19,919 --> 00:30:15,639  
the camera that had come from earth

562  
00:30:21,330 --> 00:30:19,929  
somebody sneezed on it on earth if we

563  
00:30:23,190 --> 00:30:21,340

went to the moon survived for three

564

00:30:24,749 --> 00:30:23,200

years and went back that's been pretty

565

00:30:29,480 --> 00:30:24,759

much discredited now they now think

566

00:30:34,799 --> 00:30:33,060

but but but what's important about it is

567

00:30:36,210 --> 00:30:34,809

this is exactly the same time we were

568

00:30:38,940 --> 00:30:36,220

beginning scientists were beginning to

569

00:30:40,980 --> 00:30:38,950

understand that life is far more Hardy

570

00:30:43,019 --> 00:30:40,990

and far more tenacious than we ever

571

00:30:44,730 --> 00:30:43,029

expected and that there was more

572

00:30:46,789 --> 00:30:44,740

possibility for looking for the search

573

00:30:52,080 --> 00:30:46,799

for life elsewhere in the solar system

574

00:30:56,310 --> 00:30:52,090

so that to me is part of the legacy also

575

00:30:59,759 --> 00:30:56,320

of the moon landings is that I believe

576  
00:31:01,619 --> 00:30:59,769  
now that we are right now working hard

577  
00:31:04,649 --> 00:31:01,629  
to go through these other moons in the

578  
00:31:06,600 --> 00:31:04,659  
solar system to look for life it's

579  
00:31:09,930 --> 00:31:06,610  
really one of the great quests of all

580  
00:31:14,279 --> 00:31:09,940  
time so I want to leave you with this

581  
00:31:17,369 --> 00:31:14,289  
image of two footprints one robotic one

582  
00:31:19,919 --> 00:31:17,379  
human because to go the great quest that

583  
00:31:34,430 --> 00:31:19,929  
we want to go on it's going to take both

584  
00:31:38,489 --> 00:31:36,539  
outstanding flame that was excellent

585  
00:31:40,589 --> 00:31:38,499  
thank you so much well with that

586  
00:31:42,450 --> 00:31:40,599  
historical background in hand we'll

587  
00:31:45,599 --> 00:31:42,460  
change gears now to hear about some of

588  
00:31:47,190 --> 00:31:45,609

the science of Apollo as you'll hear

589

00:31:48,869 --> 00:31:47,200

many of the elements in our

590

00:31:51,330 --> 00:31:48,879

understanding of the Moon that we take

591

00:31:55,229 --> 00:31:51,340

for granted today were actually huge

592

00:31:57,089 --> 00:31:55,239

mysteries in 1969 and those mysteries

593

00:31:58,889 --> 00:31:57,099

required that new techniques and new

594

00:32:01,649 --> 00:31:58,899

scientific instruments be developed

595

00:32:03,799 --> 00:32:01,659

after all no one had ever studied a

596

00:32:07,289 --> 00:32:03,809

pristine sample from Earth's moon before

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00:32:09,330 --> 00:32:07,299

our next speaker is one of the people

598

00:32:11,310 --> 00:32:09,340

who helped develop those new ways of

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00:32:14,249 --> 00:32:11,320

studying the lunar samples from Apollo

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00:32:17,249 --> 00:32:14,259

11 what he and his colleagues learned

601  
00:32:19,339 --> 00:32:17,259  
helped to completely transform our

602  
00:32:22,469 --> 00:32:19,349  
understanding of the moon's history

603  
00:32:24,690 --> 00:32:22,479  
Arden Albee grew up in Michigan and

604  
00:32:27,779 --> 00:32:24,700  
studied at Harvard receiving a PhD

605  
00:32:29,999 --> 00:32:27,789  
in geology he came to Caltech in 1959

606  
00:32:31,979 --> 00:32:30,009  
and retired after fifty years as a

607  
00:32:34,619 --> 00:32:31,989  
professor of geological and planetary

608  
00:32:36,450 --> 00:32:34,629  
sciences during that time in addition to

609  
00:32:38,339 --> 00:32:36,460  
teaching and research he served for six

610  
00:32:41,789 --> 00:32:38,349  
years as chief scientist right here at

611  
00:32:43,799 --> 00:32:41,799  
JPL and project scientist he served as

612  
00:32:46,049 --> 00:32:43,809  
project scientist for two years excuse

613  
00:32:49,649 --> 00:32:46,059

me for two NASA missions to Mars stick

614

00:32:52,529 --> 00:32:49,659

to the script as well as serving on

615

00:32:55,200 --> 00:32:52,539

innumerable committees and boards for

616

00:32:56,999 --> 00:32:55,210

NASA and higher education so for a look

617

00:32:59,399 --> 00:32:57,009

at the science of the Apollo lunar

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00:33:04,320 --> 00:32:59,409

samples please help me welcome dr. Arden

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00:33:10,750 --> 00:33:07,090

thank you as you see I've been around

620

00:33:12,700 --> 00:33:10,760

here for a long time I wore this jacket

621

00:33:15,759 --> 00:33:12,710

because I found it in the back of the

622

00:33:20,320 --> 00:33:15,769

closet and there's a possibility I wore

623

00:33:22,269 --> 00:33:20,330

it 50 years ago to the first my

624

00:33:26,549 --> 00:33:22,279

daughter's would say no way back it's

625

00:33:30,880 --> 00:33:29,200

mine's gonna be a little bit more of I

626  
00:33:33,700 --> 00:33:30,890  
was there and I'm gonna tell you some

627  
00:33:39,129 --> 00:33:33,710  
funny things some difficult things some

628  
00:33:41,950 --> 00:33:39,139  
mysteries in 1610 Galileo used a very

629  
00:33:45,549 --> 00:33:41,960  
early telescope to provide our first

630  
00:33:48,460 --> 00:33:45,559  
real knowledge of the moon and in fact

631  
00:33:51,549 --> 00:33:48,470  
until the arrival of spacecraft other

632  
00:33:55,060 --> 00:33:51,559  
telescopic work did not add much more to

633  
00:33:58,480 --> 00:33:55,070  
that knowledge on this first slide we

634  
00:34:01,990 --> 00:33:58,490  
see the large smooth dark areas which

635  
00:34:05,440 --> 00:34:02,000  
Galileo called Marya or C's in Italian

636  
00:34:07,450 --> 00:34:05,450  
and the surrounding areas lighter in

637  
00:34:09,970 --> 00:34:07,460  
color which are pitted with craters

638  
00:34:12,639 --> 00:34:09,980

which he caught which he called craters

639

00:34:15,790 --> 00:34:12,649

he did name them as craters these

640

00:34:19,619 --> 00:34:15,800

intensely cratered areas which appear

641

00:34:23,770 --> 00:34:19,629

white in contrast to the dark Mario

642

00:34:26,139 --> 00:34:23,780

became known as Tara or Highlands indeed

643

00:34:29,770 --> 00:34:26,149

they were higher than the dark color

644

00:34:32,109 --> 00:34:29,780

basins now many controversies about the

645

00:34:34,659 --> 00:34:32,119

moon as we heard a minute ago fermented

646

00:34:37,149 --> 00:34:34,669

for generations extreme positions were

647

00:34:42,190 --> 00:34:37,159

taken by gentlemen with great eloquence

648

00:34:44,770 --> 00:34:42,200

but few facts now almost forgotten now

649

00:34:47,200 --> 00:34:44,780

is the intense debate on such subjects

650

00:34:50,349 --> 00:34:47,210

as the depth to which a spacecraft might

651  
00:34:52,720 --> 00:34:50,359  
sink into the lunar dust the relative

652  
00:34:57,550 --> 00:34:52,730  
roles of all kanai's impaired and water

653  
00:35:00,010 --> 00:34:57,560  
in shaping the landscape and weather

654  
00:35:01,839 --> 00:35:00,020  
radiation could be accumulated in the

655  
00:35:04,740 --> 00:35:01,849  
dust from the radiation on the solar

656  
00:35:07,440 --> 00:35:04,750  
system and caused an explosion when the

657  
00:35:12,490 --> 00:35:07,450  
astronaut put his foot down in the soil

658  
00:35:16,390 --> 00:35:12,500  
and finally the presence of exotic

659  
00:35:18,070 --> 00:35:16,400  
organisms or water under the surface now

660  
00:35:21,880 --> 00:35:18,080  
many of these

661  
00:35:24,390 --> 00:35:21,890  
very passe to us now but we have to

662  
00:35:28,270 --> 00:35:24,400  
remember that such controversies

663  
00:35:30,970 --> 00:35:28,280

consumed countless hours millions of

664

00:35:33,040 --> 00:35:30,980

dollars to settle and thousands of

665

00:35:36,310 --> 00:35:33,050

printed pages during the development of

666

00:35:38,800 --> 00:35:36,320

the Apollo the lunar Ranger the lunar

667

00:35:41,710 --> 00:35:38,810

surveyor project the JPL and the lunar

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00:35:44,710 --> 00:35:41,720

orbiter project at Langley were all

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00:35:48,010 --> 00:35:44,720

undertaken to resolve some of these and

670

00:35:51,070 --> 00:35:48,020

other questions that affected the safety

671

00:35:53,470 --> 00:35:51,080

of the astronauts for the mission now

672

00:35:56,650 --> 00:35:53,480

clearly we all know that Apollo did not

673

00:36:00,430 --> 00:35:56,660

sink out of sight and the dust and it

674

00:36:04,240 --> 00:36:00,440

didn't explode on landing but in fact

675

00:36:06,880 --> 00:36:04,250

the Apollo 11 spacecraft the samples and

676

00:36:10,630 --> 00:36:06,890

the crew were actually quarantined for

677

00:36:13,920 --> 00:36:10,640

21 days until testing showed that exotic

678

00:36:16,570 --> 00:36:13,930

organisms were not present

679

00:36:18,670 --> 00:36:16,580

now engineers and planners worked for a

680

00:36:20,400 --> 00:36:18,680

decade more than a decade to solve the

681

00:36:23,410 --> 00:36:20,410

problems of getting to the moon and back

682

00:36:25,900 --> 00:36:23,420

at the same time scientists were working

683

00:36:28,390 --> 00:36:25,910

on problems that would allow them to

684

00:36:30,280 --> 00:36:28,400

interpret the lunar samples they didn't

685

00:36:30,850 --> 00:36:30,290

know what time is that's what we they're

686

00:36:33,700 --> 00:36:30,860

doing

687

00:36:36,100 --> 00:36:33,710

in the late 40s scientists have been

688

00:36:38,140 --> 00:36:36,110

involved in the war effort took their

689

00:36:41,170 --> 00:36:38,150

new knowledge of isotopes and mass

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00:36:44,170 --> 00:36:41,180

spectrometry and took them back to the

691

00:36:45,940 --> 00:36:44,180

universities a new generation of

692

00:36:49,000 --> 00:36:45,950

graduate students began to use these

693

00:36:52,180 --> 00:36:49,010

tools to attack problems in geology and

694

00:36:54,430 --> 00:36:52,190

other fields these included some of the

695

00:36:57,430 --> 00:36:54,440

ones that you probably know about the

696

00:37:00,520 --> 00:36:57,440

4.6 billion year old age of iron

697

00:37:03,100 --> 00:37:00,530

meteorites highlighting the health

698

00:37:06,700 --> 00:37:03,110

problems due to the lead additives in

699

00:37:09,580 --> 00:37:06,710

gasoline and detailed study of impact

700

00:37:11,800 --> 00:37:09,590

craters here on earth isotopic

701  
00:37:14,620 --> 00:37:11,810  
geochemistry was born at the University

702  
00:37:17,310 --> 00:37:14,630  
of Chicago under the leadership of Nobel

703  
00:37:19,840 --> 00:37:17,320  
Prize winner Harold Urey and others

704  
00:37:21,850 --> 00:37:19,850  
their students moved to Caltech and

705  
00:37:24,280 --> 00:37:21,860  
other universities around the country in

706  
00:37:27,070 --> 00:37:24,290  
the early 50s and continued these kinds

707  
00:37:30,890 --> 00:37:27,080  
of studies and were to become critical

708  
00:37:33,330 --> 00:37:30,900  
to understanding the return lunar

709  
00:37:35,670 --> 00:37:33,340  
well in the mid-sixties the Apollo

710  
00:37:38,370 --> 00:37:35,680  
program began to fund scientists to

711  
00:37:41,820 --> 00:37:38,380  
develop clean labs new instruments and

712  
00:37:44,700 --> 00:37:41,830  
new protocols and procedures to prepare

713  
00:37:47,340 --> 00:37:44,710

for the return of the samples hundreds

714

00:37:50,270 --> 00:37:47,350

of teams from many countries were chosen

715

00:37:52,800 --> 00:37:50,280

to work on the Apollo 11 samples

716

00:37:55,500 --> 00:37:52,810

necessitating the development of new

717

00:37:58,920 --> 00:37:55,510

precision instruments and labs for the

718

00:38:01,310 --> 00:37:58,930

analysis of small samples a number of

719

00:38:03,900 --> 00:38:01,320

these teams were at Caltech and JPL

720

00:38:07,350 --> 00:38:03,910

chosen to work with different approaches

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00:38:12,480 --> 00:38:07,360

