

# Orbital D-1 Rendezvous Profile

250 METERS TO CAPTURE



● Demo Objectives

▲ Go / No-Go Polls

◆ Approach Burns

1  
00:00:05,349 --> 00:00:03,270  
wyatt smith he's the chief training

2  
00:00:06,470 --> 00:00:05,359  
officer not only for our personnel down

3  
00:00:09,990 --> 00:00:06,480  
here on the ground but also our

4  
00:00:13,910 --> 00:00:12,470  
now why we just heard from ray

5  
00:00:15,509 --> 00:00:13,920  
members of this team you guys have been

6  
00:00:16,710 --> 00:00:15,519  
training for this first orbital flight

7  
00:00:19,109 --> 00:00:16,720  
for years

8  
00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:19,119  
so first off you know what what are just

9  
00:00:22,150 --> 00:00:20,400  
some of the things that you've been in

10  
00:00:25,189 --> 00:00:22,160  
charge of trying to get the ground team

11  
00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:25,199  
ready for this very historic flight

12  
00:00:27,750 --> 00:00:26,160  
um

13  
00:00:31,429 --> 00:00:27,760

we've been working

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00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:31,439

for about five years on development of

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:33,760

all the training products and simulators

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00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:36,000

that have gone into the training

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00:00:40,709 --> 00:00:38,480

so there's been a lot of effort by

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00:00:42,709 --> 00:00:40,719

the simulator development team

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00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:42,719

and obviously the instructors to develop

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00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:45,760

all the products the classroom lessons

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00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:47,760

uh to get ready for this

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00:00:53,350 --> 00:00:50,800

and so this is this is a first so i'm

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00:00:55,750 --> 00:00:53,360

assuming anytime it's a first a lot of

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00:00:57,189 --> 00:00:55,760

extra effort has to go in to preparing

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00:00:58,709 --> 00:00:57,199

the team for something

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00:01:01,029 --> 00:00:58,719

yeah there was a lot of effort that went

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00:01:02,470 --> 00:01:01,039

into the development of all the the

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00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:02,480

products

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00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:04,080

i was involved very heavily in the

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00:01:08,230 --> 00:01:06,400

development of the simulator

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00:01:10,789 --> 00:01:08,240

interface that was used the actual

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00:01:13,910 --> 00:01:10,799

simulator is located in dulles

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00:01:15,030 --> 00:01:13,920

virginia at the orbital facility and we

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00:01:16,870 --> 00:01:15,040

use our

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00:01:19,190 --> 00:01:16,880

iss simulation

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00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:19,200

here and interface the two together and

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00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:21,200

that was a very lengthy effort that went

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,400

into doing that

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00:01:25,830 --> 00:01:24,000

but we were on a pretty short time frame

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00:01:27,749 --> 00:01:25,840

so we had to do a lot of extra effort to

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00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:27,759

get that working correctly there was

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00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:28,960

also other simulators that were

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:30,400

developed that the

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00:01:33,749 --> 00:01:31,680

more small

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00:01:36,390 --> 00:01:33,759

simulators that the crew would use and

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00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:36,400

those were also developed in parallel

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00:01:41,270 --> 00:01:38,720

so a lot of simulator development effort

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00:01:43,429 --> 00:01:41,280

and obviously all the products that were

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00:01:45,429 --> 00:01:43,439

used to train the crew and the ground

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:45,439

personnel had to be you know built from

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00:01:49,030 --> 00:01:46,479

scratch

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00:01:52,149 --> 00:01:49,040

we had a few things to use as

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00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:52,159

sort of models from like htv or other

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:54,159

vehicles cargo crash wasn't the first

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00:01:58,469 --> 00:01:55,600

time that we've done things like this

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00:02:00,550 --> 00:01:58,479

but uh the vehicle is unique uh in its

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00:02:01,830 --> 00:02:00,560

own way and so we had to

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:01,840

uh

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00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:03,119

work pretty hard to get all that stuff

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00:02:06,149 --> 00:02:04,399

complete

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00:02:09,190 --> 00:02:06,159

okay and you talk you talk a lot about

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00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:09,200

simulators now the entire team is just

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00:02:12,710 --> 00:02:11,039

going through you know simulation after

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00:02:13,990 --> 00:02:12,720

