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00:00:29,349 --> 00:00:26,870

i think i see some

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00:00:56,830 --> 00:00:29,359

familiar faces out there what face parts

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00:00:56,840 --> 00:01:14,710

oh

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00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:16,230

good afternoon and welcome to nasa's

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00:01:20,230 --> 00:01:18,159

kennedy space center here in florida

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00:01:21,830 --> 00:01:20,240

i'm megan cruz with nasa communications

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00:01:24,390 --> 00:01:21,840

and you're here watching the crew

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:24,400

and science briefing for tomorrow's oft2

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00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:24,960

launch

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00:01:28,390 --> 00:01:27,920

targeted for 2 53 pm eastern daylight

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00:01:31,109 --> 00:01:28,400

time

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00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:31,119

now oft2 is boeing's second uncrewed

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00:01:34,550 --> 00:01:31,920

test flight

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00:01:36,069 --> 00:01:34,560
of its starliner capsule atop a ula

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:36,079
atlas 5 rocket

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00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:39,360
nasa boeing and ula are targeting a

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00:01:43,190 --> 00:01:41,360
launch later this year for the first

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00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:43,200
crude flight and speaking of the crew we

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00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:44,479
have them here today along with some

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00:01:48,310 --> 00:01:46,399
other familiar faces i'm sure

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00:01:50,630 --> 00:01:48,320
first we have chris ferguson director of

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00:01:53,910 --> 00:01:50,640
starliner mission operations

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00:01:55,670 --> 00:01:53,920
and integration cruise systems and then

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00:01:57,749 --> 00:01:55,680
we have the crew again as i was saying

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00:02:00,469 --> 00:01:57,759
we have commander butch wilmore

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00:02:01,910 --> 00:02:00,479

pilot mike fink and mission specialist

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00:02:03,670 --> 00:02:01,920

nicole mann

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00:02:05,429 --> 00:02:03,680

and then we have jennifer buckley who's

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00:02:07,350 --> 00:02:05,439

the deputy chief scientist

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00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:07,360

of nasa's international space station

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00:02:10,630 --> 00:02:09,280

program now each will deliver some

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00:02:11,430 --> 00:02:10,640

opening remarks and then we'll take your

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00:02:12,790 --> 00:02:11,440

questions so

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00:02:14,869 --> 00:02:12,800

why don't you take it away chris thanks

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00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:14,879

megan uh well good morning

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00:02:18,949 --> 00:02:17,120

uh this is a this is a great day anytime

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00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:18,959

we get ready to uh to launch a rocket

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00:02:22,710 --> 00:02:20,640

into space is an awesome day

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00:02:24,470 --> 00:02:22,720

uh for those of you who did not have the

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00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:24,480

privilege of watching the atlas v

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00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:25,840

roll out of the vertical integration

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00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:27,120

facility and over to the pad it

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00:02:29,910 --> 00:02:28,000

completed

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00:02:31,509 --> 00:02:29,920

oh about an hour ago so it's sitting out

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00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:31,519

there and and ready for

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00:02:35,750 --> 00:02:33,760

what we hope will be weather dependent

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00:02:37,830 --> 00:02:35,760

on time launch tomorrow

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00:02:39,830 --> 00:02:37,840

this has been it's been a long time

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00:02:42,390 --> 00:02:39,840

preparing for this flight

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00:02:44,869 --> 00:02:42,400

we we have taken an awful lot of effort

51
00:02:45,190 --> 00:02:44,879
to basically scrutinize every aspect of

52
00:02:48,229 --> 00:02:45,200
the

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00:02:51,750 --> 00:02:48,239
have

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00:02:54,390 --> 00:02:51,760
verification tests

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:54,400
uh we have added uh an enormous amount

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:54,879
of test

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00:02:57,910 --> 00:02:56,879
scripting to the way that we manage our

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00:02:59,190 --> 00:02:57,920
flight software

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00:03:01,750 --> 00:02:59,200
we have made upgrades to our

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00:03:03,430 --> 00:03:01,760
communication system all in preparation

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00:03:06,149 --> 00:03:03,440
for what will ultimately be

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00:03:06,949 --> 00:03:06,159
this crew's trip to space so we're very

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:06,959

proud

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00:03:10,229 --> 00:03:08,800
to be of course a part of the uh

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00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:10,239
commercial crew program

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00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:12,239
we're very proud to be conducting our

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00:03:15,270 --> 00:03:13,360
second flight

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00:03:17,110 --> 00:03:15,280
and we will be equally proud when we

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00:03:20,229 --> 00:03:17,120
launch the the awesome

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00:03:21,670 --> 00:03:20,239
cft crew here later this year so it's

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00:03:23,430 --> 00:03:21,680
going to be a great day

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00:03:25,190 --> 00:03:23,440
we again are looking for an on-time

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00:03:27,750 --> 00:03:25,200
launch tomorrow with a docking

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00:03:28,470 --> 00:03:27,760
less than 24 hours later and then a

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00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:28,480
landing

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00:03:31,910 --> 00:03:30,319

on or about august 5th at one of our

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00:03:33,430 --> 00:03:31,920

western landing sites we have already

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00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:33,440

deployed our landing teams out there

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00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:34,640

and they're ready to receive the

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00:03:39,430 --> 00:03:37,040

starliner upon return

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00:03:41,430 --> 00:03:39,440

with that i would like to introduce

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00:03:43,509 --> 00:03:41,440

butch barry wilmore a good friend we've

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00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:43,519

known each other a very long time

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00:03:47,190 --> 00:03:45,519

i am intimately familiar with this crew

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00:03:47,589 --> 00:03:47,200

as many of you i think are well aware

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00:03:51,589 --> 00:03:47,599

but

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00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:51,599

chris and good morning

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00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,120

and what an exciting time kennedy space

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00:03:58,070 --> 00:03:57,280

center cape canaveral launched a lot of

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00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:58,080

spacecraft

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00:04:01,350 --> 00:04:00,480

into space obviously but this is human

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00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:01,360

space flight

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00:04:04,789 --> 00:04:02,799

and that's what makes this really

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00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:04,799

special obviously for us

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00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:07,360

we are a bit jealous i will admit that

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

we have a rocket that is launching

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00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:10,959

in human space flight without a crew on

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00:04:14,070 --> 00:04:13,360

it um but that's the necessary thing

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00:04:15,589 --> 00:04:14,080

obviously

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00:04:17,110 --> 00:04:15,599

we have to test we need to make sure

101
00:04:18,150 --> 00:04:17,120
systems are ready and ready to go and

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00:04:19,349 --> 00:04:18,160
just a little bit about human

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00:04:20,229 --> 00:04:19,359
spaceflight i thought i'd share very

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00:04:22,150 --> 00:04:20,239
briefly

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00:04:23,670 --> 00:04:22,160
i launched on sts-129 on the space

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00:04:26,310 --> 00:04:23,680
shuttle in 2009

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00:04:28,070 --> 00:04:26,320
and when you go to the pad there's no

108
00:04:29,749 --> 00:04:28,080
one there because the spacecraft is

109
00:04:31,510 --> 00:04:29,759
fueled it's a little bit of a dangerous

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00:04:32,390 --> 00:04:31,520
environment so you the crew has to