I was part of a team at Caltech dubbed

722

00:38:16,020 --> 00:38:12,490

the lunatic asylum which included quite

723

00:38:17,880 --> 00:38:16,030

a variety of different approaches now

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00:38:19,320 --> 00:38:17,890

during the quarantine period scientists

725

00:38:22,590 --> 00:38:19,330

and technicians in the Earth lunar

726

00:38:24,570 --> 00:38:22,600

receiving laboratory studies and

727

00:38:26,640 --> 00:38:24,580

preparing samples which had been

728

00:38:29,610 --> 00:38:26,650

selected for distribution to the various

729

00:38:33,510 --> 00:38:29,620

teams these samples were sent out under

730

00:38:37,230 --> 00:38:33,520

strict security we had to keep them in a

731

00:38:40,140 --> 00:38:37,240

safe etc and an embargo on releasing any

732

00:38:44,930 --> 00:38:40,150

results until the Apollo 11 lunar

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00:38:48,030 --> 00:38:44,940

conference in January of 1970 in Houston

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00:38:52,200 --> 00:38:48,040

each team was required to arrive at the

735

00:38:54,750 --> 00:38:52,210

conference turn in a written paper give

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00:38:57,930 --> 00:38:54,760

that paper and then publish that paper

737

00:39:00,690 --> 00:38:57,940

without any changes so it was like this

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00:39:03,450 --> 00:39:00,700

then amounted to a real blind test and

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00:39:06,300 --> 00:39:03,460

in addition there was a fixed word limit

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00:39:09,000 --> 00:39:06,310

and I could remember spending my

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00:39:11,670 --> 00:39:09,010

Christmas vacation in part editing and

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00:39:13,860 --> 00:39:11,680

re-adding our manuscript to see if we

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00:39:16,260 --> 00:39:13,870

could just take out a few words here and

744

00:39:19,620 --> 00:39:16,270

get a few more words in there because

745

00:39:21,450 --> 00:39:19,630

that was one of the difficulties now the

746

00:39:23,820 --> 00:39:21,460

combination of these rules set up a

747

00:39:26,670 --> 00:39:23,830

giant blind test of all these new

748

00:39:28,560 --> 00:39:26,680

techniques and everybody headed to

749

00:39:30,630 --> 00:39:28,570

Houston tense with the excitement see

750

00:39:34,530 --> 00:39:30,640

what others had learned and to see if

751

00:39:36,000 --> 00:39:34,540

they'd gotten it right but the new

752

00:39:39,300 --> 00:39:36,010

instrumentation came through with flying

753

00:39:41,730 --> 00:39:39,310

colors a decade before we could not have

754

00:39:42,570 --> 00:39:41,740

gotten all the data that we got and if

755

00:39:43,770 --> 00:39:42,580

we had it we

756

00:39:46,170 --> 00:39:43,780

couldn't have interpreted it because we

757

00:39:47,390 --> 00:39:46,180

wouldn't know what to do with it well

758

00:39:50,160 --> 00:39:47,400

what were some of these measurements

759

00:39:52,530 --> 00:39:50,170

well studies of the mineralogy mineral

760

00:39:55,350 --> 00:39:52,540

chemistry texture and bulk composition

761

00:39:58,740 --> 00:39:55,360

of rocks are used to determine physical

762

00:40:00,750 --> 00:39:58,750

and chemical history trace element

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00:40:03,330 --> 00:40:00,760

chemistry is used to determine

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00:40:07,200 --> 00:40:03,340

signatures a very specific geochemical

765

00:40:10,220 --> 00:40:07,210

processes precise isotopic analyses are

766

00:40:16,280 --> 00:40:10,230

used to study a wide variety of

767

00:40:21,620 --> 00:40:18,990

these samples were also examined for a

768

00:40:25,320 --> 00:40:21,630

whole variety of physical properties

769

00:40:27,960 --> 00:40:25,330

such as magnetism and seismic wave

770

00:40:31,620 --> 00:40:27,970

velocity it's probably obvious that no

771

00:40:34,950 --> 00:40:31,630

one team could do all could operate with

772

00:40:39,410 --> 00:40:34,960

all of these techniques and methods well

773

00:40:44,220 --> 00:40:41,520

we're looking here at the lunar surface

774

00:40:47,160 --> 00:40:44,230

which you've seen note craters

775

00:40:56,010 --> 00:40:47,170

everywhere fine dust and here are their

776

00:40:58,320 --> 00:40:56,020

rocks sticking up out of it now our team

777

00:40:59,970 --> 00:40:58,330

members like most of you now and for in

778

00:41:02,220 --> 00:40:59,980

the last few days the entire world

779

00:41:04,830 --> 00:41:02,230

actually have looked over Armstrong

780

00:41:07,320 --> 00:41:04,840

shoulder as he zoomed over a battered

781

00:41:10,560 --> 00:41:07,330

war zone of craters of all sizes and

782

00:41:13,500 --> 00:41:10,570

over a pile of rocks to land on a lunar

783

00:41:16,560 --> 00:41:13,510

surface so here we see that surface an

784

00:41:19,380 --> 00:41:16,570

array of small craters standing on the

785

00:41:28,920 --> 00:41:19,390

ladder responding to area earlier

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00:41:30,840 --> 00:41:28,930

concerns about of course responding to

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00:41:34,260 --> 00:41:30,850

earlier concerns about the mission and

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00:41:36,690 --> 00:41:34,270

landing armstrong actually commented in

789

00:41:42,530 --> 00:41:36,700

the live broadcast that the spacecraft

790

00:41:48,870 --> 00:41:46,320

well this hour Nick show a slide that

791

00:41:51,930 --> 00:41:48,880

shows then that the soil looks like

792

00:41:54,810 --> 00:41:51,940

close up the fine soil and the larger

793

00:41:56,180 --> 00:41:54,820

fragments in the larger rock fragments

794

00:41:58,460 --> 00:41:56,190

that you see there

795

00:42:01,099 --> 00:41:58,470

we're all fragments broken in the

796

00:42:04,130 --> 00:42:01,109

intense cratering that had hurled them

797

00:42:06,069 --> 00:42:04,140

to this site there was nothing that we

798

00:42:07,970 --> 00:42:06,079

collected that came from a bedrock

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00:42:10,099 --> 00:42:07,980

