



9:21:55 AM  
APR. 5 '97

9:39 AM  
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00:00:00,030 --> 00:00:27,570

Oh

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00:00:31,330 --> 00:00:29,830

Thank You mr. Abby and thank you ladies

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00:00:34,420 --> 00:00:31,340

and gentlemen for this opportunity to

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00:00:35,830 --> 00:00:34,430

talk a little bit about SCS 83 as mr.

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00:00:37,630 --> 00:00:35,840

Abby has just alluded to it turned out

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00:00:39,520 --> 00:00:37,640

to be a much different spaceflight from

7  
00:00:41,830 --> 00:00:39,530

from what we'd anticipated but no less

8  
00:00:43,450 --> 00:00:41,840

important in the sense that it gave a

9  
00:00:45,160 --> 00:00:43,460

chance for all of us in this room and in

10  
00:00:46,450 --> 00:00:45,170

fact all the NASA centers the people who

11  
00:00:48,759 --> 00:00:46,460

are listening to me around the country

12  
00:00:51,729 --> 00:00:48,769

to do what NASA does best and that is

13  
00:00:53,710 --> 00:00:51,739

when a problem crops up people spent

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00:00:55,569 --> 00:00:53,720

that whole weekend of April 5th inside

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00:00:57,850 --> 00:00:55,579

Mission Control working that fuel cell

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00:01:00,359 --> 00:00:57,860

problem coming up with options coming up

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00:01:02,289 --> 00:01:00,369

with ideas trying to solve the problem

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00:01:04,210 --> 00:01:02,299

presenting options to the mission

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00:01:05,530 --> 00:01:04,220

management team who then decided hey the

20

00:01:07,060 --> 00:01:05,540

right thing to do is to come home and

21

00:01:08,980 --> 00:01:07,070

let's let's think about it more when we

22

00:01:10,750 --> 00:01:08,990

get the crew and the vehicle safely down

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00:01:13,210 --> 00:01:10,760

on earth and then we'll fly them again

24

00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:13,220

so kudos to everybody on this side

25

00:01:17,230 --> 00:01:14,720

answered throughout the country who made

26

00:01:19,810 --> 00:01:17,240

that safe return of the vehicle and the

27

00:01:21,100 --> 00:01:19,820

crew a possibility what I'd like to do

28

00:01:22,840 --> 00:01:21,110

now is introduce a crew perhaps in a

29

00:01:24,670 --> 00:01:22,850

little bit more depth for you to my

30

00:01:26,770 --> 00:01:24,680

right as our pilot Lieutenant Commander

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00:01:29,110 --> 00:01:26,780

Susan still from the United States Navy

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00:01:31,990 --> 00:01:29,120

she she filled those very important

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00:01:33,430 --> 00:01:32,000

front right seat duties magnificently it

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00:01:35,650 --> 00:01:33,440

was her first flight and we were lucky

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00:01:39,160 --> 00:01:35,660

to have her on board this mission to her

36

00:01:40,780 --> 00:01:39,170

right dr. Janice Voss Janice has her

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00:01:42,820 --> 00:01:40,790

background her academic degrees for

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00:01:44,890 --> 00:01:42,830

advanced degrees from MIT in both Aero

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00:01:46,810 --> 00:01:44,900

and Astro she was able to bring that

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00:01:48,700 --> 00:01:46,820

academic background together with two

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00:01:50,800 --> 00:01:48,710

prior space flights and experience made

42

00:01:53,160 --> 00:01:50,810

her the right person to be a payload

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00:01:56,500 --> 00:01:53,170

commander in this crew to her right is

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00:01:58,719 --> 00:01:56,510

mission specialist number two dr. Mike

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00:02:00,030 --> 00:01:58,729

Bernhardt Mike's a unique individual in

46

00:02:02,830 --> 00:02:00,040

the sense that he has a background

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00:02:04,899 --> 00:02:02,840

academically in bio bio engineering from

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00:02:06,370 --> 00:02:04,909

the University of Pennsylvania but it

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00:02:07,960 --> 00:02:06,380

combines that with a lot of hands-on

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00:02:09,759 --> 00:02:07,970

operational experience as a professional

51  
00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:09,769  
deep-sea diver in the petroleum industry

52  
00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:12,080  
for a number of years so I made him the

53  
00:02:16,660 --> 00:02:14,720  
right person to apply those skills as on

54  
00:02:18,280 --> 00:02:16,670  
the blue shift the shift where Susan and

55  
00:02:19,809 --> 00:02:18,290  
I were sleeping he was in charge of the

56  
00:02:22,869 --> 00:02:19,819  
orbiter and keeping the orbiter safe and

57  
00:02:24,369 --> 00:02:22,879  
running as a space lab while we were

58  
00:02:26,710 --> 00:02:24,379  
asleep and he ran the blue ship for us

59  
00:02:28,809 --> 00:02:26,720  
and did a great job there the other

60  
00:02:30,940 --> 00:02:28,819  
experienced very experienced space flyer

61  
00:02:33,970 --> 00:02:30,950  
that we have on board is dr. Don Thomas

62  
00:02:36,580 --> 00:02:33,980  
Don has a background in materials

63  
00:02:37,309 --> 00:02:36,590

science specializing the semiconductor

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00:02:39,979 --> 00:02:37,319

