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we are go for launch t-minus ten nine

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00:01:36,810 --> 00:01:34,570  
welcome back to the NASA social for the

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00:02:09,999 --> 00:01:36,820  
crew dragon mission as we prepare to

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00:02:25,250 --> 00:02:21,740  
and welcome back ladies and gentlemen

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00:02:27,530 --> 00:02:25,260  
once again NASA social virtual edition

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00:02:29,809 --> 00:02:27,540

we are here live at the Kennedy Space

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00:02:32,119 --> 00:02:29,819

Center visitors complex bringing you

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00:02:34,039 --> 00:02:32,129

everything that we can to show you what

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happens in the background as we prepare

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00:02:38,720 --> 00:02:36,989

to launch a rocket it's it's not rocket

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00:02:40,729 --> 00:02:38,730

science but yes it is there's a lot

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00:02:42,860 --> 00:02:40,739

going on a lot a lot of people involved

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00:02:45,199 --> 00:02:42,870

and we're trying to bring to you as much

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00:02:47,210 --> 00:02:45,209

as much as we can to help you understand

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00:02:49,160 --> 00:02:47,220

what goes on behind the scenes all right

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00:02:51,170 --> 00:02:49,170

once again i'm yves lamothe I am the

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00:02:53,930 --> 00:02:51,180

comm project manager for exploration

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00:02:56,750 --> 00:02:53,940

ground systems and with me today is my

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00:02:58,970 --> 00:02:56,760

man Phil how's it going Phil it's going

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00:03:00,410 --> 00:02:58,980

great thanks for the intro I absolutely

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00:03:02,149 --> 00:03:00,420

as he said my name is Philip Hargrove

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00:03:04,520 --> 00:03:02,159

with the launch services program I'm

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00:03:06,770 --> 00:03:04,530

really excited to be here super exciting

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00:03:08,960 --> 00:03:06,780

times at KSC right now

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00:03:10,339 --> 00:03:08,970

so yeah we're here to talk about yeah

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00:03:11,750 --> 00:03:10,349

everything leading up to the launch we

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00:03:14,120 --> 00:03:11,760

have some special guests there should be

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00:03:16,670 --> 00:03:14,130

some good discussion so for everybody

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00:03:18,559 --> 00:03:16,680

watching online please submit your

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00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:18,569

questions submit your comments so we

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00:03:22,280 --> 00:03:20,400

really want you to be engaged since you

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00:03:24,319 --> 00:03:22,290

know you can't be here with us in person

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00:03:25,550 --> 00:03:24,329

like we would normally do we really want

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00:03:27,949 --> 00:03:25,560

you to be a part of the discussion so

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00:03:30,530 --> 00:03:27,959

please submit your questions online so

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00:03:32,690 --> 00:03:30,540

we can ask our special guests absolutely

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this is all about educating you guys now

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if you look right behind us we have the

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beautiful Atlantis on the the shuttle

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has been a long time since it's flown

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but we get to sit here and enjoy it now

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00:03:46,759 --> 00:03:44,519

what the theme here is right the old

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00:03:49,189 --> 00:03:46,769

right that's that's the previous program

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00:03:52,759 --> 00:03:49,199  
and now we're launching into a new era

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00:03:54,470 --> 00:03:52,769  
where we have you know SpaceX with their

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00:03:56,330 --> 00:03:54,480  
rocket and they're launching astronauts

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00:03:59,150 --> 00:03:56,340  
on NASA's working on the same kind of a

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00:04:01,460 --> 00:03:59,160  
thing with the Space Launch System so

56  
00:04:03,559 --> 00:04:01,470  
we're looking forward to what NASA's

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00:04:05,809 --> 00:04:03,569  
future has to hold now with that guys I

58  
00:04:07,789 --> 00:04:05,819  
really want to get you guys to get to

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00:04:09,740 --> 00:04:07,799  
know our speakers and ask them as many

60  
00:04:11,659 --> 00:04:09,750  
questions as you can so with me the

61  
00:04:13,039 --> 00:04:11,669  
first guest today is Steve pain Steve

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00:04:15,080 --> 00:04:13,049  
how are you doing today I'm doing

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00:04:17,479 --> 00:04:15,090

terrific I want to thank you so much for

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00:04:19,399 --> 00:04:17,489

joining us and we're looking forward to

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00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:19,409

a great conversation and being able to

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00:04:23,570 --> 00:04:20,880

answer some of the questions that our

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00:04:24,800 --> 00:04:23,580

viewers are gonna ask us so to get us

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00:04:27,110 --> 00:04:24,810

into that why don't you tell us a little

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00:04:29,630 --> 00:04:27,120

bit about yourself and what you do and

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00:04:31,250 --> 00:04:29,640

we'll get the questions going okay I'm

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currently with human Lander systems

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working on the next moon lander project

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but for the last six years I've been

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00:04:39,260 --> 00:04:36,599

working with a Commercial Crew program

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00:04:41,360 --> 00:04:39,270

doing launch integration and launch

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00:04:43,490 --> 00:04:41,370

integration is everything that needs to

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00:04:45,290 --> 00:04:43,500

happen on the ground to make sure that

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00:04:47,870 --> 00:04:45,300

the rocket can get off the pad and it

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00:04:50,060 --> 00:04:47,880

involves everything from contingency

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00:04:53,870 --> 00:04:50,070

planning to facilities launch teams

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00:04:56,240 --> 00:04:53,880

communications astronaut preparations a

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00:04:58,700 --> 00:04:56,250

lot of that and it's a big bucket of

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00:05:00,379 --> 00:04:58,710

worms that one needs to worry about but

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00:05:01,730 --> 00:05:00,389

it's a great fun job to do so because

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00:05:02,450 --> 00:05:01,740

you have to be involved in so many

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different things

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00:05:06,980 --> 00:05:04,860

now the Commercial Crew like they've

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been involved with locked rocket

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launches before the main difference here

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00:05:14,149 --> 00:05:11,430

is we've got a couple astronauts onboard

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right and that is a very big difference

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00:05:17,690 --> 00:05:16,289

both of our providers have experience

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with launch vehicles and space

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00:05:22,219 --> 00:05:19,409

operations in the past they're you know

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00:05:23,240 --> 00:05:22,229

they've been doing this for a while but

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it's very different when you have

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00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:26,880

squishy things on the front end that get

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00:05:32,029 --> 00:05:30,240

cold or get hot or get hungry or they

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00:05:34,550 --> 00:05:32,039

need air they need comfort they need

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00:05:36,649 --> 00:05:34,560

communications if something goes wrong

101  
00:05:39,050 --> 00:05:36,659  
you just can't walk away like you can

102  
00:05:40,730 --> 00:05:39,060  
with an inert rocket you have to take

103  
00:05:42,709 --> 00:05:40,740  
care of the people so there's quite a

104  
00:05:44,690 --> 00:05:42,719  
bit more that goes into it and you have

105  
00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:44,700  
to worry about them in the weeks going

106  
00:05:49,490 --> 00:05:47,039  
up to launch for example quarantine like

107  
00:05:51,890 --> 00:05:49,500  
we're doing right now on launch day

108  
00:05:53,240 --> 00:05:51,900  
there's a lot that goes on going uphill

109  
00:05:55,190 --> 00:05:53,250  
there's a lot that you have to worry

110  
00:05:56,629 --> 00:05:55,200  
about and once you're there and then

111  
00:05:59,269 --> 00:05:56,639  
recovering them and bringing them back

112  
00:06:01,399 --> 00:05:59,279  
home all those pieces are new and

113  
00:06:03,529 --> 00:06:01,409

different to the human launch side of

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00:06:05,240 --> 00:06:03,539

the house understand wow thank you for

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00:06:06,830 --> 00:06:05,250

that for that introduction there

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00:06:08,570 --> 00:06:06,840

uh Steven helping us understand how all

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00:06:11,750 --> 00:06:08,580

of that works and the complexity that

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00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:11,760

goes into getting humans ready for space

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00:06:16,219 --> 00:06:13,710

launch it's it's nothing like cargo but

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00:06:17,540 --> 00:06:16,229