geologists are always taught they have

800

00:42:12,920 --> 00:42:10,109

to collect from bedrock but there was no

801  
00:42:15,559 --> 00:42:12,930  
bedrock to collect from with great

802  
00:42:18,890 --> 00:42:15,569  
anticipation we examined as our soil

803  
00:42:22,010 --> 00:42:18,900  
sample under the microscope and began to

804  
00:42:26,380 --> 00:42:22,020  
be start our tour of the moon this next

805  
00:42:30,190 --> 00:42:26,390  
slide shows a handful of Apollo 11 soil

806  
00:42:33,500 --> 00:42:30,200  
it contains a wide variety of material

807  
00:42:34,849 --> 00:42:33,510  
it is originally very dusty you have to

808  
00:42:37,700 --> 00:42:34,859  
blow it off to see these beautiful

809  
00:42:39,890 --> 00:42:37,710  
particles now impart these are

810  
00:42:44,599 --> 00:42:39,900  
transported from a very great distance

811  
00:42:46,700 --> 00:42:44,609  
by multiple cratering events so this

812  
00:42:49,730 --> 00:42:46,710  
soil provides an answer to the very

813  
00:42:53,510 --> 00:42:49,740

first question we're always asked what

814

00:42:56,480 --> 00:42:53,520

is the moon made of one group from

815

00:42:59,420 --> 00:42:56,490

Harvard studied over to own nearly 2,000

816

00:43:00,890 --> 00:42:59,430

of these little fragments just see

817

00:43:03,260 --> 00:43:00,900

exactly what they were under the

818

00:43:06,740 --> 00:43:03,270

microscope about a third of the

819

00:43:10,099 --> 00:43:06,750

fragments were of dark rock derived from

820

00:43:13,700 --> 00:43:10,109

the Mari a careful look identified them

821

00:43:17,089 --> 00:43:13,710

as the salt which is the most common

822

00:43:21,319 --> 00:43:17,099

volcanic rock on earth and it did not

823

00:43:24,109 --> 00:43:21,329

take any special equipment just an

824

00:43:26,650 --> 00:43:24,119

experienced eye and a hand lens to be

825

00:43:30,380 --> 00:43:26,660

able to mak make that determination

826  
00:43:32,950 --> 00:43:30,390  
about half of them were breakfast a mass

827  
00:43:36,170 --> 00:43:32,960  
of broken rock fragments cemented by

828  
00:43:39,799 --> 00:43:36,180  
glass which had formed as a melt during

829  
00:43:48,200 --> 00:43:39,809  
the impact about five percent the white

830  
00:43:52,359 --> 00:43:48,210  
ones here myself I finds right in these

831  
00:43:58,700 --> 00:43:52,369  
white ones are a calcium aluminum of

832  
00:44:00,950 --> 00:43:58,710  
silicate known as an ER site now the

833  
00:44:04,370 --> 00:44:00,960  
team looked at these and took a giant

834  
00:44:06,529 --> 00:44:04,380  
leap they inferred that these had been

835  
00:44:08,420 --> 00:44:06,539  
transported from the islands the

836  
00:44:09,950 --> 00:44:08,430  
Highlands were far away and take

837  
00:44:12,070 --> 00:44:09,960  
multiples

838  
00:44:14,900 --> 00:44:12,080

in fact to bring that material

839

00:44:18,250 --> 00:44:14,910

nevertheless the material was abundant

840

00:44:21,050 --> 00:44:18,260

they took an even greater giant leap and

841

00:44:23,960 --> 00:44:21,060

inferred that an early and northa site

842

00:44:28,700 --> 00:44:23,970

that calcium aluminium silicate rich

843

00:44:31,220 --> 00:44:28,710

crust was produced by floating of these

844

00:44:33,490 --> 00:44:31,230

crystals as they crystallized from the

845

00:44:38,600 --> 00:44:33,500

melt so if they floated to the top

846

00:44:42,620 --> 00:44:38,610

toward the surface this idea of an early

847

00:44:45,680 --> 00:44:42,630

ocean of molten rock which became dubbed

848

00:44:47,120 --> 00:44:45,690

the magma ocean was embargoed until the

849

00:44:49,790 --> 00:44:47,130

conference and was created with

850

00:44:54,380 --> 00:44:49,800

considerable surprise maybe even

851  
00:44:58,580 --> 00:44:54,390  
considerable doubt now we expected to

852  
00:45:01,640 --> 00:44:58,590  
see irregular glass globs but the

853  
00:45:03,200 --> 00:45:01,650  
presence of always beautiful spheres was

854  
00:45:06,560 --> 00:45:03,210  
a great surprise though I should

855  
00:45:09,890 --> 00:45:06,570  
probably not of it if a mold melt flies

856  
00:45:12,920 --> 00:45:09,900  
through with the not the atmosphere you

857  
00:45:15,380 --> 00:45:12,930  
gotta be careful here if it flies

858  
00:45:20,120 --> 00:45:15,390  
through space even it is going to tend

859  
00:45:22,580 --> 00:45:20,130  
to become a spherical the next slide

860  
00:45:24,080 --> 00:45:22,590  
shows some of these because they were so

861  
00:45:26,180 --> 00:45:24,090  
very intriguing we spent lots of time

862  
00:45:28,310 --> 00:45:26,190  
playing with the balls there were round

863  
00:45:30,320 --> 00:45:28,320

balls and long balls and green balls

864

00:45:35,840 --> 00:45:30,330

they were actually some red balls hollow

865

00:45:40,430 --> 00:45:35,850

balls see the next slide here here is a

866

00:45:42,860 --> 00:45:40,440

half of all which has been broken and on

867

00:45:46,510 --> 00:45:42,870

this fresh surface we see these light

868

00:45:50,660 --> 00:45:46,520

dots or white dots in particular all

869

00:45:54,620 --> 00:45:50,670

through this area here each of those is

870

00:45:58,180 --> 00:45:54,630

an impact crater from a micro meteorite

871

00:46:00,920 --> 00:45:58,190

one of these is shown in the next slide

872

00:46:03,590 --> 00:46:00,930

here we see that we're the impact of the

873

00:46:05,540 --> 00:46:03,600

micro meteorite was it has a molten

874

00:46:11,030 --> 00:46:05,550

shell around it and then there are

875

00:46:14,240 --> 00:46:11,040

radial of outflow of what is now glass

876

00:46:15,680 --> 00:46:14,250

which was the melt then beads going out

877

00:46:18,920 --> 00:46:15,690

further and further in all directions

878

00:46:22,820 --> 00:46:18,930

and if you look on deeper in it there

879

00:46:23,570 --> 00:46:22,830

are fractures underneath it this these

880

00:46:26,000 --> 00:46:23,580

were

881

00:46:27,740 --> 00:46:26,010

these cups like this sometimes broke

882

00:46:35,150 --> 00:46:27,750

loose and we found those cups just

883

00:46:36,860 --> 00:46:35,160

floating in the soil as well now one of

884

00:46:40,820 --> 00:46:36,870

my favorite photos is a cup like this

885

00:46:42,830 --> 00:46:40,830

that actually hit another meteorites or

886

00:46:44,960 --> 00:46:42,840

as a micro a meteorite hitting an iron

887

00:46:49,460 --> 00:46:44,970

meteorite and forming one of those

888

00:46:56,930 --> 00:46:49,470

beautiful these beautiful caps no the

889

00:47:01,850 --> 00:46:56,940

next slide shows the bombardment of the

890

00:47:03,800 --> 00:47:01,860

atmosphere now unlike Earth which is

891

00:47:06,590 --> 00:47:03,810

partly protected by its magnetic field

892

00:47:10,340 --> 00:47:06,600

and Bias atmosphere the layers of the

893

00:47:13,250 --> 00:47:10,350

regolith sampled in the rocks and in

894

00:47:18,500 --> 00:47:13,260

course from each mesh mission preserve a

895

00:47:24,380 --> 00:47:18,510

record of meteorites of cosmic rays and

896

00:47:26,750 --> 00:47:24,390

the solar wind and flares the the energy

897

00:47:28,760 --> 00:47:26,760

of the solar flares differs between the

898

00:47:31,700 --> 00:47:28,770

wind and the flares and so these

899

00:47:34,280 --> 00:47:31,710

particles come in and are deposited at

900

00:47:36,650 --> 00:47:34,290

different depths the flares who tend to

901  
00:47:40,850 --> 00:47:36,660  
be deposited deeper in the rock and the

902  
00:47:42,470 --> 00:47:40,860  
wind higher up the cosmic rays have an

903  
00:47:45,650 --> 00:47:42,480  
interaction with the material in the

904  
00:47:48,350 --> 00:47:45,660  
rock and produce new elements which can

905  
00:47:51,590 --> 00:47:48,360  
be analyzed for so these things can be

906  
00:47:55,640 --> 00:47:51,600  
used to look at what has been for many

907  
00:47:57,470 --> 00:47:55,650  
but using all of the spacecraft and

908  
00:48:00,620 --> 00:47:57,480  
looking at different depths and soils

909  
00:48:02,930 --> 00:48:00,630  
and different depths and rocks you can

910  
00:48:07,670 --> 00:48:02,940  
understand what the radiation effects

911  
00:48:10,730 --> 00:48:07,680  
have been in the return for many many

912  
00:48:13,130 --> 00:48:10,740  
time one of the interesting things is

913  
00:48:16,400 --> 00:48:13,140

that Apollo data showed that the average

914

00:48:18,230 --> 00:48:16,410

Solar Flare activity has not changed

915

00:48:20,810 --> 00:48:18,240

appreciably over the past few million

916

00:48:23,420 --> 00:48:20,820

years and there were many theories up

917

00:48:26,540 --> 00:48:23,430

until then that solar flares were

918

00:48:29,140 --> 00:48:26,550

responsible for climate change but there

919

00:48:33,350 --> 00:48:29,150

has not was has not been that kind of a

920

00:48:36,050 --> 00:48:33,360

sustained now high on our list of

921

00:48:37,490 --> 00:48:36,060

questions fun. we because this is what

922

00:48:40,400 --> 00:48:37,500

the main reason our project

923

00:48:44,540 --> 00:48:40,410

group was chosen with investigate the

924

00:48:46,640 --> 00:48:44,550

dark mari rocks our group of Caltech

925

00:48:49,700 --> 00:48:46,650

received portions of them to study and

926  
00:48:52,070 --> 00:48:49,710  
to date upon your first sight in the lab

927  
00:48:53,000 --> 00:48:52,080  
it was very clear that they looked a

928  
00:48:58,370 --> 00:48:53,010  
little different than terrestrial

929  
00:49:00,680 --> 00:48:58,380  
basalts the typical volcanics throughout

930  
00:49:02,240 --> 00:49:00,690  
much of the world and therefore I

931  
00:49:03,710 --> 00:49:02,250  
quickly answered a question that had

932  
00:49:06,290 --> 00:49:03,720  
been asked for million years what's the

933  
00:49:08,000 --> 00:49:06,300  
moon made oh well he knew we couldn't

934  
00:49:19,940 --> 00:49:08,010  
tell anybody not until we got to use

935  
00:49:24,590 --> 00:49:19,950  
some the next slide shows a photos of a

936  
00:49:26,750 --> 00:49:24,600  
thin slice of a rock one of the basaltic

937  
00:49:29,150 --> 00:49:26,760  
rocks are the one of the Mari Brock's

938  
00:49:30,890 --> 00:49:29,160

and this is looking at it under a

939

00:49:32,840 --> 00:49:30,900

microscope which looks at it in plain

940

00:49:35,600 --> 00:49:32,850

light cross polarized light and

941

00:49:39,260 --> 00:49:35,610

reflected light this device then allows

942

00:49:41,120 --> 00:49:39,270

us to identify the different minerals in

943

00:49:44,780 --> 00:49:41,130

the rocks to study the texture for

944

00:49:46,790 --> 00:49:44,790

comparison with basalts on earth and in

945

00:49:49,700 --> 00:49:46,800

particular to see that where are the

946

00:49:52,670 --> 00:49:49,710

last bits of the melt crystallized and

947

00:49:54,620 --> 00:49:52,680

what the composition was now it turns

948

00:49:57,860 --> 00:49:54,630

out that the features which you see

949

00:49:59,900 --> 00:49:57,870

there are little different it could

950

00:50:04,070 --> 00:49:59,910

perfectly well be have been collected

951  
00:50:05,860 --> 00:50:04,080  
from a frozen flow on Hawaii however

952  
00:50:09,050 --> 00:50:05,870  
when we look at the very late stage

953  
00:50:12,020 --> 00:50:09,060  
crystallization we see a distinctive

954  
00:50:14,600 --> 00:50:12,030  
differences terrestrial basalts always

955  
00:50:17,780 --> 00:50:14,610  
end up with some water bearing minerals

956  
00:50:21,410 --> 00:50:17,790  
in the last interspecies typically

957  
00:50:23,690 --> 00:50:21,420  
little clay minerals these are not

958  
00:50:26,620 --> 00:50:23,700  
present in the lunar rocks there is no

959  
00:50:29,930 --> 00:50:26,630  
trace of water they are perfectly clean

960  
00:50:32,060 --> 00:50:29,940  
and not altered the other thing is that

961  
00:50:34,520 --> 00:50:32,070  
that little white thing right there and

962  
00:50:38,390 --> 00:50:34,530  
reflected light is a globule of iron

963  
00:50:41,060 --> 00:50:38,400

metal so indicating a reducing state of

964

00:50:43,910 --> 00:50:41,070

that final note that we simply would not

965

00:50:46,250 --> 00:50:43,920

see in a lunar result so the question

966

00:50:50,140 --> 00:50:46,260

sometimes I'm asked is can you tell a

967

00:50:51,890 --> 00:50:50,150

lunar basalt from a terrestrial basalt

968

00:50:55,249 --> 00:50:51,900

well

969

00:50:57,799 --> 00:50:55,259

at first glance they look alright but

970

00:51:02,089 --> 00:50:57,809

indeed from details you can understand

971

00:51:05,420 --> 00:51:02,099

the differences now this next slide is a

972

00:51:08,829 --> 00:51:05,430

little bit complicated it's that's what

973

00:51:13,700 --> 00:51:08,839

we call a strategy and evolution diagram

974

00:51:18,259 --> 00:51:13,710

we received a five samples of them of

975

00:51:20,930 --> 00:51:18,269

the Mari rocks portions of them we dated

976

00:51:24,049 --> 00:51:20,940

them each with ages close to 3.6 five

977

00:51:27,349 --> 00:51:24,059

billion years now the radioactive decay

978

00:51:31,220 --> 00:51:27,359

of rubidium 87 the isotope the strontium

979

00:51:35,480 --> 00:51:31,230

87 isotope with an own half light is the

980

00:51:40,670 --> 00:51:35,490

basis for the dating this diagram shows

981

00:51:43,910 --> 00:51:40,680

a plot of rubidium 87 86 against

982

00:51:45,559 --> 00:51:43,920

rubidium 87 86 because that's a

983

00:51:48,680 --> 00:51:45,569

convenient way to determine them on the

984

00:51:50,420 --> 00:51:48,690

mass spectrometer these ratios are

985

00:51:53,150 --> 00:51:50,430

measured in a number of different

986

00:51:56,420 --> 00:51:53,160

samples taken from a lunar rock now for

987

00:52:00,710 --> 00:51:56,430

ABC which have different compositions

988

00:52:04,130 --> 00:52:00,720

along this line and if they make a

989

00:52:06,460 --> 00:52:04,140

linear line like we see here we can see

990

00:52:10,009 --> 00:52:06,470

that they are had originally formed

991

00:52:13,420 --> 00:52:10,019

along this line and had decayed for the

992

00:52:16,190 --> 00:52:13,430

same amount of time back to that line

993

00:52:18,710 --> 00:52:16,200

this is called an internal isochron and

994

00:52:24,410 --> 00:52:18,720

it's what is used to measure the

995

00:52:26,930 --> 00:52:24,420

rubidium stretching ages and it is they

996

00:52:29,089 --> 00:52:26,940

are probably the most moat the bulk of

997

00:52:32,870 --> 00:52:29,099

the ages from the lunar samples are

998

00:52:34,910 --> 00:52:32,880

rubidium strontium measurements well

999

00:52:37,249 --> 00:52:34,920

again because of the embargo we couldn't

1000

00:52:39,620 --> 00:52:37,259

talk about this exciting date until the

1001  
00:52:41,779 --> 00:52:39,630  
conference and we learned the other

1002  
00:52:45,650 --> 00:52:41,789  
group see gotten similar results with

1003  
00:52:48,769 --> 00:52:45,660  
this and other isotopic techniques these

1004  
00:52:50,539 --> 00:52:48,779  
results provided an absolute age for the

1005  
00:52:53,650 --> 00:52:50,549  
right white spit rocks in the Sea of

1006  
00:52:56,739 --> 00:52:53,660  
Tranquility and later missions dated

1007  
00:53:01,749 --> 00:52:56,749  
Bari rocks from different basins the

1008  
00:53:04,430 --> 00:53:01,759  
next slide is a cartoon if you will

1009  
00:53:05,710 --> 00:53:04,440  
which summarize the time history of the

1010  
00:53:10,030 --> 00:53:05,720  
events that have

1011  
00:53:12,820 --> 00:53:10,040  
shaped the lunar history now if we look

1012  
00:53:15,370 --> 00:53:12,830  
down at the lower part we're looking at

1013  
00:53:17,370 --> 00:53:15,380

the oldest part of it and what we see

1014

00:53:20,640 --> 00:53:17,380

there is that it is heavily crated

1015

00:53:23,620 --> 00:53:20,650

cratered no crater can fall without

1016

00:53:26,830 --> 00:53:23,630

partly obliterated in previous craters

1017

00:53:29,680 --> 00:53:26,840

it's saturated with craters during this

1018

00:53:32,859 --> 00:53:29,690

first half a billion years now within it

1019

00:53:36,910 --> 00:53:32,869

you can see a group of basins these

1020

00:53:39,070 --> 00:53:36,920

basins the Apollo is Surveyor the lunar

1021

00:53:43,630 --> 00:53:39,080

orbiter data in particular that

1022

00:53:48,370 --> 00:53:43,640

photography enabled the photo geologists

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00:53:50,890 --> 00:53:48,380

to map these basins and from these bases

1024

00:53:54,460 --> 00:53:50,900

to see what the outflow of ejecta looked

1025

00:53:57,160 --> 00:53:54,470

like in the same manner the various Mari

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00:54:01,900 --> 00:53:57,170

basalts are shown here Apollo 1250 in

1027

00:54:05,890 --> 00:54:01,910

lunar 24:16 and each of those had been

1028

00:54:08,230 --> 00:54:05,900

mapped by a proto geologic techniques B

1029

00:54:11,680 --> 00:54:08,240

and basically you can look at the

1030

00:54:14,770 --> 00:54:11,690

overlap relations if it's younger it

1031

00:54:17,950 --> 00:54:14,780

laughs on older rocks and there you can

1032

00:54:21,880 --> 00:54:17,960

project this through to get a relative

1033

00:54:27,640 --> 00:54:21,890

time sequence so on the this sequence

1034

00:54:29,680 --> 00:54:27,650

that we see on the right hand side and

1035

00:54:31,960 --> 00:54:29,690

we see on the right hand side shows a

1036

00:54:34,540 --> 00:54:31,970

whole set of features which would have

1037

00:54:38,410 --> 00:54:34,550

been identified in photo geology they

1038

00:54:40,120 --> 00:54:38,420

provided a relative timing relative

1039

00:54:42,820 --> 00:54:40,130

sequence of what had happened on the

1040

00:54:45,220 --> 00:54:42,830

surface of the Moon but in the right

1041

00:54:50,260 --> 00:54:45,230

hand side you'll see that we then have

1042

00:54:55,540 --> 00:54:50,270

dated these various lavas and these then

1043

00:54:59,740 --> 00:54:55,550

allow us to make an absolute scale for

1044

00:55:02,410 --> 00:54:59,750

this timing so this this timescale is

1045

00:55:04,599 --> 00:55:02,420

still used today it's applied to earth

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00:55:07,599 --> 00:55:04,609