industry to

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00:02:43,309 --> 00:02:39,989

from Case Western and Cornell and then a

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00:02:45,589 --> 00:02:43,319

standin Billy Bell AT&T Labs prior to

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00:02:46,880 --> 00:02:45,599

coming to us at NASA Donna and I had the

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:46,890

very unique experience of flying

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00:02:52,009 --> 00:02:49,290

together on our first flight on STS 65

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00:02:53,720 --> 00:02:52,019

back in 1994 on a mission which was very

71

00:02:57,559 --> 00:02:53,730

similar almost identical to this one

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00:02:59,059 --> 00:02:57,569

dual shift long-duration laboratory

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00:03:00,410 --> 00:02:59,069

mission so we were able to bring and

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00:03:04,309 --> 00:03:00,420

Donna in particular was able to bring

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00:03:06,050 --> 00:03:04,319

that expertise to bear on STS 83 and it

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00:03:08,330 --> 00:03:06,060

was it was magnificent having him and

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00:03:09,830 --> 00:03:08,340

his experience on this mission the last

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00:03:11,509 --> 00:03:09,840

two individuals that I want to introduce

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00:03:13,069 --> 00:03:11,519

to you are important in the sense that

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00:03:14,690 --> 00:03:13,079

they were brought from outside the

81

00:03:18,349 --> 00:03:14,700

astronaut crew office because of their

82

00:03:22,190 --> 00:03:18,359

particular expertise we have dr. Roger

83

00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:22,200

Crouch degrees from Tennessee Tech and

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00:03:27,050 --> 00:03:24,959

Virginia Tech and he's his background is

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00:03:30,020 --> 00:03:27,060

he was in charge of the NASA material

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00:03:34,009 --> 00:03:30,030

science program for about a hundred

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00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:34,019

years is that right yeah he was up at

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00:03:37,429 --> 00:03:35,760

NASA headquarters really managing the

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00:03:39,289 --> 00:03:37,439

material science of the microgravity

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00:03:40,429 --> 00:03:39,299

science program for all of NASA for a

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00:03:43,670 --> 00:03:40,439

number of years so this was his

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00:03:45,619 --> 00:03:43,680

opportunity to come back and apply not

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00:03:47,869 --> 00:03:45,629

only his top level skills but also his

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00:03:49,369 --> 00:03:47,879

hands-on researcher skills in the

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00:03:51,469 --> 00:03:49,379

laboratory environment we were lucky to

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00:03:53,439 --> 00:03:51,479

have him on board finally but certainly

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00:03:56,629 --> 00:03:53,449

not least we have dr. Greg Lynn Terrace

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00:03:58,879 --> 00:03:56,639

Greg has degrees from Stanford and from

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00:04:01,159 --> 00:03:58,889

Princeton his specialty is fire

100

00:04:03,229 --> 00:04:01,169

combustion which was important for the

101  
00:04:04,879 --> 00:04:03,239  
this flight because that was one of two

102  
00:04:07,460 --> 00:04:04,889  
particular areas that we were trying to

103  
00:04:09,170 --> 00:04:07,470  
target all of our experiments onboard

104  
00:04:11,210 --> 00:04:09,180  
Columbia and onboard the microgravity

105  
00:04:12,920 --> 00:04:11,220  
science laboratory so Greg was the right

106  
00:04:14,839 --> 00:04:12,930  
person to have onboard that mission and

107  
00:04:17,149 --> 00:04:14,849  
he too on his first flight did a great

108  
00:04:18,680 --> 00:04:17,159  
job for us so that's the crew and what

109  
00:04:19,969 --> 00:04:18,690  
we'd like to do at this time is roll the

110  
00:04:21,860 --> 00:04:19,979  
film for you we have an 11 minute

111  
00:04:23,149 --> 00:04:21,870  
videotape to kind of show you what what

112  
00:04:27,500 --> 00:04:23,159  
we plan and what actually happened when

113  
00:04:30,050 --> 00:04:27,510

STS 83 here's the patch is designed to

114

00:04:32,029 --> 00:04:30,060

show in an artistic fashion combustion

115

00:04:34,279 --> 00:04:32,039

science and the material science that we

116

00:04:36,320 --> 00:04:34,289

were on board to do around the crew one

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00:04:39,529 --> 00:04:36,330

more time Susan still the pilot from

118

00:04:41,920 --> 00:04:39,539

Augusta Georgia there's Mike ms2 the

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00:04:44,210 --> 00:04:41,930

flight engineer from Mansfield Ohio

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00:04:47,720 --> 00:04:44,220

Janice Voss pelo commander from

121

00:04:49,730 --> 00:04:47,730

Rockville Rockford Illinois that's right

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00:04:54,070 --> 00:04:49,740