111
00:04:34,070 --> 00:04:32,400
obviously get there

112
00:04:36,310 --> 00:04:34,080
so it's the crew and the bus driver

113
00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:36,320

right and we get out you go walk over we

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00:04:38,870 --> 00:04:37,120

walked over to

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00:04:41,030 --> 00:04:38,880

the space shuttle atlantis and we looked

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00:04:42,710 --> 00:04:41,040

up and there that american flag on the

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00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:42,720

side of the space shuttle

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00:04:47,350 --> 00:04:45,440

it was without question the proudest

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00:04:49,749 --> 00:04:47,360

moment of my professional career

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00:04:51,749 --> 00:04:49,759

because it encompassed a nation coming

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00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:51,759

together to do great things

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00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:53,440

that's what that flag represented on the

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00:04:56,870 --> 00:04:55,120

side of that space shuttle and it's the

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00:04:58,950 --> 00:04:56,880

same thing with starliner

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00:05:00,870 --> 00:04:58,960

we'll go to the pad eventually and we

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00:05:01,749 --> 00:05:00,880

will walk up to that pad it'll be fueled

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00:05:03,749 --> 00:05:01,759

and ready to go

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00:05:05,029 --> 00:05:03,759

us and the bus driver and we'll look up

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

and we'll see that american flag and

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00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:06,960

it's going to mean the exact same thing

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00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:08,960

we look forward to that day it will get

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00:05:12,390 --> 00:05:10,000

here eventually but

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00:05:14,070 --> 00:05:12,400

right now obviously the focus is off2

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00:05:14,950 --> 00:05:14,080

and we're excited about what's coming in

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00:05:16,390 --> 00:05:14,960

the next week

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00:05:17,990 --> 00:05:16,400

and so with that that's all i have to

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00:05:19,189 --> 00:05:18,000

say i'll hand it over to our joint

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00:05:22,469 --> 00:05:19,199

operations commander

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00:05:24,710 --> 00:05:22,479

mike fink yeah good morning uh you

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00:05:27,110 --> 00:05:24,720

you heard it uh we are excited we're

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00:05:28,550 --> 00:05:27,120

excited for orbital flight test right so

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00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:28,560

that's what we're in the in the flight

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00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:30,960

test phase of getting a capability

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00:05:34,310 --> 00:05:32,800

to the international space station after

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00:05:34,790 --> 00:05:34,320

orbital flight test comes crew flight

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00:05:37,270 --> 00:05:34,800

test

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00:05:38,310 --> 00:05:37,280

and then regularly scheduled uh programs

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00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:38,320

and what it really

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00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:40,000

does and what really really helps it

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00:05:43,670 --> 00:05:41,919

gives us nasa

151
00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:43,680
the ability to go to the international

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00:05:47,749 --> 00:05:45,520
space station have four people

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00:05:49,270 --> 00:05:47,759
getting a lot of fantastic science done

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00:05:52,150 --> 00:05:49,280
aboard the space station so

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00:05:53,430 --> 00:05:52,160
oft 2 is paving the way and we're

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00:05:56,629 --> 00:05:53,440
excited we're looking for

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00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:56,639
our flight coming soon and with that our

158
00:06:00,070 --> 00:05:58,479
our pilot um the joint ops commander

159
00:06:01,670 --> 00:06:00,080
she's the pilot uh

160
00:06:03,189 --> 00:06:01,680
nicole man lieutenant colonel united

161
00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:03,199
states marine corps

162
00:06:07,350 --> 00:06:05,840
thank you spanky let's talk about this a

163
00:06:09,510 --> 00:06:07,360

little bit in the big picture of things

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00:06:11,909 --> 00:06:09,520

this is exciting moment for oft

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00:06:14,309 --> 00:06:11,919

2 and for the nasa boeing team but this

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00:06:16,469 --> 00:06:14,319

is also part of commercial crew program

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:16,479

and launch america we've already

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00:06:20,150 --> 00:06:18,479

returned capabilities to launch humans

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00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:20,160

from american soil and now we're

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00:06:23,749 --> 00:06:21,600

continuing that effort

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00:06:25,510 --> 00:06:23,759

with these two dissimilar companies that

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00:06:27,590 --> 00:06:25,520

will have spacecraft taking astronauts

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00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:27,600

to the international space station

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00:06:30,790 --> 00:06:29,919

this is paving the way for our larger

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00:06:33,670 --> 00:06:30,800

strategic

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00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:33,680
goal of putting people beyond low earth

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00:06:36,150 --> 00:06:34,479
orbit

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00:06:37,830 --> 00:06:36,160
we'll partner with commercial industry

179
00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:37,840
with our international partners

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00:06:41,350 --> 00:06:39,280
to the moon as part of the artemis

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00:06:43,350 --> 00:06:41,360
program and eventually to mars so

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00:06:44,629 --> 00:06:43,360
it's a very exciting time as we see the

183
00:06:46,710 --> 00:06:44,639
commercialization

184
00:06:48,230 --> 00:06:46,720
beginning of low earth orbit and

185
00:06:49,830 --> 00:06:48,240
expiration beyond

186
00:06:51,749 --> 00:06:49,840
and with that i'll turn it over to

187
00:06:54,950 --> 00:06:51,759
jennifer buckley who's been with nasa

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00:06:56,710 --> 00:06:54,960

for over 15 years and is our deputy

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00:06:59,029 --> 00:06:56,720

chief scientist for the international

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00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:59,039

space station thank you nicole

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00:07:02,790 --> 00:07:00,560

it's my pleasure to be here today to

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00:07:05,589 --> 00:07:02,800

talk about the commercial crew program

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00:07:06,309 --> 00:07:05,599

and how it enables research on iss so to

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00:07:07,990 --> 00:07:06,319

date we've done

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00:07:09,430 --> 00:07:08,000

over 3000 experiments on the

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00:07:11,189 --> 00:07:09,440

international space station

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00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:11,199

and the research community is very much

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00:07:15,029 --> 00:07:13,039

looking forward to bringing

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00:07:16,390 --> 00:07:15,039

on another commercial crew provider you

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00:07:18,710 --> 00:07:16,400

know the commercial crew program

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00:07:19,909 --> 00:07:18,720
not only means more crew members and

202
00:07:22,230 --> 00:07:19,919
more cargo

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00:07:24,550 --> 00:07:22,240
which means more science but it also

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00:07:26,469 --> 00:07:24,560
really enabled an infrastructure

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,479
to not only get crew back more quickly

206
00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:28,319
but also our science samples more

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00:07:31,830 --> 00:07:30,000
quickly so this is really important this

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00:07:33,110 --> 00:07:31,840
gets the research in the hands of

209
00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:33,120
researchers

210
00:07:36,469 --> 00:07:35,680
in a matter of hours now and really

211
00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,479
opens up

212
00:07:40,790 --> 00:07:38,479
what we're able to study now we can look

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00:07:44,390 --> 00:07:40,800

at things like re-adaptation

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00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:44,400

when when our science returns from space

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00:07:47,830 --> 00:07:46,560

so we are we're very excited about this

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00:07:49,270 --> 00:07:47,840

program and for the launch coming up

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00:07:50,390 --> 00:07:49,280

this week

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00:07:51,909 --> 00:07:50,400

thanks everyone you know you can tell

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00:07:53,270 --> 00:07:51,919

how excited everybody is up here and

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00:07:54,390 --> 00:07:53,280

we're excited to have you guys here so

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00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:54,400

we're going to start taking your

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00:07:56,469 --> 00:07:55,520

questions

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00:07:57,990 --> 00:07:56,479

and what we're going to do is we're

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00:07:59,670 --> 00:07:58,000

going to alternate between some of you

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00:08:00,629 --> 00:07:59,680

guys in the room as well as social media

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00:08:02,390 --> 00:08:00,639

and over the phone

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00:08:03,909 --> 00:08:02,400

um those on social media remember you

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00:08:07,589 --> 00:08:03,919

can still ask questions with

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00:08:10,309 --> 00:08:07,599

uh ask nasa or in the face tube

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00:08:11,670 --> 00:08:10,319

face tube facebook or youtube chat and

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00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:11,680

then remember please keep it to one

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00:08:13,510 --> 00:08:12,000

question

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00:08:15,670 --> 00:08:13,520

so that we can get to as many people as

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00:08:16,629 --> 00:08:15,680

possible all right so the first one on

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00:08:19,589 --> 00:08:16,639

social media

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00:08:22,230 --> 00:08:19,599

is are you attempting a land landing or

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00:08:24,550 --> 00:08:22,240

is this going to be a splashdown

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00:08:27,189 --> 00:08:24,560

whoever wants to take that uh i'll start

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00:08:29,110 --> 00:08:27,199

so this will be a land landing at uh one

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00:08:29,749 --> 00:08:29,120

of uh four different western united

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00:08:32,630 --> 00:08:29,759

states

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00:08:34,389 --> 00:08:32,640

landing spots uh we we descend under

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00:08:36,790 --> 00:08:34,399

parachutes initially

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00:08:38,230 --> 00:08:36,800

uh and then uh for at the approximately

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00:08:38,630 --> 00:08:38,240

three thousand feet off the ground we

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00:08:41,110 --> 00:08:38,640

will

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:41,120

jettison our base heat shield and we

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00:08:43,589 --> 00:08:41,760

inflate

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00:08:45,430 --> 00:08:43,599

what we call landing airbags which

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00:08:47,590 --> 00:08:45,440

cushion the final impact

251
00:08:49,509 --> 00:08:47,600
uh on ground it's great opportunity we

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00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:49,519
get to the crew very quickly uh we can