Mars and other objects and the solar

1047

00:55:10,810 --> 00:55:07,609

system for which we can come up with a

1048

00:55:13,300 --> 00:55:10,820

relative sequence of events but we do

1049

00:55:17,230 --> 00:55:13,310

not have samples yet in order to

1050

00:55:18,849 --> 00:55:17,240

actually measure the age now we will

1051

00:55:19,540 --> 00:55:18,859

come back to this but we will see that

1052

00:55:22,150 --> 00:55:19,550

almost every

1053

00:55:25,480 --> 00:55:22,160

in the moon happened to the verse one

1054

00:55:30,670 --> 00:55:25,490

and a half billion years since then very

1055

00:55:32,950 --> 00:55:30,680

very little has happened to it now then

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00:55:36,520 --> 00:55:32,960

the next one I want to talk about in the

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00:55:41,920 --> 00:55:36,530

next slide is the mystery of the

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00:55:45,850 --> 00:55:41,930

europium anomaly now this sort of a

1059

00:55:47,890 --> 00:55:45,860

detective story of we will the volcanic

1060

00:55:56,920 --> 00:55:47,900

rocks are derived by partial melting

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00:55:58,540 --> 00:55:56,930

within the interior of the planet this

1062

00:56:01,420 --> 00:55:58,550

partial valley need well it's the Earth

1063

00:56:04,030 --> 00:56:01,430

or the moon that is that's how these the

1064

00:56:07,360 --> 00:56:04,040

salts form now the major element

1065

00:56:10,420 --> 00:56:07,370

composition of the Mari rocks didn't

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00:56:13,440 --> 00:56:10,430

differ greatly from salts but people who

1067

00:56:16,000 --> 00:56:13,450

worked using the rare earth elements

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00:56:18,040 --> 00:56:16,010

it's just that these are the whole set

1069

00:56:20,950 --> 00:56:18,050

of rare earth elements which act very

1070

00:56:23,170 --> 00:56:20,960

much alike in most cases because they're

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00:56:26,200 --> 00:56:23,180

very similar in their size and their

1072

00:56:29,230 --> 00:56:26,210

charges and the people of us needs to

1073

00:56:31,360 --> 00:56:29,240

understand the difference between the

1074

00:56:33,940 --> 00:56:31,370

salts which were derived from the ocean

1075

00:56:36,580 --> 00:56:33,950

crust and the salts which were derived

1076  
00:56:38,560 --> 00:56:36,590  
from the continents and as you can see

1077  
00:56:41,710 --> 00:56:38,570  
there are distinct differences in the

1078  
00:56:44,620 --> 00:56:41,720  
way the rare earth patterns are from

1079  
00:56:47,170 --> 00:56:44,630  
those two sources when we look at the

1080  
00:56:50,200 --> 00:56:47,180  
lunar ones they show a very different

1081  
00:56:54,100 --> 00:56:50,210  
one but with his striking anomaly of the

1082  
00:56:57,460 --> 00:56:54,110  
element europium now the interesting

1083  
00:57:00,010 --> 00:56:57,470  
thing is that europium in which what

1084  
00:57:02,910 --> 00:57:00,020  
which actually means that the source

1085  
00:57:06,220 --> 00:57:02,920  
down there had to then get depleted

1086  
00:57:08,430 --> 00:57:06,230  
somehow this had to be formed and that

1087  
00:57:10,600 --> 00:57:08,440  
europium had to go somewhere

1088  
00:57:13,890 --> 00:57:10,610

well we realized from terrestrial

1089

00:57:18,280 --> 00:57:13,900

examples that the the formation of the

1090

00:57:21,160 --> 00:57:18,290

and artha height feldspar collects

1091

00:57:24,310 --> 00:57:21,170

europium preferentially over any of the

1092

00:57:28,180 --> 00:57:24,320

other minerals and so it could subtract

1093

00:57:33,370 --> 00:57:28,190

it so this team seeing this and noting

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00:57:36,070 --> 00:57:33,380

it they inferred that these crystal

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00:57:40,260 --> 00:57:36,080

at Forum there's a subtracted the

1096

00:57:43,420 --> 00:57:40,270

europium carried it away and therefore

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00:57:46,860 --> 00:57:43,430

they made the interpretation that there

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00:57:50,590 --> 00:57:46,870

was an early crust which formed as a

1099

00:57:52,030 --> 00:57:50,600

accumulation of calcium feldspar well if

1100

00:57:55,300 --> 00:57:52,040

you remember back to the start almost

1101

00:57:58,390 --> 00:57:55,310

the start of the talk a group working in

1102

00:58:00,340 --> 00:57:58,400

the East had looked at the particles in

1103

00:58:02,740 --> 00:58:00,350

the soil and where they came from and

1104

00:58:05,350 --> 00:58:02,750

and interpreted the origin of the

1105

00:58:09,850 --> 00:58:05,360

highlands as being accumulation of this

1106

00:58:12,070 --> 00:58:09,860

same mineral an earth I'm so one group

1107

00:58:14,500 --> 00:58:12,080

using geologic approaches and particles

1108

00:58:17,170 --> 00:58:14,510

in the soil came up with the same answer

1109

00:58:19,870 --> 00:58:17,180

as the group using isotopic chemical

1110

00:58:21,520 --> 00:58:19,880

approaches and of course everything was

1111

00:58:23,920 --> 00:58:21,530

constrained until we got to the

1112

00:58:26,110 --> 00:58:23,930

conference so it was very interesting to

1113

00:58:28,330 --> 00:58:26,120

hear this coming from two very very

1114

00:58:29,860 --> 00:58:28,340

different directions and almost from

1115

00:58:40,510 --> 00:58:29,870

research groups that would hardly ever

1116

00:58:42,730 --> 00:58:40,520

talk to each other no this probably

1117

00:58:45,490 --> 00:58:42,740

learned a lot more about this process of

1118

00:58:48,850 --> 00:58:45,500

the floating of the upper crust by study

1119

00:58:50,530 --> 00:58:48,860

of samples from later missions it seems

1120

00:58:53,110 --> 00:58:50,540

to be related to the presence of other

1121

00:58:56,020 --> 00:58:53,120

unusual rock types we're gonna see a

1122

00:59:00,820 --> 00:58:56,030

photo of of a couple of unusual rock

1123

00:59:05,020 --> 00:59:00,830

types the first one is a photograph of a

1124

00:59:06,940 --> 00:59:05,030

true an earth ID in a breccia many of

1125

00:59:10,360 --> 00:59:06,950

these samples were collected from

1126

00:59:12,820 --> 00:59:10,370

breakfast so this is a sample of that

1127

00:59:15,090 --> 00:59:12,830

outermost cross rich in an earth light

1128

00:59:19,420 --> 00:59:15,100

and high-end European Vincentelli

1129

00:59:23,260 --> 00:59:19,430

the next slide shows one of an alumnus

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00:59:26,200 --> 00:59:23,270

from Caltech an Apollo 17 collecting a

1131

00:59:29,410 --> 00:59:26,210

done night sample a sample consisting

1132

00:59:32,290 --> 00:59:29,420

almost entirely and there it is right

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00:59:34,570 --> 00:59:32,300

there where the X is and he knocked that

1134

00:59:39,840 --> 00:59:34,580

off and brought it back and it shows in

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00:59:43,080 --> 00:59:39,850

the next picture the next slide

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00:59:45,150 --> 00:59:43,090

and in this case it has been highly

1137

00:59:47,550 --> 00:59:45,160

fractured and crushed up and you can see

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00:59:50,910 --> 00:59:47,560

both the thin section and the actual

1139

00:59:53,280 --> 00:59:50,920

rock now tonight's are not uncommon on

1140

00:59:55,440 --> 00:59:53,290

earth we find similar fragments have

1141

01:00:01,380 --> 00:59:55,450

done item basalts that come up in Hawaii

1142

01:00:03,090 --> 01:00:01,390

and in our own desert then another one

1143

01:00:08,460 --> 01:00:03,100

if there are rocks we'll look at the

1144

01:00:11,190 --> 01:00:08,470

next slide this one is a complete puzzle

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01:00:14,430 --> 01:00:11,200

I wrote four papers on it and I still

1146

01:00:15,990 --> 01:00:14,440

don't know what it's trouble I ought to

1147

01:00:21,360 --> 01:00:16,000

write another one but I don't know any

1148

01:00:23,790 --> 01:00:21,370

better and iterate this is a rock very

1149

01:00:30,030 --> 01:00:23,800

rich in potassium rare earth elements

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01:00:32,310 --> 01:00:30,040

and phosphorus and it's just exceeded

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01:00:34,680 --> 01:00:32,320

and usuals in a sense it's like our

1152

01:00:37,470 --> 01:00:34,690

Granite's on earth but we don't know how

1153

01:00:40,290 --> 01:00:37,480

it fits in now each of the samples which

1154

01:00:45,420 --> 01:00:40,300

I pictured we have dated each of them

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01:00:47,220 --> 01:00:45,430

has dates of around 4.4 billion years so

1156

01:00:50,490 --> 01:00:47,230

they're telling us something about the

1157

01:00:54,210 --> 01:00:50,500

very very early evolution of moon but we

1158

01:00:56,220 --> 01:00:54,220

don't know exactly what not just used a

1159

01:00:58,380 --> 01:00:56,230

few intriguing detective stories and

1160

01:01:01,110 --> 01:00:58,390

every one of the hundreds of scientists

1161

01:01:02,910 --> 01:01:01,120

involved have their own favourites so

1162

01:01:05,610 --> 01:01:02,920

let me close with a summary of what I

1163

01:01:09,300 --> 01:01:05,620

think we learn from the Apollo missions

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01:01:11,250 --> 01:01:09,310

from a scientific sense lunar rock

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01:01:13,950 --> 01:01:11,260

studies have provided the cornerstone

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01:01:16,890 --> 01:01:13,960

for the scientific findings from lunar

1167

01:01:19,380 --> 01:01:16,900

exploration by spacecraft and such

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01:01:21,390 --> 01:01:19,390