Cleveland Ohio's representative Don

123

00:04:57,010 --> 00:04:54,080

Thomas Roger Crouch from Tennessee

124

00:05:00,740 --> 00:04:57,020

Gregg Glenn Terrace from numerous

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00:05:02,570 --> 00:05:00,750

numerous New Jersey so finally the big

126

00:05:05,330 --> 00:05:02,580

day we've been training so hard for has

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00:05:08,420 --> 00:05:05,340

come and what a beautiful day to go into

128

00:05:10,730 --> 00:05:08,430

space aboard Columbia as we're all

129

00:05:13,790 --> 00:05:10,740

getting strapped in I find that I'm not

130

00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:13,800

nervous at all I'm mentally reviewing

131

00:05:18,380 --> 00:05:16,320

procedures and waiting with excitement

132

00:05:22,520 --> 00:05:18,390

for when I get to start moving switches

133

00:05:24,800 --> 00:05:22,530

in preparation for launch six seconds

134

00:05:28,070 --> 00:05:24,810

prior to t0 the three main engines

135

00:05:30,620 --> 00:05:28,080

ignite and throttle up when the

136

00:05:33,650 --> 00:05:30,630

computers see good engines the solid

137

00:05:37,520 --> 00:05:33,660

rocket boosters ignite and there's no

138

00:05:39,680 --> 00:05:37,530

stopping us now the vibrations I felt

139

00:05:42,410 --> 00:05:39,690

during launch were less than I had

140

00:05:45,050 --> 00:05:42,420

anticipated which was nice the

141

00:05:47,450 --> 00:05:45,060

acceleration off the launch pad was less

142

00:05:50,720 --> 00:05:47,460

than I've experienced catapulting off of

143

00:05:53,420 --> 00:05:50,730

aircraft carriers but soon things got

144

00:05:56,210 --> 00:05:53,430

pretty exciting when I started feeling

145

00:05:59,210 --> 00:05:56,220

the g-forces build-up pressing down on

146

00:06:02,409 --> 00:05:59,220

my chest I knew I was accelerating

147

00:06:08,090 --> 00:06:02,419

faster than ever before

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00:06:10,750 --> 00:06:08,100

zero to 17,000 miles 17,500 miles per

149

00:06:14,480 --> 00:06:10,760

hour in only eight and a half minutes

150

00:06:16,370 --> 00:06:14,490

now that's pretty exciting now we're

151  
00:06:20,270 --> 00:06:16,380  
over a hundred and sixty nautical miles

152  
00:06:21,650 --> 00:06:20,280  
from the Earth's surface one of the

153  
00:06:22,820 --> 00:06:21,660  
first things we need to do when you get

154  
00:06:24,320 --> 00:06:22,830  
up into orbit to get into orbit

155  
00:06:24,710 --> 00:06:24,330  
configuration is open the payload bay

156  
00:06:26,659 --> 00:06:24,720  
doors

157  
00:06:28,490 --> 00:06:26,669  
the shiny surface on the inside is a

158  
00:06:30,440 --> 00:06:28,500  
radiator and we use that to get rid of

159  
00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:30,450  
the waste heat I'm sure most of you know

160  
00:06:35,060 --> 00:06:33,120  
how all that works but we have to get

161  
00:06:36,260 --> 00:06:35,070  
them up in just a few hours or we have

162  
00:06:38,570 --> 00:06:36,270  
to come back because of all the waste

163  
00:06:40,640 --> 00:06:38,580

heat that we generate on board the next

164

00:06:42,110 --> 00:06:40,650

major activity for me and the payload

165

00:06:44,210 --> 00:06:42,120

team was getting the space live

166

00:06:45,240 --> 00:06:44,220

activated you see Roger coming in on the

167

00:06:47,160 --> 00:06:45,250

left there I'm right

168

00:06:48,990 --> 00:06:47,170

this is our first trip into the Space

169

00:06:50,670 --> 00:06:49,000

Lab module after getting up into orbit

170

00:06:51,960 --> 00:06:50,680

you can tell it's early in the flight

171

00:06:53,280 --> 00:06:51,970

because the module is still nice and

172

00:06:55,440 --> 00:06:53,290

clean everything is still packed away

173

00:06:57,660 --> 00:06:55,450

that'll change pretty quick as we get

174

00:06:59,490 --> 00:06:57,670

things set up for flight we have to get

175

00:07:01,530 --> 00:06:59,500

all the systems activated the subsystem

176

00:07:02,700 --> 00:07:01,540

computer and the experiment computer get

177

00:07:04,920 --> 00:07:02,710

that up and running so we can get

178

00:07:06,570 --> 00:07:04,930

heavily into science see Don Tom is here

179

00:07:08,130 --> 00:07:06,580

working on the worldmap computer and the

180

00:07:11,940 --> 00:07:08,140

you can also see the space to have

181

00:07:13,890 --> 00:07:11,950

computer next to him what was happening

182

00:07:15,780 --> 00:07:13,900

on the ground it first unknown to us but

183

00:07:17,640 --> 00:07:15,790

briefly made shortly made known to us

184

00:07:19,980 --> 00:07:17,650

was that we had a fuel cell to problem

185

00:07:22,080 --> 00:07:19,990

fuel co2 had high substantive volts

186

00:07:23,910 --> 00:07:22,090

which is a technical term for saying

187

00:07:26,610 --> 00:07:23,920

that there's the possibility that fuel

188

00:07:28,800 --> 00:07:26,620

cell 2 could have a fire so at the upper

189

00:07:31,290 --> 00:07:28,810

right-hand part of this screen you see

190

00:07:32,840 --> 00:07:31,300

the the flight control team meeting

191

00:07:34,770 --> 00:07:32,850

together trying to go over our options

192

00:07:36,360 --> 00:07:34,780

figure out what the right thing to do

193

00:07:37,860 --> 00:07:36,370

the mission management team met and the

194

00:07:40,170 --> 00:07:37,870

right thing to do was to come on home

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00:07:43,050 --> 00:07:40,180