I can only imagine awesome and so now

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00:06:20,060 --> 00:06:17,550

why don't we go ahead and get right into

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00:06:22,219 --> 00:06:20,070

the questions and and see what the

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00:06:23,899 --> 00:06:22,229

audience is curious about of course so

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00:06:25,700 --> 00:06:23,909

following your theme of thinking about

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00:06:28,249 --> 00:06:25,710

the past and moving into the future can

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00:06:31,189 --> 00:06:28,259

you tell us a little bit more about how

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00:06:32,540 --> 00:06:31,199

your career at NASA started and I guess

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after that just giving us sort of a

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00:06:35,180 --> 00:06:34,200

higher level overview of

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00:06:37,130 --> 00:06:35,190

the other things that you've done at

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00:06:38,510 --> 00:06:37,140

NASA maybe tell us what you're most

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00:06:42,820 --> 00:06:38,520

looking forward to about this mission

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00:06:46,610 --> 00:06:42,830

okay I can't hold the job apparently

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00:06:48,590 --> 00:06:46,620

I've been here since 1990 working for a

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00:06:51,350 --> 00:06:48,600

contractor on payloads and then working

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00:06:55,070 --> 00:06:51,360

for NASA and payload operations working

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00:06:58,880 --> 00:06:55,080

for the crew office in the vehicle test

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00:07:01,730 --> 00:06:58,890

integration team working for daily

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00:07:04,070 --> 00:07:01,740

operations for shuttle processing I got

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00:07:05,900 --> 00:07:04,080

to do a stint working overseas in the

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00:07:08,870 --> 00:07:05,910

transatlantic abort landing sites as a

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00:07:11,020 --> 00:07:08,880

ground operations manager there came

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00:07:13,910 --> 00:07:11,030

back did daily processing of shuttle

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00:07:15,650 --> 00:07:13,920

became a tanking test director for

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00:07:17,960 --> 00:07:15,660

shuttle launches and then an assistant

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00:07:19,220 --> 00:07:17,970

test directory finally a shuttle test

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00:07:22,220 --> 00:07:19,230

director or I got to lead the launch

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00:07:23,870 --> 00:07:22,230

team after the end of shuttle I had a

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00:07:26,600 --> 00:07:23,880

couple of year stint as chief of launch

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00:07:28,280 --> 00:07:26,610

complex operations at Kennedy and then I

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00:07:29,780 --> 00:07:28,290

got a call from Commercial Crew they

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00:07:31,850 --> 00:07:29,790

needed somebody with launch experience

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00:07:33,950 --> 00:07:31,860

who had done the human side and knew the

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00:07:36,230 --> 00:07:33,960

ground operations part and it sounded

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00:07:37,820 --> 00:07:36,240

too exciting to say no so that's where I

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00:07:39,950 --> 00:07:37,830

went so I've been doing that for the

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00:07:41,600 --> 00:07:39,960

last few years and only recently the

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00:07:42,890 --> 00:07:41,610

last couple of weeks actually every

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00:07:44,900 --> 00:07:42,900

tired from NASA and I came back to

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00:07:47,720 --> 00:07:44,910

assist in a different capacity but

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00:07:50,450 --> 00:07:47,730

working on another exciting project this

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00:07:52,190 --> 00:07:50,460

particular mission is a culmination of

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00:07:55,370 --> 00:07:52,200

all those years of hard work we put into

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00:07:57,650 --> 00:07:55,380

this there are so many moving parts it's

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00:07:59,090 --> 00:07:57,660

very hard to conceive from the outside

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00:08:01,370 --> 00:07:59,100

most people just see the rocket they see

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00:08:03,290 --> 00:08:01,380

it launchpad in the rocket and as far as

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00:08:05,900 --> 00:08:03,300

they're concerned that's all that really

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00:08:08,390 --> 00:08:05,910

happens but they don't realize the years

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00:08:10,010 --> 00:08:08,400

of work that go into designing that

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rocket and making sure the rocket is

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safe and testing it and modifying it and

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assembling it and verifying everything

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00:08:19,910 --> 00:08:18,240

is right and conducting all the

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different levels of testing that we do

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is such as the ground abort test or the

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in-flight abort test or capsule recovery

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00:08:31,670 --> 00:08:29,150

testing docking to the space station

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00:08:32,290 --> 00:08:31,680

doing simulations until we're blue in

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00:08:34,430 --> 00:08:32,300

the face

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00:08:36,350 --> 00:08:34,440

going through all the contingency

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00:08:38,150 --> 00:08:36,360

scenarios and developing all the

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00:08:42,050 --> 00:08:38,160

infrastructure to support it there is a

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00:08:44,470 --> 00:08:42,060

lot of work involved so many of us have

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00:08:46,580 --> 00:08:44,480

had a piece of that nobody can do it all

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00:08:48,500 --> 00:08:46,590

but many of us has had a piece of that

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00:08:50,720 --> 00:08:48,510

and this is where it's all finally

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00:08:53,990 --> 00:08:50,730

coming together it's going to gel and

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00:08:56,360 --> 00:08:54,000

we're terribly terribly excited about

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00:08:58,670 --> 00:08:56,370

this launch so so let me let me ask you

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00:09:02,000 --> 00:08:58,680

you mentioned contingency planning so

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00:09:04,520 --> 00:09:02,010

let's say for example you know you just

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00:09:07,810 --> 00:09:04,530

hit low Earth orbit and there's an issue

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00:09:10,640 --> 00:09:07,820

with the docking mechanism at the

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00:09:12,920 --> 00:09:10,650

International Space Station is there a

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00:09:15,650 --> 00:09:12,930

protocol for that is are there steps to

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00:09:18,560 --> 00:09:15,660

cover things things like that you knock

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00:09:20,660 --> 00:09:18,570

and the door won't open you know how to

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00:09:23,270 --> 00:09:20,670

what extent or detail is that

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00:09:26,110 --> 00:09:23,280

contingency planning done one of the

201  
00:09:29,090 --> 00:09:26,120  
things that NASA is famous for is

202  
00:09:30,680 --> 00:09:29,100  
contingency planning backups and backups

203  
00:09:32,810 --> 00:09:30,690  
and backups and what happened redundancy

204  
00:09:35,900 --> 00:09:32,820  
if that doesn't work then what and if

205  
00:09:37,940 --> 00:09:35,910  
that doesn't work then so as an agency

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00:09:40,310 --> 00:09:37,950  
NASA is terrific at going into all the

207  
00:09:42,110 --> 00:09:40,320  
deep contingency scenarios so for

208  
00:09:44,450 --> 00:09:42,120  
everything we can imagine along the way

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00:09:47,240 --> 00:09:44,460  
somebody's come up with a hey this could

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00:09:49,430 --> 00:09:47,250  
possibly go wrong scenario and so a team

211  
00:09:51,320 --> 00:09:49,440  
of people goes out and solves that

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00:09:52,700 --> 00:09:51,330  
problem well if this doesn't work we're

213  
00:09:55,910 --> 00:09:52,710

gonna do this and if that doesn't work

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00:09:57,500 --> 00:09:55,920

then we'll do Plan B or Plan C until we

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00:09:58,970 --> 00:09:57,510

come to the point where I guess we have

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00:10:01,250 --> 00:09:58,980

to come home because we can't do the

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00:10:04,370 --> 00:10:01,260

mission but everything along the way

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from emergencies starting at the pad to

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in-flight to docking problems too early

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00:10:13,370 --> 00:10:10,890

undocking problems to re-entry problems

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00:10:15,890 --> 00:10:13,380

all of those scenarios have been thought

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00:10:18,710 --> 00:10:15,900

through and measures have been put in

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00:10:20,510 --> 00:10:18,720

put in place to either prevent them from

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00:10:21,950 --> 00:10:20,520

happening in the first place we try to

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00:10:25,730 --> 00:10:21,960

correct it through engineering or

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00:10:28,190 --> 00:10:25,740

procedures or if they do happen how to

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00:10:30,350 --> 00:10:28,200

resolve them so there are lots of you

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00:10:32,690 --> 00:10:30,360

know for example if we if we can't talk

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00:10:33,830 --> 00:10:32,700

after several attempts and we change a

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00:10:36,200 --> 00:10:33,840

bunch of things and try out a slightly

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00:10:38,120 --> 00:10:36,210

different way each time if you can't if

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you can't doc then you will undock and

