



STS-134/AMS

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Well, we're here today with the Kelly brothers,
Scott Kelly, Expedition 25 Flight Engineer,

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who will become the Commander of the
International Space Station for Expedition 26,

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Mark Kelly, Endeavor's Commander
for the STS-134 mission

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to the International Space
Station, very unique moment here.

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00:00:18,976 --> 00:00:23,306

You guys were born February 21,
1964, in West Orange, New Jersey.

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00:00:24,146 --> 00:00:29,596

You'll both be forty-six years old at
the time of your encounter on orbit.

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Right before the launch of Endeavor,
actually, you'll turn forty-six,

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00:00:34,506 --> 00:00:38,046

so the first question naturally, since
you're identical twins is 'Who's the oldest?'

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MARK - Actually we'll be forty-seven.

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00:00:40,046 --> 00:00:49,096

So if you do the math from '64 to 2011
we'd be forty-seven right before I launch

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00:00:49,396 --> 00:00:52,586
and I'll be six minutes older.

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00:00:53,576 --> 00:00:56,726
Six minutes older, so you
were first, Scott followed you

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00:00:56,726 --> 00:01:00,946
but that's not necessarily the way your
career paths worked as we'll explore later on.

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00:01:01,026 --> 00:01:06,346
MARK - But we didn't know that actually until
we were probably, what?, fifteen, sixteen?

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00:01:06,496 --> 00:01:11,576
SCOTT - Our parents weren't, they didn't want
to tell who was older because they thought maybe

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00:01:11,576 --> 00:01:17,326
that person would then have some leverage
or something like that so we didn't know

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who was older or who was younger until
probably, you know, thirteen to fifteenish.

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00:01:23,516 --> 00:01:30,136
Well, before we go into your upbringing, did one
become the alpha male, pretty quickly in life?

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Isn't that dogs you're referring to there?

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00:01:32,176 --> 00:01:33,596
It could be humans as well, but...

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00:01:33,676 --> 00:01:34,366
MARK - I don't think so.

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00:01:34,366 --> 00:01:42,256
SCOTT - No, no, we've always been pretty close
and not very competitive with each other, so...

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00:01:42,346 --> 00:01:47,106
New Jersey has grabbed a lot of limelight
particularly recently in television

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00:01:47,106 --> 00:01:52,666
with a variety of programming but those who
are not familiar with West Orange, New Jersey,

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00:01:52,766 --> 00:01:56,776
where you were born and grew up, tell
us a little bit about your hometown.

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00:01:57,306 --> 00:02:03,076
SCOTT - It's kind of a combination
of, sort of city-like and the suburbs.

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00:02:03,076 --> 00:02:10,736
It's a bedroom community of New York City,
about twenty minutes west of Manhattan and,

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00:02:11,246 --> 00:02:13,866
it's really, really was a
great place to grow up.

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00:02:14,216 --> 00:02:20,806
That whole area's got a lot to offer and we took
advantage of some of that I think growing up.

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00:02:21,016 --> 00:02:22,756
MARK - Good school system, you know.

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00:02:22,756 --> 00:02:27,086
We used to do field trips from school
into New York City to go to museums

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00:02:27,086 --> 00:02:28,636
so it was, it was a great location.

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00:02:28,696 --> 00:02:32,296
SCOTT - We used to do our own field
trips into New York City on the...

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00:02:32,296 --> 00:02:33,126
MARK - Sometimes...

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00:02:33,606 --> 00:02:35,026
SCOTT - ...the local bus.

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00:02:35,636 --> 00:02:40,316
West Orange, aside from the two of you,
is the birthplace of other notables.

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I'll just read a few: Thomas
Edison, certainly historic icon.

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00:02:45,446 --> 00:02:47,836
MARK - I actually don't think
he was born there but that's

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00:02:47,836 --> 00:02:52,416
where he had his major factory
and his laboratory.

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00:02:52,546 --> 00:02:54,606
SCOTT - And he lived there for many years.

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00:02:54,606 --> 00:02:58,706
MARK - And his, the museum, I think
it's a National Historic Monument now

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00:02:58,706 --> 00:03:00,286
for Thomas Edison is in West Orange.

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General George McClellan,
famous historic figure.

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Phil Rizzuto, shortstop for the New York
Yankees and later one of their broadcasters.

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Amos Alonzo Stagg and Whoopie Goldberg.

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Did West Orange ever strike you as a place
in which notable people would grow up maybe

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because of its geographic
proximity to the Big Apple?