here you see Chris Hadfield our Capcom

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00:07:44,460 --> 00:07:43,060

telling us come on home on day 4 one of

197

00:07:46,350 --> 00:07:44,470

the big results of the power-down that

198

00:07:48,120 --> 00:07:46,360

we did was to shut off all non-critical

199

00:07:49,830 --> 00:07:48,130

equipment on board and when the first

200

00:07:51,570 --> 00:07:49,840

things to go back into space that module

201  
00:07:53,250 --> 00:07:51,580  
was the lights you can see here I'm

202  
00:07:54,750 --> 00:07:53,260  
working with a flashlight in my mouth

203  
00:07:56,280 --> 00:07:54,760  
that was standard operating procedure

204  
00:07:57,810 --> 00:07:56,290  
for us back there to look at procedures

205  
00:07:59,790 --> 00:07:57,820  
and see what we were doing and it made

206  
00:08:05,130 --> 00:07:59,800  
for a most interesting work experience

207  
00:08:07,980 --> 00:08:05,140  
back then before things got quite this

208  
00:08:10,530 --> 00:08:07,990  
interesting the 32 science teams working

209  
00:08:11,940 --> 00:08:10,540  
in the payload Operations Control Center

210  
00:08:13,620 --> 00:08:11,950  
at Marshall Space Flight Center had

211  
00:08:16,080 --> 00:08:13,630  
started replanting the scientific

212  
00:08:18,420 --> 00:08:16,090  
experiments and the red team went to

213  
00:08:19,830 --> 00:08:18,430

work doing the new pcap or the new plan

214

00:08:21,930 --> 00:08:19,840

for how the science was going to be

215

00:08:23,700 --> 00:08:21,940

carried out the orbiter crew chipped in

216

00:08:26,820 --> 00:08:23,710

here you see Susan helping on a Japanese

217

00:08:28,409 --> 00:08:26,830

furnished large isothermal furnace for

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00:08:30,120 --> 00:08:28,419

some of the material science experiments

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00:08:35,579 --> 00:08:30,130

Gregg's are doing some combustion here

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00:08:37,740 --> 00:08:35,589

oh that Don doing material science still

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00:08:40,170 --> 00:08:37,750

on the Lord isothermal furnace apologize

222

00:08:41,760 --> 00:08:40,180

for that he's changing the samples here

223

00:08:43,230 --> 00:08:41,770

going with some of the samples that had

224

00:08:46,650 --> 00:08:43,240

shorter run times than what we'd

225

00:08:50,460 --> 00:08:46,660

previously anticipated doing and you can

226

00:08:51,840 --> 00:08:50,470

see that he's working from a new pcap

227

00:08:54,720 --> 00:08:51,850

that had just been

228

00:08:56,400 --> 00:08:54,730

that day this is great sorry combustion

229

00:08:58,230 --> 00:08:56,410

was one of the important areas of

230

00:09:00,749 --> 00:08:58,240

research on our our mission and what I'm

231

00:09:02,129 --> 00:09:00,759

doing here is a suit formation

232

00:09:04,050 --> 00:09:02,139

experiment said of course is an

233

00:09:05,639 --> 00:09:04,060

important airborne pollutant this is the

234

00:09:07,860 --> 00:09:05,649

igniter in the combustion chamber you'll

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00:09:09,629 --> 00:09:07,870

see the flame and ethylene air diffusion

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00:09:11,939 --> 00:09:09,639

flame lighting it's actually upside down

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00:09:13,889 --> 00:09:11,949

here it's forming soot our job at this

238

00:09:16,139 --> 00:09:13,899

point was to adjust the flow rate of the

239

00:09:17,759 --> 00:09:16,149

fuel in order to eliminate the soot

240

00:09:19,740 --> 00:09:17,769

formation and bring it just below the

241

00:09:22,829 --> 00:09:19,750

set point so the flow rate is being

242

00:09:26,069 --> 00:09:22,839

adjusted down the next image is a laser

243

00:09:27,509 --> 00:09:26,079

extinction image of the same flame and

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00:09:29,460 --> 00:09:27,519

this is what the scientists on the

245

00:09:31,259 --> 00:09:29,470

ground used to quantify the soot

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00:09:33,900 --> 00:09:31,269

formation rate in this particular flame

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00:09:35,370 --> 00:09:33,910

another area of research was droplet

248

00:09:37,110 --> 00:09:35,380

combustion droplets of course in

249

00:09:39,269 --> 00:09:37,120

ubiquitous in many combustion using

250

00:09:41,100 --> 00:09:39,279

devices I'm setting up the experiment

251

00:09:44,309 --> 00:09:41,110

here in the next image you'll see an

252

00:09:46,290 --> 00:09:44,319

actual droplet burn the droplet is

253

00:09:48,930 --> 00:09:46,300

formed in between the center needles and

254

00:09:51,540 --> 00:09:48,940

it's stretched released and then ignited

255

00:09:52,889 --> 00:09:51,550

and then it burns from the burning rate

256

00:09:54,389 --> 00:09:52,899

of the droplet the scientists can

257

00:09:56,939 --> 00:09:54,399

understand the chemical kinetics and the

258

00:09:59,069 --> 00:09:56,949

physics of the burning process the next

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00:10:00,870 --> 00:09:59,079