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00:10:42,290 --> 00:10:40,470

come back and we'll try to get another

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00:10:43,550 --> 00:10:42,300

time but all those procedures are built

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00:10:46,940 --> 00:10:43,560

in so that we don't have to make them up

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00:10:48,920 --> 00:10:46,950

on the fly and the team just whips out

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00:10:50,750 --> 00:10:48,930

the appropriate procedure runs through

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00:10:52,760 --> 00:10:50,760

it and it works pretty smoothly

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00:10:54,320 --> 00:10:52,770

understood thank you for that for that

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00:10:56,510 --> 00:10:54,330

explanation what else we have from the

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00:10:58,090 --> 00:10:56,520

from our viewers right now sure

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00:11:00,980 --> 00:10:58,100

I really like the way that you described

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00:11:02,600 --> 00:11:00,990

sort of this effort because it made it

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really clear that there's a big team and

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there's so many people who need to have

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expertise well so many different things

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and you joked about you know not being

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able to keep a job to me that sounded

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like you know there was a lot of things

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that needed to be done and you were able

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to fill a lot of roles do you have

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advice for people who want to be

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involved in the space industry

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particularly human spaceflight

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absolutely I kind of ended up out here

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by accident I I originally started out

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in the Navy I studied engineering

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because I wanted to do something science

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and I liked aviation in space I figured

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if I studied engineering I could work in

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aviation in space at some point I flew

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for the Navy for a while when I got out

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I wanted to work space so I applied and

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because I had the engineering background

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and I had some aviation background which

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is a similar field it was easy for me to

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get in the door I started with a

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contractor because NASA wasn't hiring

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when I first got here

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then I transitioned when an opportunity

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became available and I've been doing

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00:12:01,070 --> 00:11:57,030

that ever since

273

00:12:03,680 --> 00:12:01,080

and I've changed positions based on what

274

00:12:06,080 --> 00:12:03,690

the interesting thing is going on and

275

00:12:09,500 --> 00:12:06,090

there was no particular path to get to

276  
00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:09,510  
where I ended up we look for people who

277  
00:12:13,670 --> 00:12:12,000  
have varied experience so if you come in

278  
00:12:14,990 --> 00:12:13,680  
the door in whatever capacity you get in

279  
00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:15,000  
the door you know get your foot in the