253
00:08:51,990 --> 00:08:50,160
also

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00:08:54,310 --> 00:08:52,000
extract science payload and get it back

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00:08:56,630 --> 00:08:54,320
to the likes of uh jennifer before too

256
00:08:58,310 --> 00:08:56,640
long so again we're a landlander

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00:09:00,310 --> 00:08:58,320
yeah and i'll i'll just add real quick

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00:09:02,070 --> 00:09:00,320
that uh fergie mentioned the part that

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00:09:04,630 --> 00:09:02,080
we look forward to is the

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00:09:06,550 --> 00:09:04,640
cushioned portion of that yeah we didn't

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00:09:08,790 --> 00:09:06,560
have airbags on the soil no we did not

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00:09:09,590 --> 00:09:08,800
so uh landing on water obviously the

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00:09:11,190 --> 00:09:09,600

water gives

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00:09:13,269 --> 00:09:11,200

land does not give so much so the

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00:09:15,829 --> 00:09:13,279

cushion part that'll be cool

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00:09:16,310 --> 00:09:15,839

yo airbags perfect one from the room

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00:09:18,790 --> 00:09:16,320

here

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00:09:19,990 --> 00:09:18,800

hi derek wise with the space explorer so

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00:09:23,269 --> 00:09:20,000

obviously the

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00:09:25,509 --> 00:09:23,279

delay with the original oft wasn't ideal

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00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:25,519

but how does having this second orbital

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00:09:32,630 --> 00:09:27,600

flight test raise your confidence

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00:09:38,790 --> 00:09:36,550

all right so uh all of us uh here

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00:09:41,190 --> 00:09:38,800

chris included our uh flight testers

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00:09:42,470 --> 00:09:41,200

from our various services uh before we

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00:09:45,269 --> 00:09:42,480

became astronauts

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00:09:46,630 --> 00:09:45,279

uh this is a this is how we we do it we

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00:09:48,230 --> 00:09:46,640

we stepwise build

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00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:48,240

and if something doesn't work right we

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00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:50,000

fix it and go fly it again and this is

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00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:51,600

exactly what boeing decided to do

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00:09:54,070 --> 00:09:53,120

they're going to get it right this time

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00:09:56,630 --> 00:09:54,080

and then we're going to have super

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00:09:57,750 --> 00:09:56,640

confidence for the crew on board for

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00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:57,760

crew flight test

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00:10:01,030 --> 00:10:00,160

adding a crew on board actually is uh is

287

00:10:03,509 --> 00:10:01,040

a great thing too

288

00:10:05,350 --> 00:10:03,519

because we can we add an extra element

289

00:10:07,509 --> 00:10:05,360

of safety and redundancy

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00:10:09,269 --> 00:10:07,519

so if for some reason the automation

291

00:10:10,389 --> 00:10:09,279

can't handle whatever situation we might

292

00:10:12,550 --> 00:10:10,399

find ourselves in

293

00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:12,560

uh we can hit the the manual buttons and

294

00:10:16,230 --> 00:10:14,640

go manual and fly the spacecraft all the

295

00:10:18,470 --> 00:10:16,240

way up to docking if needed

296

00:10:19,990 --> 00:10:18,480

so it really uh we're really trying to

297

00:10:22,230 --> 00:10:20,000

ensure crew success

298

00:10:23,269 --> 00:10:22,240

mission success here uh including you

299

00:10:24,870 --> 00:10:23,279

know being able to

300

00:10:26,870 --> 00:10:24,880

help out the international space station

301
00:10:28,069 --> 00:10:26,880
so this is a you know it's a fantastic

302
00:10:30,150 --> 00:10:28,079
spacecraft i've been on

303
00:10:33,430 --> 00:10:30,160
on this will be my third one and i'm

304
00:10:34,949 --> 00:10:33,440
just a big fan of starliner

305
00:10:38,389 --> 00:10:34,959
great and we'll take one from the phone

306
00:10:41,350 --> 00:10:38,399
now this is david hurley with discovery

307
00:10:42,069 --> 00:10:41,360
thanks very much uh butch just referred

308
00:10:44,870 --> 00:10:42,079
to it but

309
00:10:45,990 --> 00:10:44,880
nicole uh boeing talked about the fact

310
00:10:48,310 --> 00:10:46,000
that a crew had been on board

311
00:10:49,430 --> 00:10:48,320
on off one uh there would not have been

312
00:10:50,870 --> 00:10:49,440
the problems because you would have

313
00:10:53,829 --> 00:10:50,880

overridden the system uh

314

00:10:54,389 --> 00:10:53,839

so i'd like a kind of a broad answer

315

00:10:57,430 --> 00:10:54,399

about

316

00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:57,440

automation and human interaction and

317

00:11:00,710 --> 00:10:58,320

interface

318

00:11:02,230 --> 00:11:00,720

and where we are with that and what that

319

00:11:06,389 --> 00:11:02,240

all means and chris when are you getting

320

00:11:10,069 --> 00:11:08,150

a great question and now if we had been

321

00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:10,079

on board i'm not to say that nothing

322

00:11:12,949 --> 00:11:10,560

would have

323

00:11:14,069 --> 00:11:12,959

gone uh wrong certainly we had some

324

00:11:16,550 --> 00:11:14,079

challenges

325

00:11:18,069 --> 00:11:16,560

but crew brings a different capability

326

00:11:21,269 --> 00:11:18,079

as spanky mentioned

327

00:11:24,550 --> 00:11:21,279

and so what you'll see with starliner

328

00:11:26,630 --> 00:11:24,560

is that it's an incredible jump in

329

00:11:27,430 --> 00:11:26,640

technology as far as automation goes

330

00:11:29,430 --> 00:11:27,440

it's a very

331

00:11:30,630 --> 00:11:29,440

robust spacecraft with a ton of

332

00:11:31,750 --> 00:11:30,640

capability

333

00:11:33,910 --> 00:11:31,760

someday we're going to get to the point

334

00:11:35,350 --> 00:11:33,920

where that spacecraft flies the mission

335

00:11:37,350 --> 00:11:35,360

all with the automation and no

336

00:11:39,910 --> 00:11:37,360

interaction from crew we're not quite

337

00:11:41,030 --> 00:11:39,920

there yet so part of our mission as test

338

00:11:42,949 --> 00:11:41,040

pilots on board

339

00:11:44,069 --> 00:11:42,959

the first experimental test flight of

340

00:11:46,470 --> 00:11:44,079

this new spacecraft

341

00:11:48,389 --> 00:11:46,480

is to test out those backup systems so

342

00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:48,399

we will turn off the automation we'll

343

00:11:51,750 --> 00:11:49,519

take over manually

344

00:11:53,110 --> 00:11:51,760

we will fly the spacecraft we will test

345

00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:53,120

out that backup system

346

00:11:56,550 --> 00:11:55,200

so that for future crews in the case

347

00:11:57,350 --> 00:11:56,560

that they have a problem with the

348

00:11:58,949 --> 00:11:57,360

automation

349

00:12:00,550 --> 00:11:58,959

we have confidence that the backup

350

00:12:03,430 --> 00:12:00,560

systems will work so that's

351
00:12:03,910 --> 00:12:03,440
all part of the building process and the

352
00:12:07,430 --> 00:12:03,920
rigor

353
00:12:10,150 --> 00:12:07,440
and tests that we do for spaceflight

354
00:12:11,750 --> 00:12:10,160
and as for being back in the rotation uh

355
00:12:12,949 --> 00:12:11,760
primary job number one

356
00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:12,959
let's get these guys up the space