image is an ultraviolet image

260

00:10:02,460 --> 00:10:00,880

intensified and you can see that the

261

00:10:04,650 --> 00:10:02,470

droplet burns all the way to extinction

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00:10:06,960 --> 00:10:04,660

which is exactly what the investigators

263

00:10:08,579 --> 00:10:06,970

wanted to try and see I spent a lot of

264

00:10:10,710 --> 00:10:08,589

time during our four days working on the

265

00:10:12,329 --> 00:10:10,720

glovebox experiments here and this is

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00:10:14,639 --> 00:10:12,339

one of the material science one from

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00:10:16,019 --> 00:10:14,649

Northwestern University we wouldn't have

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00:10:17,639 --> 00:10:16,029

been able to do the great job we did up

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00:10:18,990 --> 00:10:17,649

there without outstanding support here

270

00:10:21,480 --> 00:10:19,000

in the ground both at the Johnson Space

271

00:10:24,030 --> 00:10:21,490

Center in Huntsville Alabama at the

272

00:10:25,470 --> 00:10:24,040

payload operations Control Center and a

273

00:10:27,059 --> 00:10:25,480

number one man they're working with us

274

00:10:28,579 --> 00:10:27,069

was Paul Ronnie or alternate payload

275

00:10:30,780 --> 00:10:28,589

specialist who did an outstanding job

276  
00:10:33,210 --> 00:10:30,790  
helping us get all the experiments done

277  
00:10:35,400 --> 00:10:33,220  
in time we had a couple of experiments

278  
00:10:36,710 --> 00:10:35,410  
onboard that we're looking at hardware

279  
00:10:39,059 --> 00:10:36,720  
we might be using for the space station

280  
00:10:41,280 --> 00:10:39,069  
this is an example of how we could

281  
00:10:42,540 --> 00:10:41,290  
upgrade an experiment as the station of

282  
00:10:44,910 --> 00:10:42,550  
vowels as you learn more about the

283  
00:10:46,410 --> 00:10:44,920  
science or improve the hardware to allow

284  
00:10:48,329 --> 00:10:46,420  
you to change experiments over the

285  
00:10:49,679 --> 00:10:48,339  
course of Space Station's life this is

286  
00:10:51,389 --> 00:10:49,689  
the combustion module where at the

287  
00:10:53,309 --> 00:10:51,399  
beginning of flight inserting the

288  
00:10:54,840 --> 00:10:53,319

experiment mounting structure for the

289

00:10:56,670 --> 00:10:54,850

suit flame that Greg was talking about

290

00:10:58,429 --> 00:10:56,680

earlier halfway through the flight will

291

00:11:00,900 --> 00:10:58,439

change these out and put in a flame ball

292

00:11:03,640 --> 00:11:00,910

experiment that would be the second half

293

00:11:06,490 --> 00:11:03,650

of that combustion experiment

294

00:11:08,590 --> 00:11:06,500

very first full day on orbit one of our

295

00:11:10,720 --> 00:11:08,600

first jobs was to activate some protein

296

00:11:12,550 --> 00:11:10,730

crystal growth experiments and that's

297

00:11:14,920 --> 00:11:12,560

what Don and I are doing here protein

298

00:11:16,269 --> 00:11:14,930

crystals of course helped the scientists

299

00:11:18,070 --> 00:11:16,279

on the ground understand the structure

300

00:11:21,540 --> 00:11:18,080

of the proteins for which they can then

301  
00:11:23,470 --> 00:11:21,550  
then design drugs our job was to

302  
00:11:28,900 --> 00:11:23,480  
photograph with 35 millimeter

303  
00:11:30,880 --> 00:11:28,910  
photography the activation process one

304  
00:11:32,950 --> 00:11:30,890  
of the major challenges facing a

305  
00:11:35,650 --> 00:11:32,960  
separate person clearly we'd like we had

306  
00:11:38,380 --> 00:11:35,660  
is to convert the ascent rocket into an

307  
00:11:40,750 --> 00:11:38,390  
orbiting laboratory and basically you're

308  
00:11:42,460 --> 00:11:40,760  
trying to stow away about 10 pounds of

309  
00:11:45,430 --> 00:11:42,470  
potatoes and 5 pound sack and then

310  
00:11:47,500 --> 00:11:45,440  
deploy all the various experiments this

311  
00:11:50,220 --> 00:11:47,510  
is Janice taking an air sample in the

312  
00:11:52,750 --> 00:11:50,230  
lab one of the tasks we do when we first

313  
00:11:54,340 --> 00:11:52,760

activate the lab and then here you see