280  
00:12:19,550 --> 00:12:17,760  
door that's the first thing once you're

281  
00:12:20,870 --> 00:12:19,560  
in the door before I lay that into

282  
00:12:22,370 --> 00:12:20,880  
something else get a little experience

283  
00:12:24,230 --> 00:12:22,380  
in one area and then find another

284  
00:12:26,150 --> 00:12:24,240  
related area where you can get some more

285  
00:12:29,090 --> 00:12:26,160  
experience and after a while you know

286  
00:12:30,590 --> 00:12:29,100  
things about engineering you know things

287  
00:12:32,810 --> 00:12:30,600  
about operations you know things about

288  
00:12:35,060 --> 00:12:32,820

working with crew you know things about

289

00:12:36,950 --> 00:12:35,070

health stabilization you know things

290

00:12:39,110 --> 00:12:36,960

about international relations with other

291

00:12:41,900 --> 00:12:39,120

partners and after a while you know a

292

00:12:44,980 --> 00:12:41,910

lot of things and it makes you a viable

293

00:12:47,030 --> 00:12:44,990

candidate for many positions out there

294

00:12:48,590 --> 00:12:47,040

absolutely amazing I think we maybe have

295

00:12:51,620 --> 00:12:48,600

what time for one more question if time

296

00:12:53,780 --> 00:12:51,630

for Steve sure I'll try to come by in a

297

00:12:55,760 --> 00:12:53,790

couple of them so some people are asking

298

00:12:57,800 --> 00:12:55,770

about you know if you know contingency

299

00:12:58,610 --> 00:12:57,810

if things don't go well tomorrow I know

300

00:13:00,440 --> 00:12:58,620

you know the weather hasn't necessarily

301

00:13:02,660 --> 00:13:00,450

been great out here for the past few

302

00:13:05,420 --> 00:13:02,670

days what does the launch period look

303

00:13:07,460 --> 00:13:05,430

like for you know other attempts and in

304

00:13:09,710 --> 00:13:07,470

general what is the cadence supposed to

305

00:13:09,960 --> 00:13:09,720

be like for future launches after this

306

00:13:13,499 --> 00:13:09,970

one

307

00:13:16,529 --> 00:13:13,509

okay tomorrow we're supposed to launch

308

00:13:17,819 --> 00:13:16,539

at about 4:30 3:00 Eastern Time and the

309

00:13:19,499 --> 00:13:17,829

weather is probably our biggest

310

00:13:20,669 --> 00:13:19,509

constraint at the moment constraint

311

00:13:23,039 --> 00:13:20,679

being the things that keep you from

312

00:13:25,679 --> 00:13:23,049

launching just yesterday it was

313

00:13:27,119 --> 00:13:25,689

atrocious weather it poured all day long

314

00:13:28,319 --> 00:13:27,129

today it's getting a little better I

315

00:13:30,359 --> 00:13:28,329

understand tomorrow it's gonna be a

316

00:13:33,960 --> 00:13:30,369

little better we're looking I believe at

317

00:13:35,819 --> 00:13:33,970

a 60% go which is really pretty good

318

00:13:38,849 --> 00:13:35,829

odds we have launched with as little as

319

00:13:40,169 --> 00:13:38,859

10 or 20 in previous in the shuttle

320

00:13:42,539 --> 00:13:40,179

program we launched with less than that

321

00:13:44,579 --> 00:13:42,549

it all depends on whether you find a

322

00:13:47,159 --> 00:13:44,589

hole in the weather that happens to

323

00:13:49,079 --> 00:13:47,169

coincide with your launch window if your

324

00:13:51,059 --> 00:13:49,089

launch window is at 4:33 and you have a

325

00:13:52,919 --> 00:13:51,069

little bit of a gap between just before

326

00:13:56,069 --> 00:13:52,929

and just after where the sky clears up

327

00:13:57,569 --> 00:13:56,079

and everything lines up you can go even

328

00:14:01,259 --> 00:13:57,579

if it's raining to one side or the other

329

00:14:04,919 --> 00:14:01,269

you can go so 60% goes good odds and

330

00:14:07,289 --> 00:14:04,929

I'll take those any day it was the rest

331

00:14:08,669 --> 00:14:07,299

of your question late launch cadence so

332

00:14:09,539 --> 00:14:08,679

how many times are we gonna be launching

333

00:14:13,439 --> 00:14:09,549

you okay

334

00:14:15,689 --> 00:14:13,449

we're looking at keeping space station

335

00:14:18,359 --> 00:14:15,699

crew missions are about 180 days apart

336

00:14:21,059 --> 00:14:18,369

so in theory we'll have a mission going

337

00:14:25,049 --> 00:14:21,069

out there approximately every 180 days

338

00:14:26,909 --> 00:14:25,059

with crew to rotate crews out if we get

339

00:14:29,399 --> 00:14:26,919

to a point where we have enough vehicles

340

00:14:31,109 --> 00:14:29,409

and enough capability we maybe choose to

341

00:14:34,799 --> 00:14:31,119

put more people up there and it will

342

00:14:37,019 --> 00:14:34,809

require more missions obviously if the

343

00:14:40,049 --> 00:14:37,029

providers once they're certified choose

344

00:14:42,210 --> 00:14:40,059

to take passengers up to do science on

345

00:14:45,119 --> 00:14:42,220

space station for example then they

346

00:14:47,429 --> 00:14:45,129

might go more often so that it's at

347

00:14:50,999 --> 00:14:47,439

least every six months but perhaps even

348

00:14:52,949 --> 00:14:51,009

more often our next mission after this

349

00:14:56,399 --> 00:14:52,959

one is going to be the crew one post

350

00:14:58,409 --> 00:14:56,409

post certification mission which means

351  
00:14:59,639 --> 00:14:58,419  
that after this demonstration mission if

352  
00:15:01,139 --> 00:14:59,649  
everything goes well and once we've

353  
00:15:02,939 --> 00:15:01,149  
resolved anything we find because you

354  
00:15:05,699 --> 00:15:02,949  
always find something once that's all

355  
00:15:10,109 --> 00:15:05,709  
resolved and we launched that first crew

356  
00:15:12,449 --> 00:15:10,119  
mission they are an FAA regulated

357  
00:15:16,049 --> 00:15:12,459  
commercial entity that can launch people

358  
00:15:18,329 --> 00:15:16,059  
into space so the cadence depends on how

359  
00:15:20,460 --> 00:15:18,339  
often they choose to launch and how

360  
00:15:22,990 --> 00:15:20,470  
often we need them we may need to swap

361  
00:15:25,270 --> 00:15:23,000  
them out sooner it depends

362  
00:15:26,920 --> 00:15:25,280  
once we get our both of our commercial

363  
00:15:28,680 --> 00:15:26,930

partners online and we start going back

364

00:15:29,830 --> 00:15:28,690

and forth it'll work out nicely I think

365

00:15:31,090 --> 00:15:29,840

gotcha

366

00:15:34,120 --> 00:15:31,100

and Steven what would you say is the

367

00:15:36,430 --> 00:15:34,130

most exciting part you know as we get

368

00:15:38,790 --> 00:15:36,440

ready to for the launch tomorrow is the

369

00:15:43,420 --> 00:15:38,800

best it's going to be the best day it's

370

00:15:45,100 --> 00:15:43,430

from the time the crew wakes up and gets

371

00:15:47,440 --> 00:15:45,110

their breakfast and does their press

372

00:15:50,140 --> 00:15:47,450

conference and all that they go suit up

373

00:15:51,910 --> 00:15:50,150

they put on their suits obviously the

374

00:15:53,350 --> 00:15:51,920

the the the tension Rises because

375

00:15:55,140 --> 00:15:53,360

everybody's starting to get excited

376  
00:16:00,100 --> 00:15:55,150  
we're waiting for everything to happen

377  
00:16:02,980 --> 00:16:00,110  
and really it hits us when we're about

378  
00:16:06,780 --> 00:16:02,990  
to walk out of crew quarters when the

379  
00:16:10,180 --> 00:16:06,790  
team is ready and they walk out of the

380  
00:16:11,620 --> 00:16:10,190  
historic door at crew quarters and wave

381  
00:16:13,300 --> 00:16:11,630  
at the crowds and get into their

382  
00:16:16,600 --> 00:16:13,310  
transport vehicles to be taken to the

383  
00:16:18,730 --> 00:16:16,610  
pad that's really gonna signal the dawn

384  
00:16:21,520 --> 00:16:18,740  
of a new era and space travel you know

385  
00:16:23,920 --> 00:16:21,530  
speaking of those doors folks why don't

386  
00:16:25,750 --> 00:16:23,930  
we take a quick look at how it really

387  
00:16:36,610 --> 00:16:25,760  
happens and what it feels like walking

388  
00:16:41,540 --> 00:16:39,410

that's Neil Armstrong Buzz Aldrin and

389

00:16:42,889 --> 00:16:41,550

then Ronnie Mike Collins now boarding

390

00:16:45,590 --> 00:16:42,899

the transfer van

391

00:16:49,710 --> 00:16:45,600

brother trip to the lunch Lasha here our

392

00:16:55,760 --> 00:16:52,410

very historical walkway it's the same

393

00:17:08,790 --> 00:16:58,510

now the planning from their two quarters

394

00:17:13,940 --> 00:17:10,300

[Music]

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00:17:16,340 --> 00:17:13,950

