

1
00:00:45,910 --> 00:00:43,990
well it's always

2
00:00:48,069 --> 00:00:45,920
exciting when you're getting a new

3
00:00:51,430 --> 00:00:48,079
vehicle and

4
00:00:54,310 --> 00:00:51,440
the space shuttle is really unique

5
00:00:56,389 --> 00:00:54,320
it still is the only spacecraft that's

6
00:01:01,189 --> 00:00:56,399
ever been built by people

7
00:01:04,229 --> 00:01:01,199
that takes off goes or goes into orbit

8
00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:04,239
and performs a big job up there

9
00:01:09,510 --> 00:01:07,360
and then flies back and lands and gets

10
00:01:11,429 --> 00:01:09,520
ready to go on another mission so it was

11
00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:11,439
a very exciting thing to have a new

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00:01:19,830 --> 00:01:13,439
vehicle like atlantis

13
00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:21,270

i think the most important one the one

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:22,880

that i've been

15

00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:24,560

very proud of to be a part of is the

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00:01:29,830 --> 00:01:27,280

hubble mission that we did on sts-125

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00:01:31,270 --> 00:01:29,840

just the the science alone from hubble

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00:01:33,670 --> 00:01:31,280

is amazing and just to

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00:01:35,590 --> 00:01:33,680

be able to you know take all the

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00:01:37,749 --> 00:01:35,600

hardware up and the astronauts up and

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00:01:38,630 --> 00:01:37,759

be part of the repair effort and the

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00:01:43,429 --> 00:01:38,640

servicing

23

00:01:47,109 --> 00:01:45,030

well it's going to be great to be back

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00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:47,119

on atlantis i'm very excited about

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00:01:50,550 --> 00:01:47,759

getting

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00:01:52,149 --> 00:01:50,560

another opportunity to fly on board

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:52,159

atlantis

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00:01:55,270 --> 00:01:54,960

i flew it on my only other mission up to

29

00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:55,280

the

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00:02:00,709 --> 00:01:58,880

be able to get to

31

00:02:02,069 --> 00:02:00,719

another ride on atlantis but up to the

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:02,079

space station

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00:02:05,190 --> 00:02:04,240

um it's going to be it's going to be

34

00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:05,200

incredible

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00:02:08,550 --> 00:02:07,680

i'll be excited as as i always am but i

36

00:02:11,589 --> 00:02:08,560

you know

37

00:02:12,309 --> 00:02:11,599

i don't relax until after mikko and that

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00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:12,319

you know

39

00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:16,160

it's going to be an emotional day and i

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00:02:21,750 --> 00:02:19,680

think it's going to be bittersweet

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00:02:23,830 --> 00:02:21,760

kind of flying off into the sunset in

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00:02:26,070 --> 00:02:23,840

one respect but

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00:02:27,670 --> 00:02:26,080

but we're still doing you know important

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00:02:29,750 --> 00:02:27,680

good work uh we're taking up this

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00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:29,760

russian module that's uh

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00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:32,160

actually it's its name in russian means

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00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:33,519

dawn so

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00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:35,040

in one way we're flying off into the

49

00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:36,800

sunset but we're still

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00:02:40,150 --> 00:02:39,200

you know doing important work and and

51
00:02:42,309 --> 00:02:40,160
it's the

52
00:02:46,550 --> 00:02:42,319
you know providing more capability to

53
00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:50,470
we we love all the shuttles and uh

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00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:52,239
but when you start working exclusively

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00:02:55,990 --> 00:02:54,000
on them when you're responsible for them

56
00:02:57,750 --> 00:02:56,000
you kind of grow attached to your

57
00:03:00,550 --> 00:02:57,760
shuttle one of the things that i

58
00:03:01,670 --> 00:03:00,560
get to do when i uh when it the vehicle

59
00:03:02,949 --> 00:03:01,680
lands at dryden

60
00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:02,959
which it's done a couple times since

61
00:03:07,670 --> 00:03:04,800
i've been the flow director

62
00:03:08,070 --> 00:03:07,680
is to i get to ride on the pathfinder

63
00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:08,080

back

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00:03:13,270 --> 00:03:10,159

with the vehicle and stopping over at

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00:03:15,830 --> 00:03:13,280

all the places that we stop over

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00:03:17,750 --> 00:03:15,840

we literally stop traffic on roads i

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00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:17,760

mean interstates people pull over when

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00:03:20,229 --> 00:03:18,000

they

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00:03:21,589 --> 00:03:20,239

see the shuttle on top of the on top of

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00:03:24,470 --> 00:03:21,599

the sca

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00:03:25,030 --> 00:03:24,480

and just are just in awe i mean they

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00:03:26,789 --> 00:03:25,040

just

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00:03:28,470 --> 00:03:26,799

cannot get enough of it and you know

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00:03:30,070 --> 00:03:28,480

that to me

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00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:30,080

you know when people see it sometimes

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00:03:31,990 --> 00:03:31,760

it's out of sight out of mind but when

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00:03:36,630 --> 00:03:32,000

they

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00:03:40,550 --> 00:03:38,949

this could be the last flight of

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00:03:42,309 --> 00:03:40,560

atlantis and so

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00:03:44,390 --> 00:03:42,319

we're we're going to do our best to pay

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00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:44,400

tribute to atlantis not just for this

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00:03:48,470 --> 00:03:45,519

flight but for its

83

00:03:49,830 --> 00:03:48,480

its whole you know all the flights that

84

00:03:51,110 --> 00:03:49,840

it's been on and all the things that

85

00:03:55,750 --> 00:03:51,120

it's done and all the people that have

86

00:04:00,789 --> 00:03:58,309

you have to say you know what a

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00:04:15,509 --> 00:04:00,799

magnificent vehicle it has been