357
00:12:15,829 --> 00:12:14,560
station get them back safely and then

358
00:12:17,269 --> 00:12:15,839
we'll we'll see where things go from

359
00:12:18,710 --> 00:12:17,279
there

360
00:12:20,629 --> 00:12:18,720
great and we have a question from

361
00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:20,639
facebook now so what will the sensors on

362
00:12:24,550 --> 00:12:22,720
rosie the rocketeer be monitoring in

363
00:12:26,230 --> 00:12:24,560

regards to how the flight will affect

364

00:12:28,629 --> 00:12:26,240

the astronauts

365

00:12:30,470 --> 00:12:28,639

okay i'll take that one um so on our

366

00:12:32,310 --> 00:12:30,480

very first test flight we did have rosie

367

00:12:33,269 --> 00:12:32,320

well instrumented we collected the data

368

00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:33,279

that we needed

369

00:12:37,350 --> 00:12:35,279

uh we processed the data and and it was

370

00:12:39,269 --> 00:12:37,360

it was actually very good

371

00:12:41,269 --> 00:12:39,279

rosie's predominant job on this flight

372

00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:41,279

is to be essentially a weight and

373

00:12:43,990 --> 00:12:42,320

balance machine

374

00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:44,000

uh we do not have her instrumented we

375

00:12:47,110 --> 00:12:45,680

will not be getting any instrumentation

376

00:12:49,350 --> 00:12:47,120

data off of her

377

00:12:51,269 --> 00:12:49,360

but she is there to essentially maintain

378

00:12:51,990 --> 00:12:51,279

a good weight in balance as if a crew

379

00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:52,000

member

380

00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:54,880

were really there so she's uh her job is

381

00:13:00,790 --> 00:12:58,560

is largely to just enjoy the ride

382

00:13:02,710 --> 00:13:00,800

great let's take one from the room now

383

00:13:04,949 --> 00:13:02,720

any from space.com so

384

00:13:06,310 --> 00:13:04,959

my question is for any one of you three

385

00:13:09,190 --> 00:13:06,320

if you want to answer

386

00:13:10,790 --> 00:13:09,200

what has your role been in the past 18

387

00:13:14,470 --> 00:13:10,800

months in getting this

388

00:13:16,790 --> 00:13:14,480

capsule ready for reflight

389

00:13:17,829 --> 00:13:16,800

well i would say that all of us like

390

00:13:19,670 --> 00:13:17,839

like mike mentioned when

391

00:13:21,350 --> 00:13:19,680

we started out we are flight testers

392

00:13:22,949 --> 00:13:21,360

that's what what we trained for back

393

00:13:25,190 --> 00:13:22,959

when we're in our various services

394

00:13:26,710 --> 00:13:25,200

and have to have the opportunity to take

395

00:13:28,949 --> 00:13:26,720

place in the first flight

396

00:13:30,389 --> 00:13:28,959

of a spacecraft i mean none of us would

397

00:13:32,069 --> 00:13:30,399

have ever dreamed that we'd be sitting

398

00:13:33,750 --> 00:13:32,079

in these positions none of us

399

00:13:35,910 --> 00:13:33,760

so it's fascinating and we're in the

400

00:13:37,190 --> 00:13:35,920

siem obviously it's a new spacecraft new

401
00:13:39,269 --> 00:13:37,200
systems new software

402
00:13:41,030 --> 00:13:39,279
you find things here and there that are

403
00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:41,040
not working exactly perfectly

404
00:13:44,470 --> 00:13:42,639
and that's what flight test does we go

405
00:13:45,110 --> 00:13:44,480
through those processes identify the

406
00:13:49,829 --> 00:13:45,120
problems

407
00:13:52,069 --> 00:13:49,839
it's a fascinating wonderful place to be

408
00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:52,079
uh at this point and we're just excited

409
00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:53,600
that uh that we have the opportunity

410
00:13:56,870 --> 00:13:55,360
obviously

411
00:14:00,710 --> 00:13:56,880
okay we have one question on the phone

412
00:14:03,269 --> 00:14:00,720
this is jackie goddard times of london

413
00:14:04,310 --> 00:14:03,279

yes hello thank you my question is for

414

00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:04,320

chris ferguson

415

00:14:07,750 --> 00:14:06,480

um firstly no woman wants to just be

416

00:14:08,949 --> 00:14:07,760

called weight and balance in a

417

00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:08,959

spacecraft

418

00:14:15,189 --> 00:14:12,160

um uh but uh poor old rosie um

419

00:14:16,230 --> 00:14:15,199

but initially you were lined up um to

420

00:14:18,389 --> 00:14:16,240

fly

421

00:14:19,590 --> 00:14:18,399

on the first crude mission and and then

422

00:14:22,629 --> 00:14:19,600

you made that switch

423

00:14:22,949 --> 00:14:22,639

and i wondered what it feels like um to

424

00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:22,959

be

425

00:14:27,750 --> 00:14:26,000

now on the more uh terrestrial side of

426

00:14:29,350 --> 00:14:27,760

preparing for that

427

00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:29,360

whether you find yourself being a little

428

00:14:32,949 --> 00:14:30,959

um envious um

429

00:14:35,030 --> 00:14:32,959

and and how that has changed the dynamic

430

00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:35,040

for you thank you very much

431

00:14:38,069 --> 00:14:37,440

uh that's a great question i can tell

432

00:14:41,110 --> 00:14:38,079

you that

433

00:14:42,710 --> 00:14:41,120

uh within two weeks of launch um i

434

00:14:44,949 --> 00:14:42,720

enjoyed wearing one of those flight

435

00:14:48,310 --> 00:14:44,959

suits more than

436

00:14:49,430 --> 00:14:48,320

more than one of these it's a it's it's

437

00:14:51,030 --> 00:14:49,440

a little more hectic

438

00:14:52,949 --> 00:14:51,040

right you're worried about a lot of the

439

00:14:56,230 --> 00:14:52,959

details uh and

440

00:14:58,150 --> 00:14:56,240

you know there's a pretty pretty good

441

00:15:00,069 --> 00:14:58,160

elevation of i'll just call it general

442

00:15:03,189 --> 00:15:00,079

work hours you know in the month and

443

00:15:04,230 --> 00:15:03,199

the weeks leading to flight um but uh i

444

00:15:06,310 --> 00:15:04,240

enjoy that job

445

00:15:07,590 --> 00:15:06,320

uh just as much and we're very proud of

446

00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:07,600

our crew and looking forward to seeing

447

00:15:10,550 --> 00:15:09,199

them go fly

448

00:15:13,509 --> 00:15:10,560

great all right someone else from the

449

00:15:14,230 --> 00:15:13,519

room here hey thank you uh joey roulette

450

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:14,240

with the verge

451
00:15:17,910 --> 00:15:16,480
um question for the starliner astronauts

452
00:15:18,470 --> 00:15:17,920
similar to one that was already asked

453
00:15:20,310 --> 00:15:18,480
but

454
00:15:22,470 --> 00:15:20,320
how much more engaged were you this time

455
00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:22,480
around in the starliner preparations

456
00:15:26,710 --> 00:15:22,880
than

457
00:15:28,550 --> 00:15:26,720
you were before the 2019 test

458
00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:28,560
i'd like to say that we um we were