now if that's not exciting I don't know

396

00:17:18,410 --> 00:17:16,350

what is all right so hopefully you guys

397

00:17:19,699 --> 00:17:18,420

got a good feel for what it feels like

398

00:17:21,620 --> 00:17:19,709

when those astronauts walked through the

399

00:17:24,140 --> 00:17:21,630

door and they're about to get strapped

400

00:17:24,500 --> 00:17:24,150

into that capsule and take off the

401  
00:17:26,420 --> 00:17:24,510  
launch

402  
00:17:28,760 --> 00:17:26,430  
all right so Steve thank you so much for

403  
00:17:30,590 --> 00:17:28,770  
everything that you provided us and now

404  
00:17:33,620 --> 00:17:30,600  
we have a second special guest with us

405  
00:17:35,270 --> 00:17:33,630  
we have the deputy program manager of

406  
00:17:40,100 --> 00:17:35,280  
the Commercial Crew program Dana

407  
00:17:42,410 --> 00:17:40,110  
Hutchinson how you doing today Dana we

408  
00:17:44,240 --> 00:17:42,420  
are so honored to have you and then of

409  
00:17:45,620 --> 00:17:44,250  
course the same thing guys on what we're

410  
00:17:47,210 --> 00:17:45,630  
gonna do is we're gonna get to know a

411  
00:17:49,580 --> 00:17:47,220  
little bit about Dana and it wouldn't

412  
00:17:51,620 --> 00:17:49,590  
we're gonna field your questions to ask

413  
00:17:53,390 --> 00:17:51,630

her so you guys can get educated about

414

00:17:54,500 --> 00:17:53,400

what we have going on here so Dennis can

415

00:17:56,180 --> 00:17:54,510

you please tell us a little bit about

416

00:17:58,670 --> 00:17:56,190

yourself okay thanks

417

00:18:00,050 --> 00:17:58,680

I appreciate you having me here so my

418

00:18:02,420 --> 00:18:00,060

name is Dana Hutcherson deputy program

419

00:18:03,740 --> 00:18:02,430

manager what I've been doing for the

420

00:18:04,970 --> 00:18:03,750

last ten years is working with

421

00:18:07,280 --> 00:18:04,980

Commercial Crew programs I've been

422

00:18:09,920 --> 00:18:07,290

working with this fabulous team of

423

00:18:12,590 --> 00:18:09,930

engineers of technicians everyone even

424

00:18:15,710 --> 00:18:12,600

our commercial partner SpaceX to make

425

00:18:18,410 --> 00:18:15,720

sure that we can get these astronauts to

426  
00:18:19,730 --> 00:18:18,420  
launch from American soil on American

427  
00:18:23,090 --> 00:18:19,740  
Rockets back up to the International

428  
00:18:25,130 --> 00:18:23,100  
Space Station so what I do in a daily

429  
00:18:27,740 --> 00:18:25,140  
life is work with our program manager

430  
00:18:29,540 --> 00:18:27,750  
with Cathy leaders another deputy Steve

431  
00:18:30,860 --> 00:18:29,550  
stich and we kind of work together to

432  
00:18:32,690 --> 00:18:30,870  
make sure that we're covering the

433  
00:18:35,030 --> 00:18:32,700  
waterfront on managing the program

434  
00:18:37,310 --> 00:18:35,040  
activities on a daily basis more

435  
00:18:41,300 --> 00:18:37,320  
recently we've been dealing with the

436  
00:18:42,950 --> 00:18:41,310  
Kovan scenario so essential work and

437  
00:18:44,150 --> 00:18:42,960  
kind of focusing on making sure that

438  
00:18:47,120 --> 00:18:44,160

we're doing the right things and

439

00:18:50,480 --> 00:18:47,130

protecting our people as well Wow now

440

00:18:52,970 --> 00:18:50,490

that that has to weigh heavy having to

441

00:18:55,310 --> 00:18:52,980

manage you know getting everything ready

442

00:18:58,100 --> 00:18:55,320

and dealing with the kovat situation at

443

00:19:00,260 --> 00:18:58,110

the same time but somehow somehow we're

444

00:19:02,420 --> 00:19:00,270

NASA and we will prevail right and

445

00:19:05,480 --> 00:19:02,430

that's that's what's important so I'm

446

00:19:07,250 --> 00:19:05,490

fantastic so it's great intro so now

447

00:19:09,260 --> 00:19:07,260

what we want to do is make sure everyone

448

00:19:10,460 --> 00:19:09,270

has an opportunity as to ask questions

449

00:19:12,260 --> 00:19:10,470

so we're gonna go right into the

450

00:19:13,850 --> 00:19:12,270

questions from our viewers and let's see

451  
00:19:15,080 --> 00:19:13,860  
what they what they want to know of

452  
00:19:17,540 --> 00:19:15,090  
course you already have some great

453  
00:19:19,130 --> 00:19:17,550  
questions so can you give us a little

454  
00:19:21,230 --> 00:19:19,140  
bit of background about the Commercial

455  
00:19:22,370 --> 00:19:21,240  
Crew program and how we got started and

456  
00:19:23,660 --> 00:19:22,380  
maybe

457  
00:19:24,890 --> 00:19:23,670  
how it related to the end of the shuttle

458  
00:19:26,600 --> 00:19:24,900  
program because he said you didn't

459  
00:19:29,120 --> 00:19:26,610  
you're working for about ten years so

460  
00:19:30,560 --> 00:19:29,130  
that kind of overlaps with you know the

461  
00:19:32,810 --> 00:19:30,570  
nine years since the last shuttle flight

462  
00:19:34,910 --> 00:19:32,820  
so maybe give people some perspective on

463  
00:19:38,270 --> 00:19:34,920

and how things molded from the shuttle

464

00:19:40,430 --> 00:19:38,280

program into Commercial Crew right so as

465

00:19:42,170 --> 00:19:40,440

I said I worked I've been working with

466

00:19:44,060 --> 00:19:42,180

course worker program for almost ten

467

00:19:45,980 --> 00:19:44,070

years about nine years ish since we

468

00:19:49,220 --> 00:19:45,990

first started the program so I actually

469

00:19:51,530 --> 00:19:49,230

worked on endeavour before for the last

470

00:19:53,150 --> 00:19:51,540

Endeavour flight and then once we landed

471

00:19:54,980 --> 00:19:53,160

I was fully committed to working on

472

00:19:56,810 --> 00:19:54,990

Commercial Crew program so at the time

473

00:19:59,210 --> 00:19:56,820

we started off with the Space Act

474

00:20:01,340 --> 00:19:59,220

agreements with multiple partners and we

475

00:20:03,830 --> 00:20:01,350

started working with these with these

476  
00:20:06,230 --> 00:20:03,840  
designs of these that these providers

477  
00:20:07,880 --> 00:20:06,240  
had and trying to work with them about

478  
00:20:10,030 --> 00:20:07,890  
historically what we've learned through

479  
00:20:13,340 --> 00:20:10,040  
human spaceflight and helping them to

480  
00:20:15,170 --> 00:20:13,350  
hone in on their designs and through the

481  
00:20:17,690 --> 00:20:15,180  
years working with these various

482  
00:20:20,090 --> 00:20:17,700  
providers we've actually got to the

483  
00:20:23,210 --> 00:20:20,100  
contract phase of it we're about five

484  
00:20:25,520 --> 00:20:23,220  
five years ago and now we're here and

485  
00:20:28,220 --> 00:20:25,530  
this test and these test flights were

486  
00:20:30,950 --> 00:20:28,230  
still in the test flight stage of our

487  
00:20:32,780 --> 00:20:30,960  
program but we're at the the phase now

488  
00:20:34,940 --> 00:20:32,790

where we're launching humans which is

489

00:20:35,930 --> 00:20:34,950

the most exciting part right we want to

490

00:20:38,150 --> 00:20:35,940

make sure that weird we've done

491

00:20:39,560 --> 00:20:38,160

everything correctly so a lot for the

492

00:20:42,590 --> 00:20:39,570

last so many years of making sure that

493

00:20:44,300 --> 00:20:42,600

we are checking all of the boxes

494

00:20:46,340 --> 00:20:44,310

correctly looking over everything and

495

00:20:48,380 --> 00:20:46,350

making sure that we're good to go as a

496

00:20:49,910 --> 00:20:48,390

whole community and we've been sitting

497

00:20:52,790 --> 00:20:49,920

through reviews in the last several

498

00:20:54,350 --> 00:20:52,800

weeks kovat spacing as well you know

499

00:20:56,060 --> 00:20:54,360

we've been sitting six feet apart but

500

00:20:58,850 --> 00:20:56,070

we've been sitting in these reviews with

501  
00:21:01,370 --> 00:20:58,860  
teams of people both on the SpaceX side

502  
00:21:04,010 --> 00:21:01,380  
and NASA and working through all of the

503  
00:21:05,750 --> 00:21:04,020  
have we've done the right thing as far

504  
00:21:07,610 --> 00:21:05,760  
as reviewing all of the data have we

505  
00:21:10,670 --> 00:21:07,620  
missed anything so we've been really

506  
00:21:12,260 --> 00:21:10,680  
making sure that we are looking at

507  
00:21:13,880 --> 00:21:12,270  
everything and that the whole team is

508  
00:21:16,250 --> 00:21:13,890  
comfortable we've had this you know we

509  
00:21:18,860 --> 00:21:16,260  
do have our program is spread across the

510  
00:21:21,020 --> 00:21:18,870  
whole nation so we do have various

511  
00:21:23,600 --> 00:21:21,030  
centers working together we've learned

512  
00:21:26,180 --> 00:21:23,610  
too while we always work virtually as a

513  
00:21:28,730 --> 00:21:26,190

program anyway we've learned to deal

514

00:21:30,950 --> 00:21:28,740

with the extra virtual aspect of the

515

00:21:32,550 --> 00:21:30,960

episode so do the astronauts have to be

516

00:21:38,140 --> 00:21:32,560

six feet apart inside the capsule

517

00:21:44,120 --> 00:21:41,180

very very very good now you know from

518

00:21:46,160 --> 00:21:44,130

your level being that you're the deputy

519

00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:46,170

program manager this is going to be the

520

00:21:52,340 --> 00:21:50,010

first flight where is this headed do do

521

00:21:55,030 --> 00:21:52,350

we see is is this like when airports

522

00:21:57,590 --> 00:21:55,040

first began where you had you had a

523

00:21:58,970 --> 00:21:57,600

plane that flew off and it worked and

524

00:22:00,830 --> 00:21:58,980

then so next thing you know they're

525

00:22:03,230 --> 00:22:00,840

building a bunch of planes and then now

526

00:22:06,550 --> 00:22:03,240

we have an airport where do you see this

527

00:22:09,050 --> 00:22:06,560

going you know I think that's what we

528

00:22:11,870 --> 00:22:09,060

when we used to have the shuttle program

529

00:22:13,520 --> 00:22:11,880

and it was a big NASA entity and now

530

00:22:15,140 --> 00:22:13,530

we're working with these private

531

00:22:17,000 --> 00:22:15,150

companies and work in this commercial

532

00:22:19,040 --> 00:22:17,010

aspect that we hope that this opens the

533

00:22:21,950 --> 00:22:19,050

door to being able to have more

534

00:22:23,540 --> 00:22:21,960

commercial space and it's it's already

535

00:22:26,030 --> 00:22:23,550

you know looking at opening the door for

536

00:22:28,730 --> 00:22:26,040

other types of commercial space travel

537

00:22:31,280 --> 00:22:28,740

too so that was our hope in this program

538

00:22:32,990 --> 00:22:31,290

is to pull a team together of experts

539

00:22:35,210 --> 00:22:33,000

that have worked with human space flight

540

00:22:36,920 --> 00:22:35,220

that have worked with the design of some

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00:22:38,960 --> 00:22:36,930

of these rockets that are already flying

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00:22:41,090 --> 00:22:38,970

commercially and flying payloads

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00:22:42,920 --> 00:22:41,100

commercially so we're trying to work

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00:22:44,900 --> 00:22:42,930

with all these experts to try to make

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00:22:46,940 --> 00:22:44,910

sure that you know let's open the door

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00:22:49,130 --> 00:22:46,950

so that other private companies other

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00:22:50,690 --> 00:22:49,140

commercial aspects can go out and do

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00:22:53,480 --> 00:22:50,700

this as well we hope that that's the

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00:22:55,610 --> 00:22:53,490

vision is that to see one day everybody

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00:23:00,620 --> 00:22:55,620

you could go up into space and foil no

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00:23:02,510 --> 00:23:00,630

I'm okay I would totally take a trip up

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00:23:04,160 --> 00:23:02,520

to up to space I don't know that I would

553

00:23:06,140 --> 00:23:04,170

want to stay up there for six months but

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00:23:09,170 --> 00:23:06,150

maybe a couple times around the earth

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00:23:11,240 --> 00:23:09,180

and and it just bring me back home what

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00:23:13,280 --> 00:23:11,250

else we have from our viewers there that

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00:23:15,320 --> 00:23:13,290

was a great question about you know sort

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00:23:16,640 --> 00:23:15,330

of the airport analogy especially since

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00:23:18,260 --> 00:23:16,650