314

00:11:55,900 --> 00:11:54,350

me working on the computer and I'm

315

00:11:57,490 --> 00:11:55,910

completely upside down on the ceiling

316

00:11:59,650 --> 00:11:57,500

and that's one of the things that we did

317

00:12:01,600 --> 00:11:59,660

a lot of is to try to spread the people

318

00:12:03,820 --> 00:12:01,610

out seven people in the mid that don't

319

00:12:05,410 --> 00:12:03,830

fit very well on the floor of course we

320

00:12:08,320 --> 00:12:05,420

have to get exercise and there's Jim

321

00:12:10,090 --> 00:12:08,330

doing the ergometer our exercise prayers

322

00:12:12,130 --> 00:12:10,100

were compressed because of the short

323

00:12:17,019 --> 00:12:12,140

flight but normally this is a very

324

00:12:19,120 --> 00:12:17,029

important part of our day the window was

325

00:12:21,100 --> 00:12:19,130

pretty impressive this is the Baja

326

00:12:23,019 --> 00:12:21,110

Peninsula which is oriented kind of

327

00:12:25,210 --> 00:12:23,029

upside down the United States is towards

328

00:12:28,690 --> 00:12:25,220

the bottom of the screen we have Mexico

329

00:12:30,190 --> 00:12:28,700

up in the upper left hand corner this is

330

00:12:32,650 --> 00:12:30,200

part of the Middle East with the Nile

331

00:12:35,050 --> 00:12:32,660

River in the top portion of the screen

332

00:12:38,290 --> 00:12:35,060

the Red Sea in the middle and Saudi

333

00:12:40,120 --> 00:12:38,300

Arabia towards the bottom it's one of

334

00:12:44,800 --> 00:12:40,130

the prettiest parts of the world

335

00:12:47,910 --> 00:12:44,810

I think the Sinai Peninsula in the same

336

00:12:52,199 --> 00:12:47,920

area with the Gulf's of Suez and acaba

337

00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:52,209

consider Suez Canal up in the upper left

338

00:12:56,829 --> 00:12:55,040

these pivot point irrigation circles are

339

00:12:58,690 --> 00:12:56,839

all over the deserts especially in the

340

00:13:03,420 --> 00:12:58,700

Middle East they go down thousands of

341

00:13:07,660 --> 00:13:05,650

well the most spectacular sights we've

342

00:13:09,820 --> 00:13:07,670

got to see from a short mission was

343

00:13:11,290 --> 00:13:09,830

comet hale-bopp and what you're looking

344

00:13:13,150 --> 00:13:11,300

at is a sequence of pictures here

345

00:13:14,890 --> 00:13:13,160

watching the combat actually set through

346

00:13:16,370 --> 00:13:14,900

the atmosphere and we were actually able

347

00:13:18,500 --> 00:13:16,380

to see it set beyond the limit

348

00:13:19,880 --> 00:13:18,510

here you could see also the orange

349

00:13:22,010 --> 00:13:19,890

lights there that are down on the earth

350

00:13:24,620 --> 00:13:22,020

those are fires burning over Central

351

00:13:26,390 --> 00:13:24,630

Africa as we passed over there the

352

00:13:28,130 --> 00:13:26,400

sunsets are spectacular although they're

353

00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:28,140

very short and they occur over like ten

354

00:13:31,580 --> 00:13:30,000

seconds or so we get to see about 60

355

00:13:34,700 --> 00:13:31,590

November every day which makes up for

356

00:13:36,830 --> 00:13:34,710

the shortness well after a lot of

357

00:13:38,150 --> 00:13:36,840

unexpected quick work we had the vehicle

358

00:13:39,800 --> 00:13:38,160

and ship ready to come home here we are

359

00:13:40,670 --> 00:13:39,810

on Dior birthday everybody suited up

360

00:13:42,140 --> 00:13:40,680

Susan left

361

00:13:44,120 --> 00:13:42,150

flight engineer Mike they're in the in

362

00:13:46,640 --> 00:13:44,130

the middle and me on the right we did

363

00:13:49,100 --> 00:13:46,650

the deorbit burn made a safe and

364

00:13:50,960 --> 00:13:49,110

successful to fuel sale entry back into

365

00:13:53,240 --> 00:13:50,970

the Earth's atmosphere and at about this

366

00:13:54,650 --> 00:13:53,250

point about about Mach point nine is

367

00:13:56,870 --> 00:13:54,660

where I had the opportunity to fly the

368

00:13:59,120 --> 00:13:56,880

Space Shuttle for the first time I had

369

00:14:02,180 --> 00:13:59,130

about 1,000 practice shuttle training

370

00:14:03,560 --> 00:14:02,190

aircraft approaches but I had never as

371

00:14:06,050 --> 00:14:03,570