simulation of just

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00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:14,000

everything that could possibly happen

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00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:15,760

with this vehicle is that what's is that

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00:02:18,309 --> 00:02:17,360

what's going on

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,319

um

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00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:20,239

well there's a couple different aspects

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00:02:29,110 --> 00:02:20,959

the

71

00:02:31,509 --> 00:02:29,120

um

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00:02:34,790 --> 00:02:31,519

maybe the last couple hours or maybe

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00:02:37,030 --> 00:02:34,800

even the last hour of the of the event

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00:02:38,869 --> 00:02:37,040

and it's really on that focus is really

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00:02:41,030 --> 00:02:38,879

on their their tasks that they have to

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00:02:42,790 --> 00:02:41,040

perform at that time what is what is

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00:02:44,630 --> 00:02:42,800

what would the crew's task be in that

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00:02:46,630 --> 00:02:44,640

final those final moments um the crew is

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00:02:49,350 --> 00:02:46,640

responsible since this is a demo mission

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00:02:51,110 --> 00:02:49,360

the crew is responsible for um watching

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00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:51,120

the vehicle come up what's called the r

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:53,519

bar so from underneath iss

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00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:54,959

they'll be monitoring the vehicle make

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00:02:57,830 --> 00:02:56,800

sure that it's on its correct trajectory

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00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:57,840

toward

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00:03:02,869 --> 00:03:00,800

the grapple point and also they perform

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00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:02,879

some demonstrated

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00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:04,800

demo objectives that are

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00:03:08,630 --> 00:03:06,480

where they they pause the vehicle and

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00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:08,640

make it go away using a command panel

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00:03:11,750 --> 00:03:10,159

that they have

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00:03:14,710 --> 00:03:11,760

so they have to report to the ground how

93

00:03:16,790 --> 00:03:14,720

the vehicle is performing with a lot of

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00:03:18,149 --> 00:03:16,800

visual aids that they have

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00:03:19,430 --> 00:03:18,159

and then they actually do the grapple

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00:03:21,509 --> 00:03:19,440

with the arm

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00:03:23,670 --> 00:03:21,519

the ground personnel are watching from

98

00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:23,680

much further out on the orbital team you

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:24,959

know they obviously watch the whole

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00:03:30,630 --> 00:03:28,159

entire uh rendezvous and then there's a

101  
00:03:33,750 --> 00:03:30,640  
joint operations phase that occurs

102  
00:03:36,149 --> 00:03:33,760  
uh maybe for the last four hours of the

103  
00:03:37,589 --> 00:03:36,159  
the flight in which the team here is

104  
00:03:38,550 --> 00:03:37,599  
heavily involved in monitoring the

105  
00:03:41,350 --> 00:03:38,560  
vehicle

106  
00:03:43,910 --> 00:03:41,360  
and some demo things that happen

107  
00:03:45,670 --> 00:03:43,920  
but during the simulations uh we we do

108  
00:03:47,350 --> 00:03:45,680  
all the nominal operations we verify all

109  
00:03:49,350 --> 00:03:47,360  
the procedures are correct

110  
00:03:50,789 --> 00:03:49,360  
and we also put in

111  
00:03:53,670 --> 00:03:50,799  
i'm the evil guy

112  
00:03:55,509 --> 00:03:53,680  
so our team gets to put in a lot of

113  
00:03:57,350 --> 00:03:55,519

malfunctions and make sure that the

114

00:03:59,190 --> 00:03:57,360

ground team and the crew respond

115

00:04:00,550 --> 00:03:59,200

correctly to what the malfunctions are

116

00:04:02,309 --> 00:04:00,560

you get to try and trip them up have a

117

00:04:03,190 --> 00:04:02,319

little we try our hardest to trip them

118

00:04:04,390 --> 00:04:03,200

up

119

00:04:06,710 --> 00:04:04,400

you know we have to make sure they can

120

00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:06,720

do all the nominal procedures correctly

121

00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:09,200

but we do

122

00:04:12,630 --> 00:04:10,959

try to put some things in there that are

123

00:04:15,589 --> 00:04:12,640

that are helping them learn and

124

00:04:16,990 --> 00:04:15,599

exercising flight rules that we have

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00:04:19,270 --> 00:04:17,000

so it's

126  
00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:19,280  
it's good to see the you know the teams