Kennedy Space Center you know we're the

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00:23:20,030 --> 00:23:18,270

multi-user spaceport cuz we're already

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00:23:21,920 --> 00:23:20,040

seeing that happen in terms of

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00:23:23,360 --> 00:23:21,930

spacecraft from a lot of different

563

00:23:25,700 --> 00:23:23,370

places and you know a lot of different

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00:23:27,710 --> 00:23:25,710

launch vehicle companies you know

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00:23:29,360 --> 00:23:27,720

growing up and then using some of these

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00:23:31,760 --> 00:23:29,370

pads that have been historically you

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00:23:33,410 --> 00:23:31,770

know NASA and government only so it's

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00:23:35,750 --> 00:23:33,420

awesome to see that translating into a

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00:23:39,080 --> 00:23:35,760

human spaceflight as well so so I

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00:23:41,780 --> 00:23:39,090

appreciate that perspective so more dm2

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00:23:43,310 --> 00:23:41,790

specific it seems like there was a lot

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00:23:44,130 --> 00:23:43,320

of intentionality you know over the last

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00:23:45,810 --> 00:23:44,140

ten years

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00:23:47,880 --> 00:23:45,820

you know the decisions that NASA was

575

00:23:49,890 --> 00:23:47,890

making working with these companies are

576

00:23:51,990 --> 00:23:49,900

you familiar with why these two

577

00:23:53,700 --> 00:23:52,000

astronauts were chosen for this mission

578

00:23:54,900 --> 00:23:53,710

and you know have they flown on previous

579

00:23:56,760 --> 00:23:54,910

missions or is this gonna be their first

580

00:23:59,310 --> 00:23:56,770

time flying in space you know I'm not

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00:24:01,590 --> 00:23:59,320

I'm familiar with the whole the details

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00:24:04,440 --> 00:24:01,600

of how they actually specifically chose

583

00:24:06,720 --> 00:24:04,450

these two but they both have flown they

584

00:24:09,540 --> 00:24:06,730

have flown on the shuttle flights as

585

00:24:11,310 --> 00:24:09,550

well so actually I think is it Doug

586

00:24:14,370 --> 00:24:11,320

Hurley that flew on the last shuttle

587

00:24:17,150 --> 00:24:14,380

mission so you know they've had the

588

00:24:19,500 --> 00:24:17,160

experience of human space flight so they

589

00:24:22,020 --> 00:24:19,510

understand the aspects they're not new

590

00:24:25,140 --> 00:24:22,030

to human space flights and I think they

591

00:24:27,300 --> 00:24:25,150

and once again also they are a part of

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00:24:29,790 --> 00:24:27,310

our team they have been a part of our

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00:24:32,250 --> 00:24:29,800

team for years where they follow along

594

00:24:34,200 --> 00:24:32,260

all of the development all the design

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00:24:36,810 --> 00:24:34,210

reviews that we go through as a program

596

00:24:40,530 --> 00:24:36,820

with these with these vehicles so they

597

00:24:42,780 --> 00:24:40,540

are watching it along they are being

598

00:24:45,750 --> 00:24:42,790

able to go into the vehicle go out to

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00:24:47,100 --> 00:24:45,760

the actually in SpaceX Hathor and

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00:24:49,470 --> 00:24:47,110

they're actually going out there and

601  
00:24:52,770 --> 00:24:49,480  
talking with the designers and working

602  
00:24:54,480 --> 00:24:52,780  
with them to help them you know to hone

603  
00:24:56,640 --> 00:24:54,490  
in on their design so that they can have

604  
00:24:59,370 --> 00:24:56,650  
it fit for the astronaut so they've been

605  
00:25:02,160 --> 00:24:59,380  
able to use their expertise and and help

606  
00:25:03,630 --> 00:25:02,170  
these aged these designs so you've put

607  
00:25:06,060 --> 00:25:03,640  
you know you and your team have put a

608  
00:25:08,430 --> 00:25:06,070  
lot of work into it all of it and it's

609  
00:25:10,110 --> 00:25:08,440  
all coming together tomorrow afternoon

610  
00:25:12,360 --> 00:25:10,120  
as we get ready to launch these

611  
00:25:14,430 --> 00:25:12,370  
astronauts not these astronauts up into

612  
00:25:17,640 --> 00:25:14,440  
space is there anything making you

613  
00:25:19,740 --> 00:25:17,650

nervous you know I think all of us have

614

00:25:23,580 --> 00:25:19,750

a little bit of that anxiety you know

615

00:25:24,810 --> 00:25:23,590

and until I think for me for a number of

616

00:25:27,750 --> 00:25:24,820

us we're gonna have a little bit of

617

00:25:30,000 --> 00:25:27,760

anxiety until we get Bob and Doug safely

618

00:25:31,650 --> 00:25:30,010

on the ground again I think you know for

619

00:25:33,060 --> 00:25:31,660

it's it's gonna be a little bit of a

620

00:25:36,180 --> 00:25:33,070

longer mission so we're gonna make sure

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00:25:37,950 --> 00:25:36,190

that we're focused on what's happening

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00:25:40,770 --> 00:25:37,960

and focusing on all of the details

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00:25:43,980 --> 00:25:40,780

throughout the whole mission so you know

624

00:25:46,080 --> 00:25:43,990

we're all a little bit anxious excited

625

00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:46,090

too I mean you know just talking with my

626  
00:25:50,640 --> 00:25:48,010  
neighbors and my friends and my family

627  
00:25:52,350 --> 00:25:50,650  
and and they're kind of they're like oh

628  
00:25:52,659 --> 00:25:52,360  
we're gonna get to see this again you

629  
00:25:56,109 --> 00:25:52,669  
know

630  
00:25:59,259 --> 00:25:56,119  
the astronauts launching back from the

631  
00:26:00,580 --> 00:25:59,269  
US and in our local area so I think you

632  
00:26:02,080 --> 00:26:00,590  
know it's just exciting to be able to

633  
00:26:04,840 --> 00:26:02,090  
share that some of those moments and

634  
00:26:07,869 --> 00:26:04,850  
with the community and with with our

635  
00:26:09,099 --> 00:26:07,879  
folks so you talked about you know

636  
00:26:10,930 --> 00:26:09,109  
getting them into space and then also

637  
00:26:13,210 --> 00:26:10,940  
bringing them back okay and you also

638  
00:26:14,859 --> 00:26:13,220

mentioned earlier about how you know the

639

00:26:16,810 --> 00:26:14,869

Commercial Crew program is you know

640

00:26:19,119 --> 00:26:16,820

spread across different states you have

641

00:26:20,139 --> 00:26:19,129

people at Johnson and Houston and I'm

642

00:26:22,359 --> 00:26:20,149

sure in other places

643

00:26:24,669 --> 00:26:22,369

can you talk about how that sort of

644

00:26:27,070 --> 00:26:24,679

functions how you all are involved from

645

00:26:29,440 --> 00:26:27,080

launch through return and how it's not

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00:26:32,529 --> 00:26:29,450

just it's not just the launch tomorrow

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00:26:33,759 --> 00:26:32,539

that you're involved in right so you

648

00:26:35,799 --> 00:26:33,769

know we're following at Mission Control

649

00:26:38,529 --> 00:26:35,809

out in Houston during the whole mission

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00:26:40,810 --> 00:26:38,539