459
00:15:33,829 --> 00:15:30,800
engaged then and we're engaged now

460
00:15:37,189 --> 00:15:33,839
and uh and we'll continue to be engaged

461
00:15:40,790 --> 00:15:37,199
for our flight uh to be honest the

462
00:15:43,269 --> 00:15:40,800
first oft and oft2 you know the

463
00:15:44,790 --> 00:15:43,279

the team at boeing and uh the mission

464

00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:44,800

operations that are happening

465

00:15:48,949 --> 00:15:47,199

in houston texas you know that team is

466

00:15:51,110 --> 00:15:48,959

ready to go they're operators

467

00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:51,120

they're used to working with automation

468

00:15:53,430 --> 00:15:52,079

and they're used to

469

00:15:55,189 --> 00:15:53,440

under they totally understand the

470

00:15:57,269 --> 00:15:55,199

spacecraft then you add

471

00:15:58,790 --> 00:15:57,279

what chris ferguson and his team bring

472

00:16:00,790 --> 00:15:58,800

to the mission management so if they

473

00:16:02,389 --> 00:16:00,800

have to make big decisions in real time

474

00:16:04,069 --> 00:16:02,399

they're ready to go so we are part of

475

00:16:06,230 --> 00:16:04,079

that those teams um

476
00:16:08,470 --> 00:16:06,240
we've made contributions and we've been

477
00:16:10,150 --> 00:16:08,480
in lots of simulations to help get

478
00:16:13,030 --> 00:16:10,160
everybody trained so we're we're

479
00:16:13,509 --> 00:16:13,040
there the the whole team is ready just

480
00:16:15,670 --> 00:16:13,519
one more

481
00:16:17,269 --> 00:16:15,680
follow-up how was the end-to-end test i

482
00:16:18,710 --> 00:16:17,279
know i think you guys participated in

483
00:16:19,350 --> 00:16:18,720
that if you could kind of give just like

484
00:16:21,430 --> 00:16:19,360
a general

485
00:16:22,389 --> 00:16:21,440
like scope of how many more like hours

486
00:16:24,230 --> 00:16:22,399
you might have put in

487
00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:24,240
in this time around or if there's any

488
00:16:28,629 --> 00:16:25,440

kind of major difference

489

00:16:29,030 --> 00:16:28,639

thanks yeah uh chris can can add because

490

00:16:30,710 --> 00:16:29,040

uh

491

00:16:32,470 --> 00:16:30,720

this was definitely a bowling event but

492

00:16:34,069 --> 00:16:32,480

from what what we as a crew saw the

493

00:16:36,150 --> 00:16:34,079

endan test was great we

494

00:16:38,310 --> 00:16:36,160

we the software you know we started

495

00:16:40,710 --> 00:16:38,320

running it you know hours before

496

00:16:41,910 --> 00:16:40,720

launch kind of where we are now um and

497

00:16:44,069 --> 00:16:41,920

all the way through

498

00:16:45,590 --> 00:16:44,079

landing and that included docking to the

499

00:16:48,230 --> 00:16:45,600

international space station

500

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:48,240

uh there were a few uh pre-planned

501
00:16:51,829 --> 00:16:50,000
malfunctions to make sure that the

502
00:16:53,189 --> 00:16:51,839
fault detection and isolation software

503
00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:53,199
would work and

504
00:16:57,269 --> 00:16:55,199
it was super smooth and that's how we

505
00:16:58,470 --> 00:16:57,279
want our software to work

506
00:17:00,150 --> 00:16:58,480
and chris this is probably a question

507
00:17:00,629 --> 00:17:00,160
for you from twitter does starliner

508
00:17:02,870 --> 00:17:00,639
support

509
00:17:03,990 --> 00:17:02,880
automatic docking to the iss or the

510
00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:04,000
astronauts have to operate