pilot had the opportunity to actually

372

00:14:07,730 --> 00:14:06,060

fly the shuttle and when I first took

373

00:14:09,680 --> 00:14:07,740

control of the vehicle manually I did a

374

00:14:11,720 --> 00:14:09,690

little pitch pulse to see how it flew no

375

00:14:13,280 --> 00:14:11,730

roll pulse and I told Susan hey it's

376

00:14:16,040 --> 00:14:13,290

just like the STA and I think that's a

377

00:14:18,470 --> 00:14:16,050

tribute to our training people and

378

00:14:20,480 --> 00:14:18,480

system that a first-time flyer can feel

379

00:14:22,160 --> 00:14:20,490

that comfortable here we are rolling out

380

00:14:23,990 --> 00:14:22,170

on final approach down got a good view

381

00:14:26,480 --> 00:14:24,000

of the runway out there over over

382

00:14:29,930 --> 00:14:26,490

Susan's shoulder at 2,000 feet I did the

383

00:14:31,550 --> 00:14:29,940

pre-flare and at 300 feet Susan dropped

384

00:14:33,650 --> 00:14:31,560

the gear down right here we had a little

385

00:14:35,120 --> 00:14:33,660

bit of crosswind from my right to left

386

00:14:37,520 --> 00:14:35,130

as I was looking out the commander's

387

00:14:38,660 --> 00:14:37,530

window that was causing some concern by

388

00:14:39,650 --> 00:14:38,670

the people on the ground and you see

389

00:14:41,120 --> 00:14:39,660

that I did have to make a little

390

00:14:43,580 --> 00:14:41,130

correction back to the centreline to the

391

00:14:45,800 --> 00:14:43,590

left here and then stop the rate by

392

00:14:48,410 --> 00:14:45,810

dipping the right wing down to have a

393

00:14:51,470 --> 00:14:48,420

zero across the runway rate as we touch

394

00:14:54,290 --> 00:14:51,480

down the vehicle touched down the whole

395

00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:54,300

landing task was was well well practice

396

00:14:57,800 --> 00:14:55,920

in the shuttle training aircraft I felt

397

00:15:02,090 --> 00:14:57,810

comfortable with it as I lowered the

398

00:15:04,430 --> 00:15:02,100

nose Susan put the but the chute out and

399

00:15:05,870 --> 00:15:04,440

the chute causes a lot of drag or at

400

00:15:07,730 --> 00:15:05,880

least it seems that way after several

401  
00:15:09,140 --> 00:15:07,740  
days of zero gravity the jerk that you

402  
00:15:10,700 --> 00:15:09,150  
get seems like a lot and you just have

403  
00:15:12,230 --> 00:15:10,710  
no desire to really put on the brakes

404  
00:15:15,320 --> 00:15:12,240  
you let the vehicle roll out with almost

405  
00:15:17,150 --> 00:15:15,330  
no braking Susan drops issued at sixty

406  
00:15:18,470 --> 00:15:17,160  
knots and I do use the brakes here for

407  
00:15:19,490 --> 00:15:18,480  
about the first time to bring it to a

408  
00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:19,500  
full and complete stop

409  
00:15:23,080 --> 00:15:21,600  
I found the brakes they weren't draggy I

410  
00:15:25,460 --> 00:15:23,090  
did find the nosewheel steering to be a

411  
00:15:27,510 --> 00:15:25,470  
fairly stiff in the sense that if Iraq

412  
00:15:31,290 --> 00:15:27,520  
reacted very quickly to any inputs that

413  
00:15:32,790 --> 00:15:31,300

me after that after about an hour of

414

00:15:34,470 --> 00:15:32,800

medical testing we were able to get out

415

00:15:38,270 --> 00:15:34,480

and wave to the photographers who were

416

00:15:41,940 --> 00:15:40,590

thanks to the hard work that's going on

417

00:15:44,370 --> 00:15:41,950

right now at the Kennedy Space Center

418

00:15:45,990 --> 00:15:44,380

that to be continued that slogan is

419

00:15:47,790 --> 00:15:46,000

going to be truth on July 1st they're

420

00:15:50,250 --> 00:15:47,800

gonna have the vehicle and the payload

421

00:15:52,020 --> 00:15:50,260

and us back out there and ready to go

422

00:15:53,370 --> 00:15:52,030

again and it's it's happening only

423

00:15:54,810 --> 00:15:53,380

because of the hard work that the

424

00:15:56,010 --> 00:15:54,820

engineers and the technicians down to

425

00:15:59,310 --> 00:15:56,020

the Cape are putting in on this

426  
00:16:01,260 --> 00:15:59,320  
unprecedented and record-setting a turn

427  
00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:01,270  
of the vehicle in the payload what we