studies are still ongoing with even

1169

01:01:23,460 --> 01:01:21,400

newer methods and samples that are not

1170

01:01:25,050 --> 01:01:23,470

yet been studied you may have recently

1171

01:01:27,000 --> 01:01:25,060

heard they are about to release some of

1172

01:01:30,660 --> 01:01:27,010

the ones that have been held in reserve

1173

01:01:32,880 --> 01:01:30,670

and will be then available for study and

1174

01:01:34,980 --> 01:01:32,890

and of course we've kept splits of

1175

01:01:37,470 --> 01:01:34,990

everything we worked on and those are

1176

01:01:38,610 --> 01:01:37,480

still available now these findings have

1177

01:01:42,000 --> 01:01:38,620

completely changed our understanding

1178

01:01:45,330 --> 01:01:42,010

moon and its evolution as well of that

1179

01:01:47,100 --> 01:01:45,340

of Earth and the other inter planets we

1180

01:01:49,950 --> 01:01:47,110

now understand that the lunar surface

1181

01:01:53,019 --> 01:01:49,960

features are predominantly the result of

1182

01:01:55,299 --> 01:01:53,029

impact by numerous huge projectiles

1183

01:01:57,909 --> 01:01:55,309

in the first half billion years of lunar

1184

01:02:00,339 --> 01:01:57,919

history and the most of the younger and

1185

01:02:04,179 --> 01:02:00,349

smaller craters were also formed by

1186

01:02:07,779 --> 01:02:04,189

impacts not by volcanism as commonly

1187

01:02:10,149 --> 01:02:07,789

thought the role of volcanism addicted

1188

01:02:13,269 --> 01:02:10,159

predominantly to the filling between

1189

01:02:16,659 --> 01:02:13,279

three and four billion years ago of the

1190

01:02:20,559 --> 01:02:16,669

Mari basins which in the cells resulted

1191

01:02:22,959 --> 01:02:20,569

from much earlier impacts the moon did

1192

01:02:26,349 --> 01:02:22,969

not form by slow aggregation of cold

1193

01:02:29,649 --> 01:02:26,359

particles that slowly heated up as was

1194

01:02:31,959 --> 01:02:29,659

one of the prime theories instead it was

1195

01:02:34,630 --> 01:02:31,969

covered in its early life by molten rock

1196

01:02:38,469 --> 01:02:34,640

from which a calcium aluminium silica

1197

01:02:40,989 --> 01:02:38,479

rich crust formed by floating floating

1198

01:02:44,349 --> 01:02:40,999

in the melt as a crystallized of the

1199

01:02:46,659 --> 01:02:44,359

mineral plagioclase as the outer part of

1200

01:02:50,339 --> 01:02:46,669

the moon became rigid the source of

1201

01:02:53,739 --> 01:02:50,349

volcanic lava migrated downward in depth

1202

01:02:56,529 --> 01:02:53,749

to below 500 kilometers for Nissim

1203

01:02:59,469 --> 01:02:56,539

experiments since three billion years

1204

01:03:03,699 --> 01:02:59,479

ago volcanism volcanic activity has been

1205

01:03:05,559 --> 01:03:03,709

very infrequent and localized one of the

1206

01:03:08,169 --> 01:03:05,569

most important things which we still

1207

01:03:10,509 --> 01:03:08,179

struggle with many geochemical

1208

01:03:13,359 --> 01:03:10,519

similarities show that moon and earth

1209

01:03:15,880 --> 01:03:13,369

must have formed in the same general

1210

01:03:19,269 --> 01:03:15,890

region of the solar system with a

1211

01:03:22,059 --> 01:03:19,279

relationship not yet understood they are

1212

01:03:26,979 --> 01:03:22,069

fundamentally different than your other

1213

01:03:29,789 --> 01:03:26,989

moons so all of this knowledge is a gift

1214

01:03:40,609 --> 01:03:29,799

of Apollo thank you

1215

01:03:46,910 --> 01:03:43,150

to cap off the evening we're going to

1216

01:03:50,239 --> 01:03:46,920

transition to a little discussion on the

1217

01:03:53,180 --> 01:03:50,249

Apollo era as it appeared to us here in

1218

01:03:54,769 --> 01:03:53,190

Pasadena and the legacy of Apollo I'd

1219

01:03:58,509 --> 01:03:54,779

like to welcome back Blaine and of

1220

01:04:01,339 --> 01:03:58,519

course dr. Albee and they're joined by

1221

01:04:07,069 --> 01:04:01,349

one of us JPL's greats who's coming up

1222

01:04:10,969 --> 01:04:07,079

on the stage now in his career in his

1223

01:04:12,799 --> 01:04:10,979

career he served in engineering

1224

01:04:14,509 --> 01:04:12,809

development roles on several early

1225

01:04:17,539 --> 01:04:14,519

launches to Earth orbit and the moon

1226  
01:04:19,339 --> 01:04:17,549  
including leading design the design team

1227  
01:04:22,880 --> 01:04:19,349  
for the Ranger spacecraft which Blaine

1228  
01:04:24,229 --> 01:04:22,890  
spoke of earlier he held senior project

1229  
01:04:26,239 --> 01:04:24,239  
positions and many of the Mariner

1230  
01:04:29,239 --> 01:04:26,249  
missions to Mars and Venus and was

1231  
01:04:31,279 --> 01:04:29,249  
project manager for three minor space

1232  
01:04:33,499 --> 01:04:31,289  
missions at JPL was involved in I think

1233  
01:04:38,059 --> 01:04:33,509  
they were called Galileo Cassini and

1234  
01:04:41,390 --> 01:04:38,069  
Voyager he also served as JPL's chief

1235  
01:04:47,430 --> 01:04:41,400  
engineer from 1994 to 99 joining Blaine

1236  
01:04:51,880 --> 01:04:49,750  
well I just I just have to say again

1237  
01:04:54,220 --> 01:04:51,890  
what an honor it is to be with both of

1238  
01:04:56,470 --> 01:04:54,230

you it's it's a privilege what I'm going

1239

01:04:58,720 --> 01:04:56,480

to do is ask a few questions to get us

1240

01:05:01,660 --> 01:04:58,730

going and then I'm sure you have

1241

01:05:03,520 --> 01:05:01,670

questions and you somebody were standing

1242

01:05:04,870 --> 01:05:03,530

and we're so appreciative of being here

1243

01:05:06,790 --> 01:05:04,880

I want to make sure you get a chance to

1244

01:05:07,300 --> 01:05:06,800

ask some questions too before we call it

1245

01:05:10,270 --> 01:05:07,310

a night

1246

01:05:11,650 --> 01:05:10,280

but John we haven't heard from you so

1247

01:05:15,280 --> 01:05:11,660

we're going to give you a few minutes

1248

01:05:17,260 --> 01:05:15,290

here and since you were the you were in

1249

01:05:24,100 --> 01:05:17,270

charge of the design of the Rangers so

1250

01:05:25,420 --> 01:05:24,110

what were you doing wrong what was what

1251

01:05:27,520 --> 01:05:25,430

was your main problem that you were

1252

01:05:31,960 --> 01:05:27,530

having in the early days can you talk

1253

01:05:35,020 --> 01:05:31,970

about the hard time getting these very

1254

01:05:39,010 --> 01:05:35,030

liberal Caltech JPL type people to pay

1255

01:05:40,920 --> 01:05:39,020

any attention I solved that by taking

1256

01:05:47,100 --> 01:05:40,930

them out for a beer and

1257

01:05:48,300 --> 01:05:47,110

no I I you know it wasn't that we had

1258

01:05:49,920 --> 01:05:48,310

never done anything like this before

1259

01:05:50,700 --> 01:05:49,930

nobody had ever done anything like this

1260

01:05:52,890 --> 01:05:50,710

before

1261

01:05:54,960 --> 01:05:52,900

and the JPL at that time had been

1262

01:05:57,360 --> 01:05:54,970

involved with designing guided missiles

1263

01:05:58,770 --> 01:05:57,370

for the army and jato and stuff like

1264

01:06:00,270 --> 01:05:58,780

that and they were a bunch of very good

1265

01:06:02,940 --> 01:06:00,280

people there but they were getting a

1266

01:06:05,100 --> 01:06:02,950

little old like me and Arden are now and

1267

01:06:07,320 --> 01:06:05,110

they didn't want any part of designing

1268

01:06:09,360 --> 01:06:07,330

something that new but they knew what

1269

01:06:11,610 --> 01:06:09,370

the principles were they knew the things

1270

01:06:13,620 --> 01:06:11,620

that had to be done or the way that you

1271

01:06:15,560 --> 01:06:13,630

had to go about doing something very

1272

01:06:19,440 --> 01:06:15,570

complicated to make it successful

1273

01:06:21,630 --> 01:06:19,450

interfaces and making deals and having a

1274

01:06:23,760 --> 01:06:21,640

way of tracking whether your your

1275

01:06:26,160 --> 01:06:23,770

progress against them everybody had a

1276

01:06:28,430 --> 01:06:26,170

product and somebody's product was

1277

01:06:31,200 --> 01:06:28,440

somebody else's input and yeah

1278

01:06:34,520 --> 01:06:31,210

management and that whole concept of

1279

01:06:37,020 --> 01:06:34,530

deliverables receivables schedule

1280

01:06:39,360 --> 01:06:37,030

documenting what you needed to do that's

1281

01:06:41,100 --> 01:06:39,370

what they taught us and there were other

1282

01:06:43,140 --> 01:06:41,110

than that you know the rest of it

1283

01:06:45,960 --> 01:06:43,150

figuring out the nuts and bolts was

1284

01:06:50,130 --> 01:06:45,970

pretty much up to us nobody could help

1285

01:06:52,710 --> 01:06:50,140

us and they were smart enough let us go

1286

01:06:54,150 --> 01:06:52,720

and for the most part we were smart

1287

01:06:55,620 --> 01:06:54,160

enough to pay attention to what they

1288

01:06:58,050 --> 01:06:55,630

told us was important then we tried to

1289

01:07:00,030 --> 01:06:58,060

do that and somehow or another it seemed

1290

01:07:03,390 --> 01:07:00,040

to work I remember you telling me once

1291

01:07:05,190 --> 01:07:03,400

that we didn't know what we were trying

1292

01:07:07,770 --> 01:07:05,200

to do and there was no one who could

1293

01:07:09,150 --> 01:07:07,780

tell us what we were trying that's right

1294

01:07:11,220 --> 01:07:09,160

there was nobody that we could go and

1295

01:07:13,230 --> 01:07:11,230

ask you know what about this or what

1296

01:07:16,200 --> 01:07:13,240

about that because that was stuff that

1297

01:07:19,320 --> 01:07:16,210

nobody had ever done before yeah and

1298

01:07:22,920 --> 01:07:19,330

also the Rangers just to be clear about

1299

01:07:24,570 --> 01:07:22,930

this the Rangers had problems that 4/6

1300

01:07:27,450 --> 01:07:24,580

some of those failed just because the

1301

01:07:29,550 --> 01:07:27,460

Rockets weren't working the problem with

1302

01:07:32,160 --> 01:07:29,560

the spacecraft yeah the mission consists

1303

01:07:34,110 --> 01:07:32,170

of two parts right a launch vehicle to

1304

01:07:36,500 --> 01:07:34,120

get whatever you're launching up and

1305

01:07:39,000 --> 01:07:36,510

going and then the thing that you're

1306

01:07:41,760 --> 01:07:39,010

building the spacecraft goes on top of

1307

01:07:43,590 --> 01:07:41,770

the launch vehicle so the launch vehicle

1308

01:07:44,970 --> 01:07:43,600

guys were having problems and the

1309

01:07:47,280 --> 01:07:44,980

spacecraft people were having problems

1310

01:07:49,680 --> 01:07:47,290

Ranger one and two the first two

1311

01:07:51,300 --> 01:07:49,690

spacecraft worked perfectly but they

1312

01:07:53,070 --> 01:07:51,310

didn't but the ignitions were counted as

1313

01:07:53,750 --> 01:07:53,080

a failure because the launch vehicle how

1314

01:07:55,640 --> 01:07:53,760

did the launch

1315

01:07:57,650 --> 01:07:55,650

put it in orbit at the or if they went

1316

01:07:59,480 --> 01:07:57,660

around the earth and then halfway around

1317

01:08:01,370 --> 01:07:59,490

the Year at the first stage of the

1318

01:08:04,220 --> 01:08:01,380

launch vehicle I'll have to ignite a

1319

01:08:06,410 --> 01:08:04,230

second time and accelerate us out of

1320

01:08:09,140 --> 01:08:06,420

Earth orbit well the first time we did

1321

01:08:10,790 --> 01:08:09,150

that it didn't work and it was an Aegina

1322

01:08:12,800 --> 01:08:10,800

upper stage and somebody said well

1323

01:08:15,020 --> 01:08:12,810

there's a relay that didn't work and

1324

01:08:18,650 --> 01:08:15,030

it's a random failure and never happened

1325

01:08:20,809 --> 01:08:18,660

again and so okay and so so we

1326

01:08:22,809 --> 01:08:20,819

did this the stranger - and exactly the

1327

01:08:26,059 --> 01:08:22,819

same thing happened again

1328

01:08:27,620 --> 01:08:26,069