511
00:17:07,909 --> 00:17:06,880
that manually uh it fully supports

512
00:17:10,150 --> 00:17:07,919
automated docking

513
00:17:11,350 --> 00:17:10,160

um that said uh the astronauts can take

514

00:17:13,990 --> 00:17:11,360

over at any time

515

00:17:16,069 --> 00:17:14,000

uh and uh and also using the onboard

516

00:17:18,789 --> 00:17:16,079

what we call relative navigation system

517

00:17:20,870 --> 00:17:18,799

uh dock as well so uh there we can we

518

00:17:22,069 --> 00:17:20,880

can uh we can work it either way

519

00:17:23,590 --> 00:17:22,079

okay we'll do one from the phone and

520

00:17:24,230 --> 00:17:23,600

then we'll head to a couple people here

521

00:17:25,990 --> 00:17:24,240

in the room

522

00:17:28,870 --> 00:17:26,000

so we have paul brinkman with united

523

00:17:31,029 --> 00:17:28,880

press international

524

00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:31,039

hi yeah thanks for for taking my

525

00:17:33,270 --> 00:17:32,000

question um

526

00:17:34,870 --> 00:17:33,280

i don't know about any of you but as a

527

00:17:36,549 --> 00:17:34,880

journalist i'm sort of having a sense of

528

00:17:37,909 --> 00:17:36,559

deja vu

529

00:17:40,150 --> 00:17:37,919

because there was a lot of confidence

530

00:17:40,710 --> 00:17:40,160

and excitement um you know before the

531

00:17:42,789 --> 00:17:40,720

last

532

00:17:44,310 --> 00:17:42,799

test flight in 2019 so i'm just

533

00:17:44,789 --> 00:17:44,320

wondering if any of you are feeling that

534

00:17:48,070 --> 00:17:44,799

i guess

535

00:17:51,350 --> 00:17:48,080

for nicole or chris and specifically

536

00:17:54,710 --> 00:17:51,360

um any of the lessons learned from that

537

00:17:56,950 --> 00:17:54,720

investigation uh of that mishap

538

00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:56,960

were those applied at all to these

539

00:18:00,470 --> 00:17:58,720

readiness reviews or is that all just

540

00:18:03,909 --> 00:18:00,480

like ancient history i guess

541

00:18:06,070 --> 00:18:03,919

thanks well it's certainly not

542

00:18:07,430 --> 00:18:06,080

ancient history um you know i think many

543

00:18:09,669 --> 00:18:07,440

of you are aware there was an

544

00:18:10,549 --> 00:18:09,679

an independent review team uh that was

545

00:18:13,590 --> 00:18:10,559

assembled uh

546

00:18:15,430 --> 00:18:13,600

after after the first oft flight they've

547

00:18:16,950 --> 00:18:15,440

they came out with 80 recommendations

548

00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:16,960

that they recommended that

549

00:18:22,150 --> 00:18:20,400

we implement a significant uh

550

00:18:23,510 --> 00:18:22,160

significantly less portion i think it

551

00:18:25,270 --> 00:18:23,520

was about 25 percent of them were

552

00:18:27,909 --> 00:18:25,280

considered mandatory

553

00:18:29,350 --> 00:18:27,919

uh boeing went and and we fixed everyone

554

00:18:31,029 --> 00:18:29,360

we addressed everyone

555

00:18:32,950 --> 00:18:31,039

uh you know we want this next flight to

556

00:18:35,590 --> 00:18:32,960

be as uh to be as uh

557

00:18:36,070 --> 00:18:35,600

uh i will call it uh you know incident

558

00:18:39,190 --> 00:18:36,080

free

559

00:18:41,510 --> 00:18:39,200

uh as clean as it can possibly be uh

560

00:18:43,110 --> 00:18:41,520

we there is some uh indication made

561

00:18:43,909 --> 00:18:43,120

about an indian test we called it the

562

00:18:46,950 --> 00:18:43,919

acel

563

00:18:49,510 --> 00:18:46,960

mission rehearsal amr uh it it ran

564

00:18:51,430 --> 00:18:49,520

from launch minus 30 hours all the way

565

00:18:54,070 --> 00:18:51,440

through touchdown plus a couple hours

566

00:18:56,230 --> 00:18:54,080

it was a 100 hour plus simulation

567

00:18:57,510 --> 00:18:56,240

something we had never done and what

568

00:18:59,350 --> 00:18:57,520

that did is it stitched

569

00:19:00,789 --> 00:18:59,360

together every element of the mission

570

00:19:03,029 --> 00:19:00,799

that we had previously tested

571

00:19:04,310 --> 00:19:03,039

thoroughly but independently and gave us

572

00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:04,320

an opportunity to see

573

00:19:07,590 --> 00:19:06,480

really how the vehicle performs uh over

574

00:19:10,470 --> 00:19:07,600

the full duration

575

00:19:12,230 --> 00:19:10,480

of an entire mission so we have really

576

00:19:15,190 --> 00:19:12,240

i'll call it thoroughly dug into

577

00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:15,200

tested and verified hundreds of times

578

00:19:18,150 --> 00:19:16,160

you know the independent

579

00:19:19,990 --> 00:19:18,160

uh the software code to ensure that it

580

00:19:21,590 --> 00:19:20,000

performs exactly the way we intend on

581

00:19:22,870 --> 00:19:21,600

oft2

582

00:19:24,789 --> 00:19:22,880

we'll take two questions from the room

583

00:19:25,590 --> 00:19:24,799

here thank you sorry rosenstein with

584

00:19:27,750 --> 00:19:25,600

talking space

585

00:19:29,110 --> 00:19:27,760

um chris you talked earlier about all

586

00:19:29,750 --> 00:19:29,120

the different changes that have been

587

00:19:32,230 --> 00:19:29,760

made

588

00:19:33,510 --> 00:19:32,240

uh to the starliner capsule so i guess

589

00:19:35,190 --> 00:19:33,520

which system

590

00:19:36,710 --> 00:19:35,200

from the ground are you in particular

591

00:19:37,430 --> 00:19:36,720

looking to see the most from and for the

592

00:19:39,110 --> 00:19:37,440

crew

593

00:19:40,549 --> 00:19:39,120

which systems will you guys be really

594

00:19:41,350 --> 00:19:40,559

trying to focus on during this test

595

00:19:44,950 --> 00:19:41,360

flight ahead of

596

00:19:46,470 --> 00:19:44,960

your eventual flights so i'll keep it

597

00:19:47,029 --> 00:19:46,480

real short one thing i'm very interested

598

00:19:48,310 --> 00:19:47,039

in uh

599

00:19:50,230 --> 00:19:48,320

i think most of you are aware we're

600

00:19:52,630 --> 00:19:50,240

flying with a fully up abort

601
00:19:53,830 --> 00:19:52,640
capable system this time we had mass

602
00:19:55,510 --> 00:19:53,840
simulators

603
00:19:57,510 --> 00:19:55,520
for the for the portion of the abort

604
00:19:59,430 --> 00:19:57,520
system for oft-1

605
00:20:01,510 --> 00:19:59,440
um interested in c you know of course we

606
00:20:03,750 --> 00:20:01,520
don't never plan to use the abort system

607
00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:03,760
however we will not be able to monitor

608
00:20:07,909 --> 00:20:05,600
its performance and ensure that you know

609
00:20:10,710 --> 00:20:07,919
we don't see anything unexpected

610
00:20:12,070 --> 00:20:10,720
and then sort of to me we also have an

611
00:20:13,669 --> 00:20:12,080
entry cover uh we're

612
00:20:15,909 --> 00:20:13,679
you know a way to protect the docking

613
00:20:17,110 --> 00:20:15,919

mechanism for the heat of reentry

614

00:20:18,870 --> 00:20:17,120

this will be the first time that we're

615

00:20:20,789 --> 00:20:18,880

using an entry cover entry cover has to

616

00:20:22,630 --> 00:20:20,799

be opened once we get on orbit and then

617

00:20:24,470 --> 00:20:22,640

closed uh prior to landing so those are

618

00:20:26,310 --> 00:20:24,480

the two biggies for me

619

00:20:27,590 --> 00:20:26,320

okay and another oh i'm so sorry i think

620

00:20:29,190 --> 00:20:27,600

from a crew perspective

621

00:20:31,190 --> 00:20:29,200

the second part of that question is

622

00:20:32,870 --> 00:20:31,200

we'll be really focused on the portion

623

00:20:35,029 --> 00:20:32,880

of the mission that we did not

624

00:20:36,870 --> 00:20:35,039

get a chance to accomplish on oft so

625

00:20:37,669 --> 00:20:36,880

specifically that's the rendezvous and

626

00:20:39,110 --> 00:20:37,679

docking

627

00:20:41,510 --> 00:20:39,120

we'll be looking at the relative

628

00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:41,520

navigation system vesta is a series of

629

00:20:46,230 --> 00:20:44,240

cameras that provides us that capability

630

00:20:48,149 --> 00:20:46,240

so we're excited to see from the crew

631

00:20:48,950 --> 00:20:48,159

displays what's that actually going to

632

00:20:51,029 --> 00:20:48,960

look like

633

00:20:52,390 --> 00:20:51,039

vice just what we have in the simulators

634

00:20:54,630 --> 00:20:52,400

of course docking and then

635

00:20:56,310 --> 00:20:54,640

undocking as the other major components

636

00:20:58,310 --> 00:20:56,320

of this test that we'll specifically be

637

00:21:01,270 --> 00:20:58,320

watching

638

00:21:02,950 --> 00:21:01,280

go ahead can cramer space up close

639

00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,960

thanks uh good luck on the mission for

640

00:21:05,590 --> 00:21:04,080

the crew

641

00:21:07,430 --> 00:21:05,600

um we were here a couple of weeks ago

642

00:21:09,830 --> 00:21:07,440

and you you arrived with the booster i'm

643

00:21:12,070 --> 00:21:09,840

wondering if you got any more clarity

644

00:21:13,510 --> 00:21:12,080

on how long your mission might be a

645

00:21:14,789 --> 00:21:13,520

couple of days couple of months you

646

00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:14,799

didn't have too much

647

00:21:20,789 --> 00:21:18,240

uh clarity on that and how much science

648

00:21:23,190 --> 00:21:20,799

are you training are you doing to carry

649

00:21:25,110 --> 00:21:23,200

out experiments on the iss if it might

650

00:21:27,270 --> 00:21:25,120

be a longer mission well i can tell you

651
00:21:29,750 --> 00:21:27,280
that we are completely fully trained

652
00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:29,760
to do a full up mission six months or

