

An American Treasure: The Space Shuttle



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00:00:07,039 --> 00:00:04,280
well I'm Chuck Kleinschmidt and I'm Jane

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00:00:09,440 --> 00:00:07,049
Kleinschmidt and we both have had the

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00:00:11,839 --> 00:00:09,450
good fortune to be a part of the Saturn

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00:00:14,060 --> 00:00:11,849
program and all of the programs that

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00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:14,070
have occurred since then while we were

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00:00:18,800 --> 00:00:16,080
working for various contractors she was

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00:00:21,800 --> 00:00:18,810
working for primarily NASA and I work

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00:00:24,679 --> 00:00:21,810
for Douglas McDonnell Douglas and going

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00:00:29,060 --> 00:00:24,689
and I have seen this building go from

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00:00:30,669 --> 00:00:29,070
nothing to just the biggest building in

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00:00:34,340 --> 00:00:30,679
the world at the time that it was built

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00:00:37,100 --> 00:00:34,350
I've seen minifigure thumper here it's

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00:00:39,530 --> 00:00:37,110

been very exciting super program to be a

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00:00:41,330 --> 00:00:39,540

part of and all of the people that have

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00:00:45,139 --> 00:00:41,340

been a part of it with me and it's just

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00:00:48,200 --> 00:00:45,149

been great I'm retired and I love to

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00:00:50,209 --> 00:00:48,210

come back out even now and be a part of

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00:00:51,889 --> 00:00:50,219

the volunteer programs that escort

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00:00:54,020 --> 00:00:51,899

people through the facilities my

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00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:54,030

favorite shuttle memory was hanging on

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00:01:01,729 --> 00:00:58,079

the launch team for Apollo 11 and then

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00:01:05,840 --> 00:01:01,739

to be on the team that was for the a STP

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00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:05,850

mission and to see us do something in

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00:01:10,670 --> 00:01:07,680

space that nobody had done before with

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00:01:14,719 --> 00:01:10,680

an international basis that never forget

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00:01:16,730 --> 00:01:14,729

it I work for NASA for 34 years and as I

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00:01:18,320 --> 00:01:16,740

came to our work here I was the

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00:01:19,940 --> 00:01:18,330

beginning of the shuttle program so i

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:19,950

was here from the very first launch

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00:01:26,899 --> 00:01:24,000

which was very excited in 1981 until the

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00:01:29,480 --> 00:01:26,909

last ones that i was here in 98 or 2080

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00:01:31,069 --> 00:01:29,490

when i retired exciting times in my

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00:01:33,230 --> 00:01:31,079

career were serving as executive

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00:01:36,800 --> 00:01:33,240

assistant to the center director roy

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00:01:38,719 --> 00:01:36,810

bridges when he was here and got to see

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00:01:40,249 --> 00:01:38,729

some exciting launch the first launches

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00:01:43,490 --> 00:01:40,259

that built the International Space

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00:01:45,260 --> 00:01:43,500

Station as well as the last five years I

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00:01:47,929 --> 00:01:45,270

was a public affairs specialist in

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00:01:49,520 --> 00:01:47,939

external relations and got to interface

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00:01:52,520 --> 00:01:49,530

with all of our guests that would come

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00:01:55,850 --> 00:01:52,530

for the shuttle launches and it was just