so those counters - Ranger failures but

1329

01:08:30,079 --> 01:08:27,630

those spacecrafts hadn't failed it was

1330

01:08:31,640 --> 01:08:30,089

the launch vehicle but then the Ranger

1331

01:08:33,829 --> 01:08:31,650

three and four of those were broke the

1332

01:08:35,960 --> 01:08:33,839

rainiest spacecraft failures and one of

1333

01:08:38,120 --> 01:08:35,970

them was a another rocket failure so it

1334

01:08:40,880 --> 01:08:38,130

was going back and forth but you know

1335

01:08:44,030 --> 01:08:40,890

from anybody yeah we have our who's our

1336

01:08:47,180 --> 01:08:44,040

community our community is our the

1337

01:08:48,590 --> 01:08:47,190

scientists and the engineers that are

1338

01:08:50,990 --> 01:08:48,600

working on this but also there's a

1339

01:08:52,670 --> 01:08:51,000

political community and the politicians

1340

01:08:54,920 --> 01:08:52,680

who are funding this and the Congress

1341

01:08:56,720 --> 01:08:54,930

and the newspapers I don't give a rat's

1342

01:08:58,550 --> 01:08:56,730

patootie we know whether it was the

1343

01:09:00,499 --> 01:08:58,560

spacecraft that failed or the launch

1344

01:09:03,920 --> 01:09:00,509

vehicle the damn mission didn't work and

1345

01:09:09,499 --> 01:09:03,930

so we had a lot of failures one after

1346

01:09:13,070 --> 01:09:09,509

another what did it do to your morale

1347

01:09:16,789 --> 01:09:13,080

what was it like here well it was sort

1348

01:09:19,970 --> 01:09:16,799

of disappointing but I think it's

1349

01:09:23,120 --> 01:09:19,980

bickering made a good answered that

1350

01:09:25,160 --> 01:09:23,130

question in one of your interview I'll

1351

01:09:28,579 --> 01:09:25,170

let you do that interview so you like

1352

01:09:29,749 --> 01:09:28,589

what he answered what he said was I

1353

01:09:31,700 --> 01:09:29,759

don't know if you picked it up in the

1354

01:09:33,769 --> 01:09:31,710

clip but somebody said wasn't it

1355

01:09:36,559 --> 01:09:33,779

demoralizing whatever all these failures

1356

01:09:39,289 --> 01:09:36,569

and he said no it wasn't he said because

1357

01:09:41,720 --> 01:09:39,299

what it did it made us more unified and

1358

01:09:45,349 --> 01:09:41,730

more committed to find the problem and

1359

01:09:46,340 --> 01:09:45,359

and and everybody pitched in and that's

1360

01:09:47,960 --> 01:09:46,350

where we learned you know it was a

1361

01:09:50,180 --> 01:09:47,970

really person you can't just do your own

1362

01:09:51,970 --> 01:09:50,190

job in this you also have to be looking

1363

01:09:53,960 --> 01:09:51,980

over your shoulder and watching what the

1364

01:09:55,910 --> 01:09:53,970

people next to you are doing because

1365

01:09:57,530 --> 01:09:55,920

what they're do they don't do it right

1366

01:09:59,540 --> 01:09:57,540

the missions not going to work and in

1367

01:10:02,690 --> 01:09:59,550

your old goats right so we everybody

1368

01:10:04,260 --> 01:10:02,700

wanted everybody to work well and so we

1369

01:10:07,470 --> 01:10:04,270

tried to help out and what

1370

01:10:09,000 --> 01:10:07,480

every whatever we could and so I think I

1371

01:10:10,500 --> 01:10:09,010

think that was that was good you know

1372

01:10:12,120 --> 01:10:10,510

it's funny thing about engineers they

1373

01:10:14,310 --> 01:10:12,130

like to solve problems that's what

1374

01:10:16,290 --> 01:10:14,320

engineers do and the heart of the

1375

01:10:17,850 --> 01:10:16,300

problem the better they like it and one

1376

01:10:20,190 --> 01:10:17,860

of the problems we have is you give an

1377

01:10:23,070 --> 01:10:20,200

engineer problem to work on it and if he

1378

01:10:25,520 --> 01:10:23,080

doesn't find it hard enough he'll find a

1379

01:10:28,140 --> 01:10:25,530

way to complexify

1380

01:10:30,780 --> 01:10:28,150

to make it something more fun to work on

1381

01:10:33,000 --> 01:10:30,790

so that was the other problem you know

1382

01:10:35,490 --> 01:10:33,010

it boils down to polishing the cannon

1383

01:10:37,080 --> 01:10:35,500

ball and you know the developed us

1384

01:10:39,210 --> 01:10:37,090

saying the better is the enemy of the

1385

01:10:40,890 --> 01:10:39,220

good you know it doesn't have to be

1386

01:10:42,420 --> 01:10:40,900

better it just has to be good it has to

1387

01:10:44,940 --> 01:10:42,430

be good enough and so and knowing when

1388

01:10:47,580 --> 01:10:44,950

to stop improving in things it's just

1389

01:10:51,540 --> 01:10:47,590

important as the knowing you know when

1390

01:10:58,950 --> 01:10:51,550

the fire a few managers to keep the

1391

01:11:00,870 --> 01:10:58,960

politicians well that's the other thing

1392

01:11:03,030 --> 01:11:00,880

too you know we don't fire a lot of

1393

01:11:06,330 --> 01:11:03,040

people from for making mistakes and in

1394

01:11:08,850 --> 01:11:06,340

fact you know sometimes a person who's

1395

01:11:11,730 --> 01:11:08,860

made a mistake having made that mistake

1396

01:11:13,650 --> 01:11:11,740

makes him more valuable or her more

1397

01:11:14,700 --> 01:11:13,660

valuable in the next assignment because

1398

01:11:16,530 --> 01:11:14,710

they've learned something you've made an

1399

01:11:22,700 --> 01:11:16,540

investment in that person a

1400

01:11:30,590 --> 01:11:26,010

I've been waiting all night to ask you

1401

01:11:35,550 --> 01:11:30,600

this question we know that the Russians

1402

01:11:39,480 --> 01:11:35,560

early on sent up dogs into space and I

1403

01:11:42,600 --> 01:11:39,490

have read that you were among some here

1404

01:11:47,040 --> 01:11:42,610

at JPL thinking about sending dogs to

1405

01:11:49,260 --> 01:11:47,050

the moon well we were part of the

1406

01:11:51,420 --> 01:11:49,270

initial initial task force of trying to

1407

01:11:54,060 --> 01:11:51,430

figure out how to put astronauts on the

1408

01:11:56,160 --> 01:11:54,070

moon so all the all the center's were we

1409

01:11:58,320 --> 01:11:56,170

got a bunch of people they worked under

1410

01:11:59,940 --> 01:11:58,330

a guy by name is Charlie Cole they

1411

01:12:01,320 --> 01:11:59,950

called him Cole's commanders and they

1412

01:12:03,450 --> 01:12:01,330

went back to Washington and they were

1413

01:12:05,610 --> 01:12:03,460

helping do the architecture of this

1414

01:12:07,080 --> 01:12:05,620

whole Apollo program and the whole thing

1415

01:12:08,220 --> 01:12:07,090

was gonna be putting men on the moon and

1416

01:12:10,800 --> 01:12:08,230

there were some of us back here is that

1417

01:12:13,050 --> 01:12:10,810

is crazy what are you gonna put people

1418

01:12:14,340 --> 01:12:13,060

on the moon hey there's nowhere up there

1419

01:12:15,720 --> 01:12:14,350

gonna breathe here you can put him in

1420

01:12:18,960 --> 01:12:15,730

the spacesuit then you got to get them

1421

01:12:21,870 --> 01:12:18,970

back somebody says well why don't we why

1422

01:12:24,180 --> 01:12:21,880

don't we train some dogs you can train

1423

01:12:25,650 --> 01:12:24,190

dogs to do remarkable things you know we

1424

01:12:27,330 --> 01:12:25,660

can teach them what they need to do in

1425

01:12:29,340 --> 01:12:27,340

the way of a jealous is how to use a

1426

01:12:32,010 --> 01:12:29,350

hammer or something like that put them

1427

01:12:33,630 --> 01:12:32,020

put him in a little space suits and send

1428

01:12:35,910 --> 01:12:33,640

them up the moon and then you know when

1429

01:12:37,110 --> 01:12:35,920

they're done okay they die but the you

1430

01:12:45,840 --> 01:12:37,120

don't have to worry about bringing them

1431

01:12:51,420 --> 01:12:45,850

back so that way we actually I'm neutral

1432

01:12:54,510 --> 01:12:51,430

about dogs but I have a dog have a

1433

01:12:57,500 --> 01:12:54,520

summer way of an affinity for me and

1434

01:12:59,760 --> 01:12:57,510

sort of dotes goats and dogs love me

1435

01:13:05,430 --> 01:12:59,770

I'll tell you the story about the goat

1436

01:13:09,510 --> 01:13:05,440

sometimes so so the idea obviously went

1437

01:13:13,320 --> 01:13:09,520

nowhere very fast yeah so Arden I want

1438

01:13:15,180 --> 01:13:13,330

to ask about the origins of the moon can

1439

01:13:17,700 --> 01:13:15,190

you can you speak about what some of the

1440

01:13:22,110 --> 01:13:17,710

thoughts are that scientists have about

1441

01:13:24,360 --> 01:13:22,120

how our moon came to be well we know

1442

01:13:27,320 --> 01:13:24,370

because of the geochemical similarities

1443

01:13:30,810 --> 01:13:27,330

that earth and moon are closely related

1444

01:13:33,990 --> 01:13:30,820

they were formed from the same if you

1445

01:13:36,060 --> 01:13:34,000

will batch of meteorites what we don't

1446

01:13:38,420 --> 01:13:36,070

know is exactly how they're reared

1447

01:13:41,310 --> 01:13:38,430

whether they collided change matter

1448

01:13:43,620 --> 01:13:41,320

these sorts of things there are a number

1449

01:13:46,140 --> 01:13:43,630

of the basic theory that is now

1450

01:13:49,830 --> 01:13:46,150

operating and which people are working

1451

01:13:51,540 --> 01:13:49,840

in great details of the details of the

1452

01:13:55,220 --> 01:13:51,550

collision process and everything is

1453

01:13:58,860 --> 01:13:55,230

there was a collision between two major

1454

01:14:02,250 --> 01:13:58,870

asteroids one of which basically became

1455

01:14:05,880 --> 01:14:02,260

earth and this collision combined many

1456

01:14:08,550 --> 01:14:05,890

of the materials in the two so that we

1457

01:14:11,070 --> 01:14:08,560

know but exactly the details of it we

1458

01:14:14,210 --> 01:14:11,080

don't every there's an every issue

1459

01:14:17,640 --> 01:14:14,220

there's a new slightly different touch

1460

01:14:20,100 --> 01:14:17,650

but this was the sort of the theory goes

1461

01:14:23,260 --> 01:14:20,110

it was four and a half billion years ago

1462

01:14:25,390 --> 01:14:23,270

about my time right six billion years

1463

01:14:26,470 --> 01:14:25,400

huh about the time of the earth was

1464

01:14:28,030 --> 01:14:26,480

performed too right

1465

01:14:34,360 --> 01:14:28,040

yeah their votes were formed at them

1466

01:14:36,820 --> 01:14:34,370

about at the same time and the key thing

1467

01:14:40,540 --> 01:14:36,830

really that makes them come together are

1468

01:14:43,000 --> 01:14:40,550

the oxygen isotopes they are so similar

1469

01:14:45,220 --> 01:14:43,010

to each other and so different from

1470

01:14:47,950 --> 01:14:45,230

other meteorites and so on so it's a

1471

01:14:52,000 --> 01:14:47,960

unique circumstance sort of the same

1472

01:14:53,680 --> 01:14:52,010

genetic or geologic code right and in

1473

01:14:56,500 --> 01:14:53,690

how can you talk a little bit when you

1474

01:14:59,790 --> 01:14:56,510

when you mentioned the the molten sea

1475

01:15:02,350 --> 01:14:59,800

the ocean is did it cover the entire orb

1476

01:15:05,100 --> 01:15:02,360

sort of have this incredible vision of

1477

01:15:09,790 --> 01:15:05,110

the whole the highlands are that frozen

1478

01:15:13,090 --> 01:15:09,800

magma and they cover everywhere around

1479

01:15:17,160 --> 01:15:13,100

the moon so yes it was a cooling it's

1480

01:15:20,560 --> 01:15:17,170

how the moon cooled and crystallized

1481

01:15:22,350 --> 01:15:20,570

okay so I'd like to throw it open to

1482

01:15:24,340 --> 01:15:22,360

some questions from the audience if

1483

01:15:28,180 --> 01:15:24,350

everyone would like to come up to the

1484

01:15:29,530 --> 01:15:28,190

mic we have a mic over here I'd like to

1485

01:15:31,840 --> 01:15:29,540

ask if there were any differences

1486

01:15:35,560 --> 01:15:31,850

between the different Ranger probes from