653
00:21:31,510 --> 00:21:30,400
longer

654
00:21:33,590 --> 00:21:31,520
as long as the spacecraft i think the

655
00:21:35,190 --> 00:21:33,600
spacecraft's ready for like 220 days

656
00:21:36,630 --> 00:21:35,200
uh attached to the space station so

657
00:21:37,350 --> 00:21:36,640
we're fully trained and ready to go and

658
00:21:39,909 --> 00:21:37,360
do that but

659
00:21:41,029 --> 00:21:39,919
our focus is obviously very broad but

660
00:21:43,270 --> 00:21:41,039
our detailed focus

661
00:21:45,430 --> 00:21:43,280
is on this flight it is an experimental

662
00:21:47,350 --> 00:21:45,440
test flight and that's what our focus is

663
00:21:49,029 --> 00:21:47,360

and if it's uh eight days or eight

664

00:21:50,230 --> 00:21:49,039

months whatever it winds up being that's

665

00:21:52,149 --> 00:21:50,240

that's what we're gonna what

666

00:21:53,990 --> 00:21:52,159

what we are prepared to to do and

667

00:21:55,830 --> 00:21:54,000

accomplish so flight tests

668

00:21:57,430 --> 00:21:55,840

what the objectives that we have set in

669

00:21:59,669 --> 00:21:57,440

front of us are the key

670

00:22:01,270 --> 00:21:59,679

for this and honestly wherever we fit in

671

00:22:02,789 --> 00:22:01,280

is where we'll go it depends on the

672

00:22:03,990 --> 00:22:02,799

needs of the space station as far as

673

00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:04,000

duration of the mission

674

00:22:07,750 --> 00:22:06,240

so if the space station needs us uh for

675

00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:07,760

a couple months that's what it'll be if

676
00:22:10,070 --> 00:22:09,039
it needs us for six months that's what

677
00:22:11,430 --> 00:22:10,080
it'll be if you don't if it really

678
00:22:13,270 --> 00:22:11,440
doesn't need us at the time but it's a

679
00:22:15,110 --> 00:22:13,280
good window to go to the space station

680
00:22:16,310 --> 00:22:15,120
and it just becomes a test flight

681
00:22:18,390 --> 00:22:16,320
that'll be fine with us

682
00:22:20,230 --> 00:22:18,400
but that includes the science we we

683
00:22:22,390 --> 00:22:20,240
fully support jennifer and her team

684
00:22:23,669 --> 00:22:22,400
on the science program where uh trained

685
00:22:25,270 --> 00:22:23,679
up in

686
00:22:27,270 --> 00:22:25,280
all the science programs goes as we get

687
00:22:28,549 --> 00:22:27,280
closer to our our launch date

688
00:22:30,070 --> 00:22:28,559

and we know what exactly what

689

00:22:31,350 --> 00:22:30,080

experiments are going to be the focus

690

00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:31,360

we'll get the extra training

691

00:22:34,789 --> 00:22:32,960

again not to interfere with our our

692

00:22:37,590 --> 00:22:34,799

flight test like butch said but

693

00:22:39,669 --> 00:22:37,600

we're definitely a science crew and just

694

00:22:39,990 --> 00:22:39,679

to comment on a standard crew expedition

695

00:22:43,270 --> 00:22:40,000

we

696

00:22:46,630 --> 00:22:43,280

do anywhere up to about 300 experiments

697

00:22:50,630 --> 00:22:48,070

this question's from social it's from an

698

00:22:52,549 --> 00:22:50,640

11 year old from north carolina he wants

699

00:22:53,669 --> 00:22:52,559

to know how long the training process is

700

00:22:55,909 --> 00:22:53,679

before you launch

701

00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:55,919

also what is the fastest speeds you'll

702

00:23:03,350 --> 00:23:01,110

so that training process starts the day

703

00:23:05,270 --> 00:23:03,360

you show up at nasa and it never stops

704

00:23:06,789 --> 00:23:05,280

but it's really exciting it's some of

705

00:23:08,070 --> 00:23:06,799

the coolest training and learning that

706

00:23:09,669 --> 00:23:08,080

you'll ever do

707

00:23:11,350 --> 00:23:09,679

specifically for a mission training

708

00:23:13,990 --> 00:23:11,360

starts about two years

709

00:23:15,669 --> 00:23:14,000

prior um to your launch to train

710

00:23:17,510 --> 00:23:15,679

specifically what you'll be doing on

711

00:23:18,789 --> 00:23:17,520

that mission if it's a spacewalk or

712

00:23:21,110 --> 00:23:18,799

science or in our case

713

00:23:23,350 --> 00:23:21,120

an experimental test flight but that

714

00:23:24,950 --> 00:23:23,360

that training continues the entire time

715

00:23:26,630 --> 00:23:24,960

uh fortunately coming back home we're

716

00:23:28,390 --> 00:23:26,640

going to reach just over 25

717

00:23:29,990 --> 00:23:28,400

mach so uh that's going to be the

718

00:23:31,110 --> 00:23:30,000

fastest eyes i've ever gone and these

719

00:23:32,549 --> 00:23:31,120

gentlemen have flown

720

00:23:33,990 --> 00:23:32,559

flown before but we're looking forward

721

00:23:34,310 --> 00:23:34,000

to those speeds you get a patch if you

722

00:23:37,190 --> 00:23:34,320

fly

723

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:37,200

25 mach and uh we and you'll see the

724

00:23:40,149 --> 00:23:38,400

astronauts uh

725

00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:40,159

traditionally have them those have flown

726

00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:41,200

i think butch you're wearing your

727

00:23:43,990 --> 00:23:41,919

shuttle one

728

00:23:45,990 --> 00:23:44,000

i'm wearing my soyuz one and we have a

729

00:23:47,350 --> 00:23:46,000

new patch that has a starliner on it but

730

00:23:49,430 --> 00:23:47,360

we're not allowed to wear it until we

731

00:23:51,350 --> 00:23:49,440

go mach 25. i'm looking forward to

732

00:23:52,950 --> 00:23:51,360

watching duke go mach 25 for the first

733

00:23:53,700 --> 00:23:52,960

time i've got a spot for it on my flight

734

00:23:55,830 --> 00:23:53,710

suit so i'm ready

735

00:23:57,190 --> 00:23:55,840

[Laughter]

736

00:23:58,470 --> 00:23:57,200

all right we have one more on social and

737

00:24:00,310 --> 00:23:58,480

then i do see we have two or three in

738

00:24:02,149 --> 00:24:00,320

the room here uh so the one on social is

739

00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:02,159

how will starliner contribute to the

740

00:24:09,750 --> 00:24:04,640

future of space exploration and continue

741

00:24:12,870 --> 00:24:11,669

nicole you got a good answer for that

742

00:24:14,710 --> 00:24:12,880

well i think

743

00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:14,720

i'll answer from the first part of the

744

00:24:16,789 --> 00:24:16,080

we talked a little bit about the big

745

00:24:19,029 --> 00:24:16,799

mission

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00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:19,039

of how starliner fits into human

747

00:24:22,470 --> 00:24:20,080

exploration right

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00:24:24,070 --> 00:24:22,480

this is a huge component to returning

749

00:24:25,750 --> 00:24:24,080

this launch capability from

750

00:24:28,310 --> 00:24:25,760

the united states and having this

751
00:24:29,830 --> 00:24:28,320
sustained dissimilar redundancy between

752
00:24:32,070 --> 00:24:29,840
spacex and boeing and so that

753
00:24:33,510 --> 00:24:32,080
we're not reliant on just one company to

754
00:24:34,630 --> 00:24:33,520
get astronauts to the international

755
00:24:37,430 --> 00:24:34,640
space station

756
00:24:38,870 --> 00:24:37,440
and as we look at low earth orbit you've

757
00:24:41,350 --> 00:24:38,880
seen a lot of commercial

758
00:24:42,070 --> 00:24:41,360
launches recently you're going to see

759
00:24:44,230 --> 00:24:42,080
more

760
00:24:45,269 --> 00:24:44,240
folks in low earth orbit that are not

761
00:24:47,909 --> 00:24:45,279
nasa astronauts

762
00:24:49,350 --> 00:24:47,919
that's great this is this is goodness i

763
00:24:51,590 --> 00:24:49,360

think for the younger generation

764

00:24:53,190 --> 00:24:51,600

they're going to see scientists

765

00:24:55,350 --> 00:24:53,200

engineers maybe journalists

766

00:24:57,110 --> 00:24:55,360

in space and they're going to be able to

767

00:24:58,070 --> 00:24:57,120

capture the amazement of space and

768

00:25:00,070 --> 00:24:58,080

they're going to be able

769

00:25:01,590 --> 00:25:00,080

to share these experiences and the

770

00:25:04,230 --> 00:25:01,600

things that we learn

771

00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:04,240

better so than than astronauts are able

772

00:25:07,029 --> 00:25:05,200

to do so

773

00:25:08,789 --> 00:25:07,039

and i think for these kids that they are

774

00:25:09,269 --> 00:25:08,799

going to see that there's opportunities

775

00:25:11,510 --> 00:25:09,279

for them

776

00:25:13,430 --> 00:25:11,520

in space in whichever capacity that they

777

00:25:15,430 --> 00:25:13,440

would like to participate

778

00:25:16,950 --> 00:25:15,440

and so hopefully they'll realize that a

779

00:25:18,390 --> 00:25:16,960

lot of these barriers or maybe

780

00:25:20,149 --> 00:25:18,400

limitations from the past are being

781

00:25:22,470 --> 00:25:20,159

broken down and the opportunities

782

00:25:24,470 --> 00:25:22,480

are there for the taking it will also

783

00:25:26,630 --> 00:25:24,480

increase our science capability

784

00:25:28,710 --> 00:25:26,640

quite a bit which i think jennifer would

785

00:25:31,590 --> 00:25:28,720

probably be best suited to touch on

786

00:25:32,149 --> 00:25:31,600

yeah absolutely so again we talked

787

00:25:35,029 --> 00:25:32,159

earlier

788

00:25:35,430 --> 00:25:35,039

you know we having more crew on orbit

789

00:25:39,110 --> 00:25:35,440

and

790

00:25:40,630 --> 00:25:39,120

can do more science we really do a wide

791

00:25:42,549 --> 00:25:40,640

variety of science

792

00:25:44,149 --> 00:25:42,559

so we do experiments and everything from

793

00:25:46,710 --> 00:25:44,159

human research to

794

00:25:47,909 --> 00:25:46,720

fluid physics to technology

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00:25:50,549 --> 00:25:47,919