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SCOTT - You know, it's certainly known as a
place that Thomas Edison spent a lot of time in.

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As far as some of those other folks, I
wasn't really aware of that growing up.

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It's actually a pretty small town,
population-wise about I think

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when we were there maybe fifty thousand
people so, you know, it's not a huge city.

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00:03:40,086 --> 00:03:45,676

It does somewhat surprise me now
when you tell me all the, you know,

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notable people that were born there.

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00:03:50,326 --> 00:03:58,696

MARK - Like my brother said, it's kind of got a little bit of an urban feel to it

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but it is a suburb of New York City but when you're growing up there,

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it's like it's all you know, a couple high schools in the town.

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We went to the one, I guess, essentially further away from New York, a little bit.

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00:04:12,826 --> 00:04:18,556

The town's somewhat divided by a big hill so we have these terms of from 'up the hill'

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and 'down the hill' and not that they really meant anything

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00:04:22,276 --> 00:04:26,606

but there was pretty much a division in, that went right through the town.

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Did you all stay in the suburbs more or did you, as you grew up, did you visit New York a lot?

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SCOTT - We would go in there with our parents once in a while for, actually go into Manhattan

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for dinner, weekends occasionally to a

museum, but, most of my memories of traveling

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into Manhattan was with the school trips
and then later on as we got, you know,

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00:04:58,486 --> 00:05:02,266

into high school, kind of
on our own and with friends.

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00:05:02,726 --> 00:05:06,996

MARK - I remember once going into New York
City when I was probably fifteen or sixteen

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with just another friend and getting stuck in
the staircase of the Empire State Building.

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That was an experience 'cuz we decided we
wanted to walk down instead of take the elevator

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down so we got into the stairwell and we walked
down most of the way to the bottom and then got

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to a door that would not open and we wound
up having to walk all the way back up

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and try to get out, you know, the normal way.

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Did you guys have favorite sports teams,
sports heroes from the Metropolitan Area?

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SCOTT - Me, personally, I
was a Mets and Giants fan.

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00:05:41,726 --> 00:05:44,406
MARK - So, of course then, I liked the Yankees.

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00:05:45,556 --> 00:05:51,556
I think I liked the Giants, too, at the time and I still do but, Mets just didn't do it for me.

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00:05:52,096 --> 00:05:56,646
Mets, Yankees indicative of the sibling rivalry perhaps as you grew up?

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00:05:56,826 --> 00:05:57,366
MARK - Not really.

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00:05:57,366 --> 00:06:01,006
SCOTT - Just, yah, just in that regard I think.

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00:06:02,486 --> 00:06:04,356
You guys went to Mountain High School.

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00:06:05,076 --> 00:06:08,846
How are twin brothers received?

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00:06:08,876 --> 00:06:10,786
Was there anything in particular,

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00:06:10,786 --> 00:06:14,466
anything notable about the way your classmates treated you?

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00:06:14,466 --> 00:06:16,686
SCOTT - You know, we didn't, we don't have any other siblings

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00:06:16,686 --> 00:06:24,376
so we don't know anything differently so with nothing to compare it to I don't think we were,

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00:06:25,176 --> 00:06:27,296
you know, we didn't feel any different and..

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00:06:27,296 --> 00:06:29,026
MARK - We weren't the only twins in the school.

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00:06:29,026 --> 00:06:31,286
There were John, John and Mike S___...

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00:06:31,356 --> 00:06:32,276
S..., yah.

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00:06:32,276 --> 00:06:36,016
...who were a couple years older
so, and they were identical twins

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00:06:36,016 --> 00:06:37,106
as well so it was kind of like a...

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00:06:37,106 --> 00:06:37,496
SCOTT - But back...

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00:06:37,496 --> 00:06:39,466
MARK - ...a little bit more common.

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00:06:39,466 --> 00:06:43,656
SCOTT - But back then, you know, twins
and multiple births were less common

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00:06:43,766 --> 00:06:51,486
than they are today so, at the time I think
those two guys were the only twins that I knew.

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00:06:52,436 --> 00:06:53,676
Did you hang out with those guys?

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00:06:53,676 --> 00:06:54,206
MARK - A little bit.

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00:06:54,206 --> 00:07:01,026

We were both on the swim team and the track team together and Scott and I both kind of took

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00:07:01,026 --> 00:07:07,056

up pole vaulting on the track team and the coach we had wasn't particularly interested

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00:07:07,056 --> 00:07:09,056

in it so we actually learned it...