1487

01:15:38,350 --> 01:15:35,570

1 to 6 we developed the Rangers sort of

1488

01:15:40,210 --> 01:15:38,360

like the III compared it to Volkswagen

1489

01:15:42,040 --> 01:15:40,220

whoever had owned a bug you know they

1490

01:15:44,050 --> 01:15:42,050

all look the same on the outside but if

1491

01:15:45,490 --> 01:15:44,060

you buy one one year and then you buy

1492

01:15:46,600 --> 01:15:45,500

another one three years from now it

1493

01:15:48,910 --> 01:15:46,610

looks the same but they've made

1494

01:15:51,700 --> 01:15:48,920

improvements under the hood you know and

1495

01:15:53,380 --> 01:15:51,710

a series of gradual gradual improvements

1496

01:15:56,830 --> 01:15:53,390

and that's the way we develop the Ranger

1497

01:15:58,960 --> 01:15:56,840

Ranger 1 & 2 are well the Ranger

1498

01:16:02,680 --> 01:15:58,970

spacecraft had to be 3-axis stabilized

1499

01:16:05,140 --> 01:16:02,690

you know you have roll pitch and yaw and

1500

01:16:07,480 --> 01:16:05,150

when we did first Ranger 1 we only

1501

01:16:11,530 --> 01:16:07,490

controlled it in pitch and yaw we didn't

1502

01:16:13,780 --> 01:16:11,540

worry about roll okay the on the out the

1503

01:16:16,390 --> 01:16:13,790

side we had an antenna that had a point

1504

01:16:18,460 --> 01:16:16,400

to the earth well at the roll position

1505

01:16:20,080 --> 01:16:18,470

matter you know we because that's

1506

01:16:21,940 --> 01:16:20,090

another way of positioning the antenna

1507

01:16:23,560 --> 01:16:21,950

getting the pitch and you alright but

1508

01:16:25,420 --> 01:16:23,570

also the roll but for the four Ranger

1509

01:16:27,700 --> 01:16:25,430

one and two didn't we didn't control

1510

01:16:30,070 --> 01:16:27,710

roll and then and then we didn't have

1511

01:16:32,350 --> 01:16:30,080

any propulsion on it and then Ranger 3 4

1512

01:16:33,200 --> 01:16:32,360

and 5 we put roll control so we could

1513

01:16:35,660 --> 01:16:33,210

point the ant

1514

01:16:37,880 --> 01:16:35,670

and then we added propulsion so we each

1515

01:16:39,890 --> 01:16:37,890

each one of those Rangers had an

1516

01:16:41,840 --> 01:16:39,900

incremental capability that was

1517

01:16:43,640 --> 01:16:41,850

engineered into it but every one of them

1518

01:16:48,050 --> 01:16:43,650

built on the earlier one so it was a

1519

01:16:50,419 --> 01:16:48,060

progressive stepwise development the

1520

01:16:54,410 --> 01:16:50,429

fact that the first project manager told

1521

01:16:56,689 --> 01:16:54,420

me this story that what was thrown at

1522

01:17:00,850 --> 01:16:56,699

the project very early on they had not

1523

01:17:04,189 --> 01:17:00,860

fully anticipated was contamination that

1524

01:17:07,189 --> 01:17:04,199

NASA put the requirement that we

1525

01:17:10,970 --> 01:17:07,199

sterilize the spacecraft and that meant

1526

01:17:12,740 --> 01:17:10,980

baking them and and we were your baking

1527

01:17:14,149 --> 01:17:12,750

your electronics at a point where you

1528

01:17:16,280 --> 01:17:14,159

didn't realize you were going to have to

1529

01:17:17,630 --> 01:17:16,290

bake your electron we didn't that was

1530

01:17:21,310 --> 01:17:17,640

not part of the original design

1531

01:17:24,410 --> 01:17:21,320

requirement and I was running the Ranger

1532

01:17:27,229 --> 01:17:24,420

1/2 program and we had a big battery in

1533

01:17:29,120 --> 01:17:27,239

the middle of it and they said you know

1534

01:17:30,860 --> 01:17:29,130

you got to sterilize this battery I said

1535

01:17:32,600 --> 01:17:30,870

well we did a second we they weren't

1536

01:17:35,510 --> 01:17:32,610

designed to be sterilized well you got

1537

01:17:37,910 --> 01:17:35,520

to do it so we talked to some people and

1538

01:17:41,209 --> 01:17:37,920

say yeah if you heat it up to you know

1539

01:17:44,260 --> 01:17:41,219

125 degrees centigrade for 34 hours that

1540

01:17:46,520 --> 01:17:44,270

ought to kill anything that's in the air

1541

01:17:47,839 --> 01:17:46,530

turned out it killed the battery but we

1542

01:17:51,470 --> 01:17:47,849

didn't know it

1543

01:17:54,050 --> 01:17:51,480

at the time and a few weeks later over

1544

01:17:55,790 --> 01:17:54,060

weekend in the up with the spray the

1545

01:17:58,490 --> 01:17:55,800

spacecraft with a battery in it up in

1546

01:18:00,319 --> 01:17:58,500

our the building of building 18 that we

1547

01:18:03,260 --> 01:18:00,329

were testing it at a time the battery

1548

01:18:05,330 --> 01:18:03,270

exploded and a electrolyte all over the

1549

01:18:06,740 --> 01:18:05,340

spacecraft and everything else so we

1550

01:18:08,709 --> 01:18:06,750

said holy mackerel you know that's not a

1551

01:18:10,790 --> 01:18:08,719

good idea

1552

01:18:12,500 --> 01:18:10,800

we were probably didn't know for sure

1553

01:18:15,589 --> 01:18:12,510

but we were pretty sure that it was the

1554

01:18:17,240 --> 01:18:15,599

heat sterilization because you know

1555

01:18:21,439 --> 01:18:17,250

people didn't news they do that to

1556

01:18:23,390 --> 01:18:21,449

batteries though Oh after that we put a

1557

01:18:25,819 --> 01:18:23,400

temperature on it and put a new battery

1558

01:18:28,669 --> 01:18:25,829

in and clean it up and we watch the

1559

01:18:32,120 --> 01:18:28,679

temperature every continually and so I

1560

01:18:33,470 --> 01:18:32,130

got a call one one night and I don't

1561

01:18:35,060 --> 01:18:33,480

think it was Thanksgiving but it was

1562

01:18:36,919 --> 01:18:35,070

Thanksgiving weekend and it says the

1563

01:18:39,290 --> 01:18:36,929

temperature's going up John me what are

1564

01:18:41,169 --> 01:18:39,300

you gonna do about it so I said well and

1565

01:18:43,790 --> 01:18:41,179

I called up I said call up a technician

1566

01:18:46,520 --> 01:18:43,800

and have him meet me in there I was in a

1567

01:18:48,200 --> 01:18:46,530

little test chamber outside building 18

1568

01:18:51,919 --> 01:18:48,210

and we climbed up on the chamber up a

1569

01:18:54,890 --> 01:18:51,929

little Derrick kind of a thing and I

1570

01:18:56,330 --> 01:18:54,900

could remember this yeah he said bring

1571

01:19:00,290 --> 01:18:56,340

your drill motor and a quarter inch

1572

01:19:01,640 --> 01:19:00,300

drill and so when we got up in there he

1573

01:19:03,200 --> 01:19:01,650

said what do you want me to do I said I

1574

01:19:04,970 --> 01:19:03,210

want you to drill a hole in the top of

1575

01:19:10,069 --> 01:19:04,980

that battery and he said what are you

1576

01:19:12,119 --> 01:19:10,079

gonna do I'm gonna stand back here but

1577

01:19:15,629 --> 01:19:12,129

it works fine

1578

01:19:17,669 --> 01:19:15,639

yes her earlier this evening we saw a

1579

01:19:20,879 --> 01:19:17,679

picture of the footprint of a surveyor

1580

01:19:23,969 --> 01:19:20,889

on the moon we wouldn't be seeing the

1581

01:19:26,639 --> 01:19:23,979

footprint if the foot pad wasn't in it

1582

01:19:32,549 --> 01:19:26,649

so did surveyor bounce is that why we're

1583

01:19:35,219 --> 01:19:32,559

seeing the footprint my understanding on

1584

01:19:39,629 --> 01:19:35,229

surveyor three because I'd listened to

1585

01:19:41,909 --> 01:19:39,639

the audio of the transcript of beaten

1586

01:19:44,909 --> 01:19:41,919

owl what they were saying through that

1587

01:19:47,580 --> 01:19:44,919

period is that it laid in a bit of a

1588

01:19:50,849 --> 01:19:47,590

incline and so it slid just a little bit

1589

01:19:51,689 --> 01:19:50,859

to get to get to give me that okay thank

1590

01:19:56,099 --> 01:19:51,699

you

1591

01:19:57,569 --> 01:19:56,109

I guess this questions for dr. ellby I

1592

01:20:00,649 --> 01:19:57,579

was wondering if you could tell us a

1593

01:20:03,209 --> 01:20:00,659

little bit about the history and

1594

01:20:06,270 --> 01:20:03,219

mineralogy of the lunar sample that's in

1595

01:20:07,649 --> 01:20:06,280

the museum I don't even know which one

1596

01:20:11,129 --> 01:20:07,659

is in there I don't know whether it's

1597

01:20:13,529 --> 01:20:11,139

the breakfast salt these were

1598

01:20:15,060 --> 01:20:13,539

distributed to the various centers and I

1599

01:20:19,379 --> 01:20:15,070

don't believe I've ever looked at the

1600

01:20:22,109 --> 01:20:19,389

one it's in here what number is on it I

1601  
01:20:26,299 --> 01:20:22,119  
might know of by that I could check if

1602  
01:20:29,279 --> 01:20:26,309  
you want or I'll look at afterwards

1603  
01:20:34,109 --> 01:20:29,289  
person with the name let's get outside

1604  
01:20:36,089 --> 01:20:34,119  
now wants to ask dr. Albee what it what

1605  
01:20:37,709 --> 01:20:36,099  
did you think when you first held a

1606  
01:20:39,659 --> 01:20:37,719  
piece of the moon when you first had

1607  
01:20:43,379 --> 01:20:39,669  
access to a lunar sample yourself what

1608  
01:20:46,859 --> 01:20:43,389  
was that like well I try to convey that

1609  
01:20:49,679 --> 01:20:46,869  
you know when you look at that soil

1610  
01:20:55,529 --> 01:20:49,689  
sample you just have to go gasp because

1611  
01:20:57,589 --> 01:20:55,539  
those glass balls just are crazy and you

1612  
01:21:01,529 --> 01:20:57,599  
know you didn't expect them to be there

1613  
01:21:03,209 --> 01:21:01,539

why are you having beautiful spheres but

1614

01:21:05,609 --> 01:21:03,219

you do and they're everywhere on the

1615

01:21:06,089 --> 01:21:05,619

soil and one more question from social

1616

01:21:09,270 --> 01:21:06,099

media

1617

01:21:11,549 --> 01:21:09,280

Joshua Z wants to know what do you you

1618

01:21:14,429 --> 01:21:11,559

guys think are the best ways to expose

1619

01:21:16,349 --> 01:21:14,439

new generations to the legacy of Apollo

1620

01:21:17,669 --> 01:21:16,359

to the vast amount of information and

1621

01:21:19,770 --> 01:21:17,679

what we learned what do you think we

1622

01:21:22,139 --> 01:21:19,780

should be doing to communicate that

1623

01:21:23,939 --> 01:21:22,149

forward there's there's a certain thing

1624

01:21:25,830 --> 01:21:23,949

called the Apollo effect

1625

01:21:28,770 --> 01:21:25,840

have you guys heard about that when the

1626

01:21:30,120 --> 01:21:28,780

Apollo mission it sort of inspired first

1627

01:21:31,830 --> 01:21:30,130

of all we're spending so much money on

1628

01:21:34,169 --> 01:21:31,840

the program and there weren't enough

1629

01:21:36,120 --> 01:21:34,179

engineers or science or technologists

1630

01:21:37,500 --> 01:21:36,130

and involved in the country really to do

1631

01:21:39,600 --> 01:21:37,510

all the work that need to be done and so

1632

01:21:41,910 --> 01:21:39,610

and and it was some exciting ideas

1633

01:21:44,580 --> 01:21:41,920

sending men to the moon and it attracted

1634

01:21:46,500 --> 01:21:44,590

a lot of young people that would have

1635

01:21:49,830 --> 01:21:46,510

otherwise wasted their college years

1636

01:21:51,870 --> 01:21:49,840

being lawyers or doctors didn't have to

1637

01:21:54,570 --> 01:21:51,880

go into science engineering and

1638

01:21:58,350 --> 01:21:54,580

technology and I think that was really

1639

01:22:00,300 --> 01:21:58,360

the thing that hold that that made the

1640

01:22:01,740 --> 01:22:00,310

whole space program eventually possible

1641

01:22:04,169 --> 01:22:01,750

you know all the things that we're doing

1642

01:22:05,669 --> 01:22:04,179

today and done afterwards you know

1643

01:22:08,189 --> 01:22:05,679

whatever they are all happened because

1644

01:22:09,990 --> 01:22:08,199

of that influx and other countries I

1645

01:22:12,000 --> 01:22:10,000

think jumped into the bond about on the

1646

01:22:13,290 --> 01:22:12,010

wagon to it China and India and