as well you know side by side with

651

00:26:44,619 --> 00:26:40,820

SpaceX is there watch watching the

652

00:26:45,700 --> 00:26:44,629

vehicle so we're just as any vehicle is

653

00:26:47,379 --> 00:26:45,710

docked to the International Space

654

00:26:49,330 --> 00:26:47,389

Station we're gonna be following along

655

00:26:51,279 --> 00:26:49,340

any of the things that go they're gonna

656

00:26:53,379 --> 00:26:51,289

go in and regularly check the vehicle

657

00:26:55,269 --> 00:26:53,389

make sure that things are you know

658

00:26:57,489 --> 00:26:55,279

functioning they're going to we're gonna

659

00:26:59,409 --> 00:26:57,499

be looking at weather patterns you know

660

00:27:00,310 --> 00:26:59,419

for landing we're gonna be there's a lot

661

00:27:02,739 --> 00:27:00,320

of things that we're going to be doing

662

00:27:04,840 --> 00:27:02,749

not only to prepare for the next

663

00:27:07,629 --> 00:27:04,850

missions that are coming up but also

664

00:27:09,430 --> 00:27:07,639

following along the mission itself so

665

00:27:12,729 --> 00:27:09,440

and you mentioned you know we do have

666

00:27:14,289 --> 00:27:12,739

folks out it at Marshall specifically to

667

00:27:17,200 --> 00:27:14,299

looking they'll be looking at the post

668

00:27:19,180 --> 00:27:17,210

flight data after launch will be the

669

00:27:20,769 --> 00:27:19,190

whole team are gonna you know following

670

00:27:22,389 --> 00:27:20,779

along after we launch it's not just

671

00:27:25,060 --> 00:27:22,399

launched and then docking and then hatch

672

00:27:27,369 --> 00:27:25,070

opening which is very exciting we're

673

00:27:29,229 --> 00:27:27,379

going to make sure that we follow along

674

00:27:31,479 --> 00:27:29,239

all of the post flight reports look for

675

00:27:33,669 --> 00:27:31,489

anything that has anything we can do

676  
00:27:35,799 --> 00:27:33,679  
better next time lessons learned and

677  
00:27:38,320 --> 00:27:35,809  
yeah so we're gonna be trying to do that

678  
00:27:40,479 --> 00:27:38,330  
in phases and and as we're developing

679  
00:27:43,149 --> 00:27:40,489  
the next vehicles in line to they're in

680  
00:27:45,369 --> 00:27:43,159  
production as well now is it is it the

681  
00:27:48,489 --> 00:27:45,379  
intent of the Commercial Crew program to

682  
00:27:51,190 --> 00:27:48,499  
start inviting other commercial entities

683  
00:27:54,489 --> 00:27:51,200  
into into the game you know so right now

684  
00:27:57,999 --> 00:27:54,499  
you work with SpaceX and Boeing correct

685  
00:27:59,830 --> 00:27:58,009  
and is is are there any other contenders

686  
00:28:06,370 --> 00:27:59,840  
if you will that are that are looking to

687  
00:28:07,900 --> 00:28:06,380  
be part of this this era of space flight

688  
00:28:11,590 --> 00:28:07,910

now we're working with Boeing and SpaceX

689

00:28:13,120 --> 00:28:11,600

you know to transport our American

690

00:28:14,290 --> 00:28:13,130

astronauts back up to the International

691

00:28:16,450 --> 00:28:14,300

Space Station I think that's our

692

00:28:18,610 --> 00:28:16,460

pressing need right now is to make sure

693

00:28:20,140 --> 00:28:18,620

that we have that presence that US

694

00:28:22,510 --> 00:28:20,150

presence on the international space

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00:28:24,730 --> 00:28:22,520

nation so we're working right now really

696

00:28:26,860 --> 00:28:24,740

closely with SpaceX and Boeing and

697

00:28:28,750 --> 00:28:26,870

trying to to keep that presence and as

698

00:28:30,280 --> 00:28:28,760

Steve talked about a little bit early

699

00:28:32,320 --> 00:28:30,290

about getting in that cadence

700

00:28:34,960 --> 00:28:32,330

operational cadence of having those

701  
00:28:37,900 --> 00:28:34,970  
operational missions and be able to keep

702  
00:28:40,540 --> 00:28:37,910  
the ISS with that US presence that that

703  
00:28:43,600 --> 00:28:40,550  
we want to make sure we keep very good

704  
00:28:46,120 --> 00:28:43,610  
now so you are obviously very keen on on

705  
00:28:47,920 --> 00:28:46,130  
being able to it's almost like starting

706  
00:28:51,330 --> 00:28:47,930  
the shuttle program all over again

707  
00:28:53,590 --> 00:28:51,340  
if you will what would you say to folks

708  
00:28:55,900 --> 00:28:53,600  
young folks there's some people in our

709  
00:28:58,750 --> 00:28:55,910  
now audience who are interested in being

710  
00:28:59,860 --> 00:28:58,760  
part of of NASA and what they do what

711  
00:29:01,930 --> 00:28:59,870  
would you tell them what would you say

712  
00:29:05,770 --> 00:29:01,940  
to our audience right now you know I

713  
00:29:07,330 --> 00:29:05,780

always use one word persistence and I

714

00:29:09,670 --> 00:29:07,340

kind of go back to it's in my history

715

00:29:13,750 --> 00:29:09,680

and my mother's a teacher so I'm

716

00:29:15,430 --> 00:29:13,760

approved to say this but you know I love

717

00:29:17,110 --> 00:29:15,440

science and math and I love those

718

00:29:20,350 --> 00:29:17,120

subjects that get you into engineering

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00:29:23,050 --> 00:29:20,360

school but you know I wasn't always the

720

00:29:26,110 --> 00:29:23,060

the top of the class every time you know

721

00:29:28,240 --> 00:29:26,120

but I was super persistent and my

722

00:29:30,040 --> 00:29:28,250

brother showed me how to launch Rutan

723

00:29:32,140 --> 00:29:30,050

model rockets when I was a kid you know

724

00:29:34,420 --> 00:29:32,150

I would kind of got interested in the

725

00:29:36,460 --> 00:29:34,430

space program I always thought he was

726

00:29:39,130 --> 00:29:36,470

gonna go to space program but you know I

727

00:29:40,240 --> 00:29:39,140

I was persistent I went into engineering

728

00:29:42,490 --> 00:29:40,250

school and then I said you know what I

729

00:29:45,040 --> 00:29:42,500

want to go and work at the Space Center

730

00:29:48,160 --> 00:29:45,050

and it took a couple of calls you know

731

00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:48,170

it callbacks and try to to get there but

732

00:29:52,210 --> 00:29:50,210

as Steve also mentioned once you get

733

00:29:54,910 --> 00:29:52,220

your foot in the door man I was I was

734

00:29:56,350 --> 00:29:54,920

excited about being able to work on the

735

00:29:58,120 --> 00:29:56,360

space shuttle started working on the

736

00:30:01,510 --> 00:29:58,130

space shuttles and just doing everything

737

00:30:02,980 --> 00:30:01,520

I could to learn about this about this

738

00:30:05,530 --> 00:30:02,990

vehicle and then move into different

739

00:30:08,500 --> 00:30:05,540

areas I started off in engineering on

740

00:30:10,240 --> 00:30:08,510

the working on tiles what you see on the

741

00:30:12,040 --> 00:30:10,250

on the on the bottom of the Space

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00:30:14,290 --> 00:30:12,050

Shuttle so I started off in tile

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00:30:16,960 --> 00:30:14,300

engineering and then I've moved into

744

00:30:19,000 --> 00:30:16,970

operations and you know just like I said

745

00:30:19,640 --> 00:30:19,010

being persistent and what I wanted to do

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00:30:22,310 --> 00:30:19,650

and keep

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00:30:24,080 --> 00:30:22,320

having those goals you don't always have

748

00:30:26,210 --> 00:30:24,090

to be the the best in your class but

749

00:30:28,010 --> 00:30:26,220

just keep working for what you want it's

750

00:30:30,050 --> 00:30:28,020

amazing you know this is perfectly in

751  
00:30:32,870 --> 00:30:30,060  
line with some of what the other leaders

752  
00:30:35,300 --> 00:30:32,880  
that we've had here say that there is no

753  
00:30:37,430 --> 00:30:35,310  
straight line you know you go your path

754  
00:30:40,250 --> 00:30:37,440  
is your path and you'll find that like

755  
00:30:42,830 --> 00:30:40,260  
everybody has a story as to what they

756  
00:30:44,660 --> 00:30:42,840  
did and how long they did it for it who

757  
00:30:46,700 --> 00:30:44,670  
they work for and the things they got to

758  
00:30:48,770 --> 00:30:46,710  
experience to take them to where they

759  
00:30:51,950 --> 00:30:48,780  
are they are today so it's always fun

760  
00:30:53,720 --> 00:30:51,960  
and interesting seeing how many of the

761  
00:30:55,340 --> 00:30:53,730  
different leaders across NASA have

762  
00:30:57,620 --> 00:30:55,350  
gotten to the place where they are and

763  
00:30:59,930 --> 00:30:57,630

obviously doing some phenomenal things

764

00:31:01,640 --> 00:30:59,940

because without your leadership we

765

00:31:07,820 --> 00:31:01,650

couldn't be we wouldn't be able to do

766

00:31:09,500 --> 00:31:07,830

these things today coming from online

767

00:31:12,260 --> 00:31:09,510

what's your favorite part about working

768

00:31:16,400 --> 00:31:12,270

in the Commercial Crew program you know

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00:31:18,730 --> 00:31:16,410