127  
00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:20,880  
come together

128  
00:04:24,629 --> 00:04:22,560  
and perform well

129  
00:04:26,469 --> 00:04:24,639  
and you said with the last in the last

130  
00:04:29,110 --> 00:04:26,479  
few hours is really joint operation

131  
00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:29,120  
between nasa and orbital it's not just

132  
00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:30,960  
you know one or the other

133  
00:04:35,350 --> 00:04:32,639  
um what are what are some of the things

134  
00:04:37,189 --> 00:04:35,360  
you've learned or experienced uh in

135  
00:04:39,350 --> 00:04:37,199  
joint training with orbital i mean has

136  
00:04:42,230 --> 00:04:39,360  
it been vastly different

137  
00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:42,240  
say from training for an atv or an htv

138  
00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:44,400

international partner vastly different

139

00:04:47,749 --> 00:04:46,560

from training for spacex

140

00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:47,759

similar

141

00:04:53,590 --> 00:04:51,680

that i saw was that you know orbital had

142

00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:53,600

a certain way of operating

143

00:04:56,870 --> 00:04:55,360

they've operated satellites for years

144

00:04:58,469 --> 00:04:56,880

you know in-house

145

00:05:01,110 --> 00:04:58,479

but then you bring the nasa team in and

146

00:05:03,590 --> 00:05:01,120

so there's a different element of of

147

00:05:05,110 --> 00:05:03,600

information exchange that occurs in the

148

00:05:06,310 --> 00:05:05,120

nominal procedures

149

00:05:07,990 --> 00:05:06,320

and

150

00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:08,000

i think that you know the first few

151  
00:05:11,029 --> 00:05:09,520  
simulations we did really brought out

152  
00:05:12,710 --> 00:05:11,039  
that that's going to be a little bit of

153  
00:05:14,950 --> 00:05:12,720  
a difficult choreography to pull all

154  
00:05:17,110 --> 00:05:14,960  
that together so they they worked real

155  
00:05:18,710 --> 00:05:17,120  
hard and i think you know in the last

156  
00:05:20,629 --> 00:05:18,720  
few simulations we really saw it being

157  
00:05:22,550 --> 00:05:20,639  
very crisp and clean

158  
00:05:24,150 --> 00:05:22,560  
so they you know they kind of started

159  
00:05:26,469 --> 00:05:24,160  
off with you know what do we say and how

160  
00:05:27,749 --> 00:05:26,479  
do we do this and it has evolved

161  
00:05:29,189 --> 00:05:27,759  
there's also

162  
00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:29,199  
jax's involved

163  
00:05:33,990 --> 00:05:30,960

so we had those those guys in

164

00:05:36,390 --> 00:05:34,000

simulations because orbital uses the the

165

00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:36,400

proc system in the gym to get radio

166

00:05:40,790 --> 00:05:38,240

communication with their vehicle when

167

00:05:43,110 --> 00:05:40,800

it's within range so we had

168

00:05:45,990 --> 00:05:43,120

trilateral simulation simulations with

169

00:05:48,310 --> 00:05:46,000

um with the jaxa guys and uh that just

170

00:05:50,790 --> 00:05:48,320

you know added a third element of of

171

00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:50,800

complexity to it but can't make things

172

00:05:53,670 --> 00:05:51,600

easy

173

00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:53,680

well it all worked out and i think that

174

00:05:57,430 --> 00:05:55,199

everybody's prepared

175

00:05:59,029 --> 00:05:57,440

okay is now in the in the training flow

176

00:06:00,950 --> 00:05:59,039

for everything is there any uh

177

00:06:02,950 --> 00:06:00,960

particular moment in this demo mission

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00:06:05,510 --> 00:06:02,960

that has received you know special focus

179

00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:05,520

required a lot of training something

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00:06:09,270 --> 00:06:07,280

maybe that hasn't been done yet or

181

00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:09,280

because it is obviously a lot of it's

182

00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,960

all new because it's a new vehicle but

183

00:06:15,189 --> 00:06:12,240

is there any part of the training flow

184

00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:15,199

that really you guys had to hone in on

185

00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:17,440

um i think the last two hours of the the

186

00:06:22,870 --> 00:06:19,680

rendezvous are are probably what got the

187

00:06:26,070 --> 00:06:24,150

you know that's when you know the

188

00:06:27,909 --> 00:06:26,080

vehicle is getting closer and things are

189

00:06:29,990 --> 00:06:27,919

getting a little bit more

190

00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:30,000

uh fast-paced

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00:06:33,029 --> 00:06:31,520