1647

01:22:14,520 --> 01:22:13,300

everything else they know about the

1648

01:22:15,030 --> 01:22:14,530

Paulo effect and that's what they're

1649

01:22:16,919 --> 01:22:15,040

doing

1650

01:22:20,610 --> 01:22:16,929

that's and that's why they're in it now

1651

01:22:22,200 --> 01:22:20,620

you know so I think the thing to get

1652

01:22:25,650 --> 01:22:22,210

people get people in is to make sure

1653

01:22:28,260 --> 01:22:25,660

that the missions we do from now on are

1654

01:22:31,470 --> 01:22:28,270

not just science missions you know which

1655

01:22:34,229 --> 01:22:31,480

is good but not just technology missions

1656

01:22:36,120 --> 01:22:34,239

which are good but are publicly engaging

1657

01:22:38,340 --> 01:22:36,130

at our missions that capture the

1658

01:22:41,010 --> 01:22:38,350

imagination of young people and get them

1659

01:22:48,470 --> 01:22:41,020

interested in it and following it that's

1660

01:22:49,979 --> 01:22:48,480

but you know what the hell do I know all

1661

01:22:53,880 --> 01:22:49,989

right thank you

1662

01:22:56,700 --> 01:22:53,890

next question hi as we enter a new era

1663

01:22:58,350 --> 01:22:56,710

of a new era of spaceflight what are the

1664

01:23:01,890 --> 01:22:58,360

most important lessons to remember from

1665

01:23:04,350 --> 01:23:01,900

your era of space exploration well

1666

01:23:07,140 --> 01:23:04,360

there's a continual transept transition

1667

01:23:11,070 --> 01:23:07,150

you have to remember Apollo basically

1668

01:23:14,939 --> 01:23:11,080

had no computers and now a spacecraft is

1669

01:23:17,130 --> 01:23:14,949

filled with computers I mean the the

1670

01:23:19,500 --> 01:23:17,140

whole arrangements of dinner when we

1671

01:23:22,110 --> 01:23:19,510

flew Mars surveyor we basically had a

1672

01:23:24,959 --> 01:23:22,120

network onboard connecting all the

1673

01:23:27,419 --> 01:23:24,969

instruments the spacecraft and all the

1674

01:23:31,709 --> 01:23:27,429

parts of the spacecraft it basically was

1675

01:23:34,229 --> 01:23:31,719

like a Wi-Fi network so that mounted

1676

01:23:38,569 --> 01:23:34,239

transition happened between Apollo and

1677

01:23:40,950 --> 01:23:38,579

the next few missions at JPL began doing

1678

01:23:42,390 --> 01:23:40,960

what about you John what are you what

1679

01:23:45,930 --> 01:23:42,400

advice would you have to the next

1680

01:23:47,609 --> 01:23:45,940

generation of Engineers and I mean

1681

01:23:50,310 --> 01:23:47,619

there's so many dimensions that question

1682

01:23:52,410 --> 01:23:50,320

if you're talking about what does it

1683

01:23:54,299 --> 01:23:52,420

take in terms of engineering and

1684

01:23:58,049 --> 01:23:54,309

development to make something successful

1685

01:24:00,660 --> 01:23:58,059

or what how do you how do you to coach

1686

01:24:03,240 --> 01:24:00,670

people to do things so that they'll last

1687

01:24:05,280 --> 01:24:03,250

a long while well we learned that very

1688

01:24:07,140 --> 01:24:05,290

slowly and very painfully over a long

1689

01:24:10,319 --> 01:24:07,150

period of time and it used to be the

1690

01:24:13,530 --> 01:24:10,329

main problem was twofold but the first

1691

01:24:16,589 --> 01:24:13,540

one was parts electronic parts you know

1692

01:24:19,560 --> 01:24:16,599

we we didn't most most of the things you

1693

01:24:21,209 --> 01:24:19,570

you had vacuum tubes you know that you

1694

01:24:22,890 --> 01:24:21,219

couldn't depend on a vacuum tube the

1695

01:24:24,540 --> 01:24:22,900

last more than three or four years if

1696

01:24:26,580 --> 01:24:24,550

you had a no none of you are old enough

1697

01:24:28,859 --> 01:24:26,590

to remember television sets with vacuum

1698

01:24:31,169 --> 01:24:28,869

tubes but but you know you'd have to

1699

01:24:33,209 --> 01:24:31,179

call a TV repairman and he'd come up

1700

01:24:36,120 --> 01:24:33,219

with his bag of backing tubes and put

1701

01:24:37,830 --> 01:24:36,130

new vacuum tube in or he'd say to your

1702

01:24:39,270 --> 01:24:37,840

wife you know he want you to plug the

1703

01:24:41,010 --> 01:24:39,280

vacuum cleaner and you got to remember

1704

01:24:43,830 --> 01:24:41,020

when you're through vacuuming to plug

1705

01:24:45,870 --> 01:24:43,840

the TV back in we had a lot of we had a

1706

01:24:48,770 --> 01:24:45,880

lot of calls like that and then things

1707

01:24:52,459 --> 01:24:48,780

would fail and so when we got into AI

1708

01:24:54,839 --> 01:24:52,469

transistors were invented in 1954 or

1709

01:24:56,729 --> 01:24:54,849

1953 I was still in college I was

1710

01:24:58,620 --> 01:24:56,739

learning about vacuums it was and they

1711

01:25:00,060 --> 01:24:58,630

brought these transistors in and is that

1712

01:25:02,459 --> 01:25:00,070

you know you couldn't even get it was

1713

01:25:06,209 --> 01:25:02,469

shock from touching one so people didn't

1714

01:25:08,040 --> 01:25:06,219

believe they could do it anything what

1715

01:25:10,379 --> 01:25:08,050

you could do invent cell phones because

1716

01:25:12,450 --> 01:25:10,389

if you sell a billion cell phones you

1717

01:25:15,060 --> 01:25:12,460

just put an incredible amount of money

1718

01:25:17,310 --> 01:25:15,070

into developing new techniques I mean

1719

01:25:19,200 --> 01:25:17,320

all these micro spacecraft which we're

1720

01:25:21,660 --> 01:25:19,210

talking about oh it directly to

1721

01:25:22,799 --> 01:25:21,670

cellphones but in the development

1722

01:25:24,689 --> 01:25:22,809

program something will go wrong

1723

01:25:26,399 --> 01:25:24,699

something always goes wrong and the

1724

01:25:29,040 --> 01:25:26,409

thing of it is anything that goes wrong

1725

01:25:31,379 --> 01:25:29,050

you have to follow that to the root

1726

01:25:33,930 --> 01:25:31,389

cause you have to drill down and find

1727

01:25:37,109 --> 01:25:33,940

out exactly to the degree that you can

1728

01:25:39,149 --> 01:25:37,119

what happened and didn't do what you can

1729

01:25:40,709 --> 01:25:39,159

do or what you need to do to prevent

1730

01:25:44,160 --> 01:25:40,719

that thing from happening again and

1731

01:25:45,569 --> 01:25:44,170

that's at Aegis and it's you know but

1732

01:25:47,069 --> 01:25:45,579

you have to have that discipline and

1733

01:25:49,500 --> 01:25:47,079

unless you have that discipline and

1734

01:25:52,440 --> 01:25:49,510

instill in the young people you know the

1735

01:25:53,880 --> 01:25:52,450

to do that because they just want to fix

1736

01:25:55,530 --> 01:25:53,890

it and then go on but just fixing in

1737

01:25:57,960 --> 01:25:55,540

going on doesn't mean it's gonna happen

1738

01:26:00,480 --> 01:25:57,970

again you have to do find out why it

1739

01:26:03,210 --> 01:26:00,490

went wrong and fix it and fix the thing

1740

01:26:04,770 --> 01:26:03,220

that caused it to go wrong and and then

1741

01:26:06,600 --> 01:26:04,780

you're then you're on a good track but

1742

01:26:10,710 --> 01:26:06,610

that takes discipline and it takes a lot

1743

01:26:13,260 --> 01:26:10,720

of tedious work and it's not fun always

1744

01:26:14,640 --> 01:26:13,270

you know that's where yeah that's why

1745

01:26:17,640 --> 01:26:14,650

you go out and have a beer at the end of

1746

01:26:19,590 --> 01:26:17,650

the day thank you

1747

01:26:22,680 --> 01:26:19,600

building all that I think the two things

1748

01:26:25,350 --> 01:26:22,690

looking from my perspective I see

1749

01:26:28,860 --> 01:26:25,360

engineers working on is miniaturization

1750

01:26:30,810 --> 01:26:28,870

is very very key and and the second is

1751

01:26:32,940 --> 01:26:30,820

the complexity of the software these

1752

01:26:34,370 --> 01:26:32,950

days it's software oftentimes what's

1753

01:26:36,450 --> 01:26:34,380

going to get you before the hardware

1754

01:26:38,910 --> 01:26:36,460

we've got time for just a couple more

1755

01:26:40,920 --> 01:26:38,920

questions I think so okay so that I do

1756

01:26:42,630 --> 01:26:40,930

brilliant ideas setting off from nuclear

1757

01:26:45,570 --> 01:26:42,640

bomb on the moon is very intriguing to

1758

01:26:47,460 --> 01:26:45,580

me who talked Robert McNamara down and

1759

01:26:51,360 --> 01:26:47,470

what was the story behind that

1760

01:26:53,010 --> 01:26:51,370

no it wasn't McNamara it was I mean it

1761

01:26:54,990 --> 01:26:53,020

was there was someone in the Department

1762

01:26:59,160 --> 01:26:55,000

of Defense in the Air Force working on

1763

01:27:01,800 --> 01:26:59,170

that but you know our Defense

1764

01:27:03,420 --> 01:27:01,810

Department's always working on ideas you

1765

01:27:05,100 --> 01:27:03,430

know crazy ideas they're working on

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01:27:07,200 --> 01:27:05,110

crazy ideals now but some of them end up

1767

01:27:11,040 --> 01:27:07,210

being technologically interesting and

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01:27:17,010 --> 01:27:11,050

good ideas so this was just one what

1769

01:27:19,230 --> 01:27:17,020

space debris did they know about space

1770

01:27:21,360 --> 01:27:19,240

debris yes yes I'm sure they did but to

1771

01:27:24,090 --> 01:27:21,370

the what it would do in terms of you

1772

01:27:25,680 --> 01:27:24,100

know the quarter million miles away I

1773

01:27:27,360 --> 01:27:25,690

don't know if they were particularly

1774

01:27:30,870 --> 01:27:27,370

worried about that aspect of it okay

1775

01:27:34,200 --> 01:27:30,880

thank you okay hi I'd like to know which

1776

01:27:36,290 --> 01:27:34,210

of the seven Ranger probes cost the most

1777

01:27:42,240 --> 01:27:36,300

based on the parts used to build them

1778

01:27:43,320 --> 01:27:42,250

it's a budget we've got an accountant on

1779

01:27:45,420 --> 01:27:43,330

their hands

1780

01:27:47,670 --> 01:27:45,430

well I don't know if we could actually

1781

01:27:49,110 --> 01:27:47,680

identify the cost of each individual

1782

01:27:51,810 --> 01:27:49,120

Ranger because where they were built as

1783

01:27:53,910 --> 01:27:51,820

a program you know but the the each one

1784

01:27:57,060 --> 01:27:53,920

had more capability and was able to do

1785

01:27:59,850 --> 01:27:57,070

more things and so you know the Ranger 3

1786

01:28:02,610 --> 01:27:59,860

4 5 costs more than Ranger 1 and 2 and

1787

01:28:05,220 --> 01:28:02,620

Rangers 5 6 and cost more than 3 and 4

1788

01:28:07,170 --> 01:28:05,230

and then when and because there were so

1789

01:28:09,480 --> 01:28:07,180

many failures you know then we had to

1790

01:28:11,310 --> 01:28:09,490

bore in on those failures that I was

1791

01:28:13,440 --> 01:28:11,320

talking about before that meant more

1792

01:28:16,020 --> 01:28:13,450

work more people more time more testing

1793

01:28:18,960 --> 01:28:16,030

so each one of them I would say what

1794

01:28:20,820 --> 01:28:18,970

cost more than the one before and so the

1795

01:28:23,130 --> 01:28:20,830

most expensive one which would have been

1796

01:28:25,200 --> 01:28:23,140

the last one which was what Ranger 10 I

1797

01:28:26,520 --> 01:28:25,210

guess that's about all the time we have

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01:28:29,100 --> 01:28:26,530

for tonight I'd like to thank everyone

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01:28:38,709 --> 01:28:29,110

here and online for joining us and thank

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01:28:43,630 --> 01:28:42,040

so join us again next month for our show

1801

01:28:46,420 --> 01:28:43,640

on comets asteroids and dwarf planets

1802

01:28:48,600 --> 01:28:46,430

it's the big science of the small worlds