I have to say it's our team we have an

770

00:31:22,370 --> 00:31:18,740

outstanding team being able to work with

771

00:31:23,570 --> 00:31:22,380

people from all over the agency being

772

00:31:26,210 --> 00:31:23,580

able to work with these commercial

773

00:31:29,330 --> 00:31:26,220

providers - it's very exciting to be

774

00:31:31,220 --> 00:31:29,340

able to learn from them when you know we

775

00:31:33,410 --> 00:31:31,230

as NASA we have this heritage we have

776

00:31:35,090 --> 00:31:33,420

this excitement of being able to work

777

00:31:37,730 --> 00:31:35,100

with the the shuttles and all of this

778

00:31:39,680 --> 00:31:37,740

knowledge and expertise but also

779

00:31:41,990 --> 00:31:39,690

learning from some of the newer ideas

780

00:31:43,520 --> 00:31:42,000

that these commercial providers have had

781

00:31:47,510 --> 00:31:43,530

that's also very exciting so I think

782

00:31:49,700 --> 00:31:47,520

it's our collective team of experts that

783

00:31:53,030 --> 00:31:49,710

we have teamed up with commercial

784

00:31:54,860 --> 00:31:53,040

partners it's I think it's it's

785

00:31:56,510 --> 00:31:54,870

refreshing getting back into this mode

786

00:31:59,300 --> 00:31:56,520

of being able to launch the humans I

787

00:32:01,790 --> 00:31:59,310

think we've been you know we've been in

788

00:32:04,610 --> 00:32:01,800

the mode of really working hard to try

789

00:32:06,590 --> 00:32:04,620

to certify these vehicles and to see the

790

00:32:07,700 --> 00:32:06,600

results and getting this launch off

791

00:32:09,710 --> 00:32:07,710

tomorrow I think it's going to be

792

00:32:11,900 --> 00:32:09,720

exciting for a whole team and a good

793

00:32:14,390 --> 00:32:11,910

reward that we've been working for so

794

00:32:16,670 --> 00:32:14,400

long on very cool what do you think

795

00:32:18,680 --> 00:32:16,680

you'll be tomorrow for the launch I am

796

00:32:21,050 --> 00:32:18,690

going to be in one of our support areas

797

00:32:23,420 --> 00:32:21,060

that we call hangar AE so I'm gonna be

798

00:32:25,760 --> 00:32:23,430

over there watching the launch from

799

00:32:27,770 --> 00:32:25,770

there we and will probably step outside

800

00:32:31,460 --> 00:32:27,780

briefly so I can actually see it at the

801  
00:32:32,899 --> 00:32:31,470  
outside you know but I could be anywhere

802  
00:32:35,389 --> 00:32:32,909  
to be honest you know

803  
00:32:37,969 --> 00:32:35,399  
a lot of I would be happy being at home

804  
00:32:40,419 --> 00:32:37,979  
and being able to just say that I am a

805  
00:32:43,190 --> 00:32:40,429  
part of this mission you know so it's

806  
00:32:47,299 --> 00:32:43,200  
I'm excited that they're doing the

807  
00:32:48,799 --> 00:32:47,309  
virtual you know launch viewing so that

808  
00:32:50,570 --> 00:32:48,809  
everybody I've been sending out to all

809  
00:32:52,580 --> 00:32:50,580  
my friends across the country hey watch

810  
00:32:55,219 --> 00:32:52,590  
this you know and it kind of gives them

811  
00:32:56,719 --> 00:32:55,229  
more of an opportunity for the folks to

812  
00:32:58,759 --> 00:32:56,729  
be able to watch it virtually that can't

813  
00:33:00,769 --> 00:32:58,769

come down here and see the launch for

814

00:33:02,570 --> 00:33:00,779

themselves so I would definitely say

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00:33:04,639 --> 00:33:02,580

regardless of where you are just have

816

00:33:06,529 --> 00:33:04,649

that bottle of champagne right because

817

00:33:07,879 --> 00:33:06,539

we have to think positively and know

818

00:33:10,029 --> 00:33:07,889

that we're gonna have a successful

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00:33:12,560 --> 00:33:10,039

launch tomorrow all that hard work

820

00:33:14,060 --> 00:33:12,570

across all the teams all the people you

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00:33:16,129 --> 00:33:14,070

work with it definitely wasn't for

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00:33:18,310 --> 00:33:16,139

nothing right and no matter what I'm

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00:33:20,419 --> 00:33:18,320

NASA NASA is definitely good at

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00:33:22,729 --> 00:33:20,429

persevering and in overcoming any

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00:33:26,089 --> 00:33:22,739

challenges and making some amazing

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00:33:28,279 --> 00:33:26,099

things happen you know with that Dana we

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00:33:31,159 --> 00:33:28,289

want to thank you so much for coming out

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00:33:35,330 --> 00:33:31,169

here and and giving us some insight into

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00:33:37,159 --> 00:33:35,340

from a program level all the work and

830

00:33:39,049 --> 00:33:37,169

all the things and all the teams that it

831

00:33:41,089 --> 00:33:39,059

takes to really pull something like this

832

00:33:43,789 --> 00:33:41,099

together some people I think Steve

833

00:33:45,529 --> 00:33:43,799

mentioned it earlier that it's you know

834

00:33:48,409 --> 00:33:45,539

people a lot of people they just see the

835

00:33:50,899 --> 00:33:48,419

rocket light up and it launches but

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00:33:52,999 --> 00:33:50,909

there is so much work years of work that

837

00:33:56,239 --> 00:33:53,009

goes behind pulling all of this together

838

00:33:58,519 --> 00:33:56,249

and again you know your leadership being

839

00:34:00,619 --> 00:33:58,529

persistent as you as you mentioned and

840

00:34:05,599 --> 00:34:00,629

all the hard work that you guys put in

841

00:34:07,310 --> 00:34:05,609

is definitely visible to everybody so

842

00:34:08,599 --> 00:34:07,320

thank you thank you so much for coming

843

00:34:11,210 --> 00:34:08,609

here and spending some time with us and

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00:34:12,680 --> 00:34:11,220

educating on all our viewers with with

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00:34:15,649 --> 00:34:12,690

everything that we have going on and

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00:34:18,019 --> 00:34:15,659

with that guys you know I just want to

847

00:34:20,899 --> 00:34:18,029

let you know it is about 433 right now

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00:34:23,990 --> 00:34:20,909

so about 24 hours from now it will be

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00:34:26,839 --> 00:34:24,000

launch time okay so please tune in

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00:34:28,369 --> 00:34:26,849

tomorrow we still have a few more shows

851  
00:34:30,619 --> 00:34:28,379  
for you I'm starting at nine o'clock

852  
00:34:32,899 --> 00:34:30,629  
we'll we'll have some shows so please

853  
00:34:35,629 --> 00:34:32,909  
tune in once again live and check out

854  
00:34:37,849 --> 00:34:35,639  
check out what we have to show you keep

855  
00:34:39,649 --> 00:34:37,859  
your questions coming we want you guys

856  
00:34:41,059 --> 00:34:39,659  
to be all part of this that's why we're

857  
00:34:42,769 --> 00:34:41,069  
doing it virtual we want you to be able

858  
00:34:44,930 --> 00:34:42,779  
to ask questions and keep the questions

859  
00:34:45,990 --> 00:34:44,940  
coming talk to our leaders understand

860  
00:34:47,970 --> 00:34:46,000  
what it really takes

861  
00:34:50,310 --> 00:34:47,980  
us to do everything that we do out here

862  
00:34:52,770 --> 00:34:50,320  
I'm Phil thank you for for riding with

863  
00:34:56,970 --> 00:34:52,780

me Dana thank you again I wanted to say

864

00:34:59,040 --> 00:34:56,980

a huge thank to Steve and our comm team

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00:35:01,980 --> 00:34:59,050

here at NASA who put all of this

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00:35:04,200 --> 00:35:01,990

together just so that you can see you

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00:35:06,060 --> 00:35:04,210

can view you can hear you can ask and be

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00:35:06,720 --> 00:35:06,070

part of what we do here thank you for

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00:35:08,850 --> 00:35:06,730

your support