and uh

192

00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:33,039

so

193

00:06:35,909 --> 00:06:34,479

i think that's you know where the crew

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00:06:37,110 --> 00:06:35,919

gets really involved and there's a lot

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00:06:38,390 --> 00:06:37,120

of you know

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00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:38,400

once the vehicles

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00:06:41,430 --> 00:06:40,160

you know within a a couple hundred

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00:06:42,870 --> 00:06:41,440

meters of station you know you want to

199

00:06:44,790 --> 00:06:42,880

make sure that everything goes good so

200

00:06:46,469 --> 00:06:44,800

we we certainly did that on most of the

201  
00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:46,479  
simulations we also did some departure

202  
00:06:50,629 --> 00:06:48,000  
simulations but those are a little

203  
00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:50,639  
little more easy to do than the

204  
00:06:53,270 --> 00:06:52,639  
really close end stuff

205  
00:06:54,870 --> 00:06:53,280  
and

206  
00:06:56,790 --> 00:06:54,880  
right right before this you told me you

207  
00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,800  
guys have been preparing for this you

208  
00:07:00,710 --> 00:06:58,319  
know for years

209  
00:07:02,790 --> 00:07:00,720  
you and the team i've done a lot of hard

210  
00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:02,800  
work you guys kind of excited to finally

211  
00:07:06,150 --> 00:07:04,880  
see it all come to fruition yeah we're

212  
00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:06,160  
very excited there's been a lot of

213  
00:07:09,830 --> 00:07:08,080

delays that have happened over the past

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00:07:11,350 --> 00:07:09,840

couple years because of various

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00:07:13,350 --> 00:07:11,360

different things that have happened in

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00:07:14,390 --> 00:07:13,360

the vehicle development

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00:07:15,670 --> 00:07:14,400

and uh

218

00:07:18,390 --> 00:07:15,680

it's hard to believe that it's finally

219

00:07:20,870 --> 00:07:18,400

here and uh we're certainly very excited

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00:07:23,589 --> 00:07:20,880

about it um this this week i think one

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00:07:25,350 --> 00:07:23,599

thing that comes to mind is that we do

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00:07:27,350 --> 00:07:25,360

we also do onboard training for the crew

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00:07:29,110 --> 00:07:27,360

so the crew has a small simulator on

224

00:07:30,710 --> 00:07:29,120

board and we do various different

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00:07:32,390 --> 00:07:30,720

briefings with the crew

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00:07:34,710 --> 00:07:32,400

and and this started this past monday

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00:07:37,510 --> 00:07:34,720

and it goes to um

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00:07:38,950 --> 00:07:37,520

the arrival date in a couple weeks and

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00:07:40,230 --> 00:07:38,960

it's real exciting to see that happen

230

00:07:42,150 --> 00:07:40,240

because that kind of shows you that it's

231

00:07:43,749 --> 00:07:42,160

real and it's actually going to happen

232

00:07:46,790 --> 00:07:43,759

so we're we're excited to finally

233

00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:46,800

finally get that part of it going and

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00:07:50,230 --> 00:07:48,080

have a success

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00:07:51,990 --> 00:07:50,240

all right and it is a very exciting time

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00:07:54,309 --> 00:07:52,000

again wyatt smith he's our chief

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00:07:56,070 --> 00:07:54,319

training officer for our teams down here

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00:07:57,990 --> 00:07:56,080

and for our astronauts getting ready for

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00:07:59,830 --> 00:07:58,000

that first orbital demonstration mission

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00:08:01,990 --> 00:07:59,840

to the international space station

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00:08:05,029 --> 00:08:02,000

launching on september 17th grapple and

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00:08:07,350 --> 00:08:05,039

docking on september 22nd so why thanks

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00:08:09,350 --> 00:08:07,360

so much uh great job to you and the team

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00:08:11,350 --> 00:08:09,360

really looking forward to watching a

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00:08:13,990 --> 00:08:11,360

successful operation know you it's in