demonstrations

796

00:25:52,470 --> 00:25:50,559

life sciences as well as education so

797

00:25:53,909 --> 00:25:52,480

that is a component of our mission

798

00:25:55,350 --> 00:25:53,919

and so students have been very

799

00:25:57,029 --> 00:25:55,360

successful in student involved

800

00:25:58,149 --> 00:25:57,039

experiments on iss to date

801
00:26:00,789 --> 00:25:58,159
and i look forward to seeing that

802
00:26:02,950 --> 00:26:00,799
increase yeah very bright future for all

803
00:26:04,390 --> 00:26:02,960
of us okay one in the room here

804
00:26:06,070 --> 00:26:04,400
chris get part with nasa space flight

805
00:26:07,269 --> 00:26:06,080
for chris ferguson um

806
00:26:09,990 --> 00:26:07,279
one of the other things that popped up

807
00:26:11,269 --> 00:26:10,000
on oft was a communications issue

808
00:26:12,630 --> 00:26:11,279
some sort of interference with

809
00:26:14,390 --> 00:26:12,640
communication system i'm just wondering

810
00:26:15,269 --> 00:26:14,400
what was the ultimate root cause of that

811
00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:15,279
investigation

812
00:26:19,510 --> 00:26:18,080
and what were the fixes yeah so there

813
00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:19,520

were a couple

814

00:26:23,750 --> 00:26:20,880

you know one of them had to do with

815

00:26:25,430 --> 00:26:23,760

locking on to a bad tdrs frequency

816

00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:25,440

we've got plenty of mitigations in place

817

00:26:28,470 --> 00:26:27,600

for that in fact for the crude flight

818

00:26:31,510 --> 00:26:28,480

test

819

00:26:33,350 --> 00:26:31,520

we are going to uh roll on a new what we

820

00:26:34,950 --> 00:26:33,360

call communications transceiver

821

00:26:36,549 --> 00:26:34,960

that is a little more robust and

822

00:26:39,430 --> 00:26:36,559

resistant to that but we have

823

00:26:40,950 --> 00:26:39,440

mitigation ways to detect if we have

824

00:26:42,230 --> 00:26:40,960

what we call a false lock

825

00:26:44,070 --> 00:26:42,240

and we'll break that lock and we'll

826
00:26:46,789 --> 00:26:44,080
reacquire so that's one of them

827
00:26:48,470 --> 00:26:46,799
another one we discovered that we were

828
00:26:50,710 --> 00:26:48,480
really looking a little too close with

829
00:26:52,549 --> 00:26:50,720
our antennas to the earth's horizon

830
00:26:54,310 --> 00:26:52,559
and therefore we were picking up a lot

831
00:26:55,909 --> 00:26:54,320
of interfering frequencies and those

832
00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:55,919
interfering frequencies all full

833
00:26:59,110 --> 00:26:58,320
in the region of cell phones believe it

834
00:27:01,990 --> 00:26:59,120
or not

835
00:27:03,909 --> 00:27:02,000
so we now have actually canted our view

836
00:27:04,549 --> 00:27:03,919
of the rise and we sort of mask out that

837
00:27:07,669 --> 00:27:04,559
noisy

838
00:27:09,990 --> 00:27:07,679

area and we've taken other measures we

839

00:27:11,909 --> 00:27:10,000

we point ourselves in what we call

840

00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:11,919

communications friendly attitudes

841

00:27:15,909 --> 00:27:14,640

to try to make sure that we minimize our

842

00:27:18,630 --> 00:27:15,919

exposure to uh

843

00:27:20,149 --> 00:27:18,640

to to that noise so i think the biggest

844

00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:20,159

thing is for the crew flight test and

845

00:27:22,310 --> 00:27:20,880

subsequence

846

00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:22,320

we're going to roll on a new transceiver

847

00:27:25,590 --> 00:27:24,559

which will really uh permanently put a

848

00:27:28,070 --> 00:27:25,600

lot of these issues

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00:27:29,830 --> 00:27:28,080

behind us but in the interim we've got a

850

00:27:32,310 --> 00:27:29,840

lot of good measures in place to ensure

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00:27:33,510 --> 00:27:32,320
we have good calm throughout the flight

852
00:27:35,350 --> 00:27:33,520
great thank you and the last question

853
00:27:36,389 --> 00:27:35,360
from the room here rachel nail with

854
00:27:37,909 --> 00:27:36,399
florida today

855
00:27:40,310 --> 00:27:37,919
this is a little bit of a follow on what

856
00:27:42,070 --> 00:27:40,320
nicole just was talking about um

857
00:27:44,549 --> 00:27:42,080
virgin galactic and blue origin just

858
00:27:45,750 --> 00:27:44,559
flew you know folks on these suborbital

859
00:27:46,710 --> 00:27:45,760
space flights

860
00:27:48,310 --> 00:27:46,720
and there's a little bit of a

861
00:27:49,990 --> 00:27:48,320
controversy should these people be

862
00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:50,000
considered astronauts should they be

863
00:27:53,350 --> 00:27:51,440

called astronauts

864

00:27:54,470 --> 00:27:53,360

i'm very curious what you guys think

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00:27:56,630 --> 00:27:54,480

about these

866

00:27:58,389 --> 00:27:56,640

passengers that are on these suborbital

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00:28:00,230 --> 00:27:58,399

space flights you know now and in the

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00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:00,240

future

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00:28:04,470 --> 00:28:02,559

i can say that uh we are excited that

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00:28:05,029 --> 00:28:04,480

more people are coming to space uh just

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00:28:07,750 --> 00:28:05,039

to

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00:28:08,710 --> 00:28:07,760

um stand on the shoulders of uh nicole

873

00:28:11,430 --> 00:28:08,720

there is that

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00:28:12,230 --> 00:28:11,440

you know only 550 people plus or minus

875

00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:12,240

have been

876

00:28:15,830 --> 00:28:13,760

been to space and the more people that

877

00:28:17,110 --> 00:28:15,840

can see our beautiful planet see what

878

00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:17,120

our eyes have seen

879

00:28:20,870 --> 00:28:19,440

the better it off is for all of humanity

880

00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:20,880

and the more companies that we have is

881

00:28:23,909 --> 00:28:22,080

more jobs

882

00:28:25,510 --> 00:28:23,919

for everyone including here on the space

883

00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:25,520

coast so this is all

884

00:28:29,110 --> 00:28:28,080

goodness as nicole said what we call

885

00:28:31,750 --> 00:28:29,120

these people

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00:28:33,190 --> 00:28:31,760

that's uh that's that's hard to say i

887

00:28:33,909 --> 00:28:33,200

would just say that we called alan

888

00:28:35,750 --> 00:28:33,919

shepard

889

00:28:37,669 --> 00:28:35,760

uh an astronaut when uh he did his

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00:28:40,549 --> 00:28:37,679

suborbital flight along with gus

891

00:28:41,510 --> 00:28:40,559

on uh mercury atlas or excuse me mercury

892

00:28:44,870 --> 00:28:41,520

redstone

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00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:44,880

um and uh so uh but uh these people

894

00:28:48,149 --> 00:28:46,480

some folks who go to their are not

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00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:48,159

professional astronauts like uh

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00:28:52,070 --> 00:28:50,640

like it's our profession uh so uh what

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00:28:53,350 --> 00:28:52,080

what to call them is a very good

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00:28:54,549 --> 00:28:53,360

question

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00:28:56,870 --> 00:28:54,559

but we're glad that more people are

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00:28:58,950 --> 00:28:56,880

seeing space

901
00:29:00,149 --> 00:28:58,960
perfect thank you guys so much this uh

902
00:29:01,669 --> 00:29:00,159
brings us to the end of this briefing

903
00:29:02,630 --> 00:29:01,679
thank you to everyone who participated

904
00:29:04,149 --> 00:29:02,640
and asked questions

905
00:29:06,470 --> 00:29:04,159
again a reminder that the launch

906
00:29:07,430 --> 00:29:06,480
tomorrow is targeted for 2 53 p.m

907
00:29:09,190 --> 00:29:07,440
eastern time