428  
00:16:04,260 --> 00:16:03,040  
have next are a series of slides of some

429  
00:16:06,270 --> 00:16:04,270  
of the more interesting earth

430  
00:16:08,040 --> 00:16:06,280  
observation sites that we that we were

431  
00:16:10,560 --> 00:16:08,050  
privileged to have the opportunity to

432  
00:16:15,210 --> 00:16:10,570  
look down on from about 160 nautical

433  
00:16:17,190 --> 00:16:15,220  
miles this is Long Island the northern

434  
00:16:18,990 --> 00:16:17,200  
half of Long Island in the Bahamas and

435  
00:16:20,880 --> 00:16:19,000  
we didn't have a whole lot of time to

436  
00:16:22,590 --> 00:16:20,890  
look out the window but when I met when

437  
00:16:24,360 --> 00:16:22,600  
I could I would look down particularly

438  
00:16:26,430 --> 00:16:24,370

the Bahamas which to me is the prettiest

439

00:16:27,900 --> 00:16:26,440

place in the world here you see the

440

00:16:30,720 --> 00:16:27,910

tongue of the ocean on the right hand

441

00:16:33,360 --> 00:16:30,730

side with a where the the Shelf drops

442

00:16:35,550 --> 00:16:33,370

off from about 60 feet down to 6,000

443

00:16:37,290 --> 00:16:35,560

feet and the picture doesn't really do

444

00:16:39,000 --> 00:16:37,300

it justice I remember when I was in

445

00:16:41,550 --> 00:16:39,010

space looking at the window and just

446

00:16:45,420 --> 00:16:41,560

really awestruck at the beauty there in

447

00:16:46,800 --> 00:16:45,430

thinking that the only the second place

448

00:16:48,630 --> 00:16:46,810

in the world I'd want to be is there the

449

00:16:50,790 --> 00:16:48,640

Bahamas the first place was was on the

450

00:16:53,220 --> 00:16:50,800

spaceship at the time and fortunately

451  
00:16:55,560 --> 00:16:53,230  
for us we we landed we debriefed for a

452  
00:16:57,540 --> 00:16:55,570  
few days and got two weeks off so I went

453  
00:16:59,760 --> 00:16:57,550  
straight down there and actually did

454  
00:17:01,950 --> 00:16:59,770  
some dive in it at this location and it

455  
00:17:04,170 --> 00:17:01,960  
was really special to to go underwater

456  
00:17:06,180 --> 00:17:04,180  
and see that environment and have in

457  
00:17:12,750 --> 00:17:06,190  
your mind the same image of that place

458  
00:17:15,420 --> 00:17:12,760  
from space is very very awesome this is

459  
00:17:17,670 --> 00:17:15,430  
the Nile River in Egypt and as you pass

460  
00:17:19,340 --> 00:17:17,680  
over Egypt and you see the brown deserts

461  
00:17:21,720 --> 00:17:19,350  
below you the two things that stand out

462  
00:17:23,730 --> 00:17:21,730  
one of them is the bend in the Nile

463  
00:17:25,350 --> 00:17:23,740

River here at Luxor and what you're

464

00:17:27,780 --> 00:17:25,360

looking at is the Nile River and either

465

00:17:29,370 --> 00:17:27,790

side of the river itself you can see the

466

00:17:31,110 --> 00:17:29,380

green agricultural areas where the

467

00:17:33,180 --> 00:17:31,120

growing crops all along the Nile and

468

00:17:35,430 --> 00:17:33,190

this is where the Valley of the Kings is

469

00:17:36,990 --> 00:17:35,440

where they found the King Tutankhamun

470

00:17:40,389 --> 00:17:37,000

and there's still you know discovering

471

00:17:43,009 --> 00:17:40,399

new tombs there today next

472

00:17:44,570 --> 00:17:43,019

another spectacular area on the Nile

473

00:17:47,659 --> 00:17:44,580

River is little further down is the

474

00:17:49,700 --> 00:17:47,669

Aswan Dam and Lake Nasser here the dam

475

00:17:51,560 --> 00:17:49,710

is just near the top center of the

476

00:17:54,200 --> 00:17:51,570

picture you can see it barely there a

477

00:17:56,210 --> 00:17:54,210

little great structure crossing the Nile

478

00:17:59,180 --> 00:17:56,220

the water levels were at near record

479

00:18:01,159 --> 00:17:59,190

level here when we flew over the denial

480

00:18:03,440 --> 00:18:01,169

in Lake Nasser that was due to heavy

481

00:18:04,960 --> 00:18:03,450

rains that they've been having in Kenya

482

00:18:11,389 --> 00:18:04,970

over near the headwaters of the Nile

483

00:18:16,129 --> 00:18:11,399

since December of last year this is the

484

00:18:17,960 --> 00:18:16,139

Indus River and Pakistan and well what

485

00:18:22,220 --> 00:18:17,970

the scientists on the ground like to see

486

00:18:25,879 --> 00:18:22,230

from photos like this is the level of

487

00:18:28,159 --> 00:18:25,889

water in the rivers and the agricultural

488

00:18:30,109 --> 00:18:28,169

the amount of area the agriculture

489

00:18:32,840 --> 00:18:30,119

extends from the river boundaries and

490

00:18:40,789 --> 00:18:32,850

the build-up of the cities surrounding

491

00:18:42,590 --> 00:18:40,799

the river this is the Mayan volcano in

492

00:18:44,690 --> 00:18:42,600

the Philippines it's the most active

493

00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:44,700

volcano in the Philippines you can see

494

00:18:51,799 --> 00:18:48,320

the smoke still coming out the top it's

495

00:18:54,980 --> 00:18:51,809

erupted 47 times since the early 1600s

496

00:18:57,109 --> 00:18:54,990

the most impressive part about this

497

00:18:59,720 --> 00:18:57,119

picture is that we were able to take it

498

00:19:07,440 --> 00:18:59,730

because typically there's cloud coverage

499

00:19:13,480 --> 00:19:11,049

they're reminding me that this is this

500

00:19:15,909 --> 00:19:13,490

is the great gray whale breeding ground

501  
00:19:16,779 --> 00:19:15,919  
located on the west coast of Baja now

502  
00:19:18,250 --> 00:19:16,789  
I'm not going to tell you that we can

503  
00:19:20,649 --> 00:19:18,260  
count whales from space at least these

504  
00:19:23,830 --> 00:19:20,659  
40 year old guys can't but what we can

505  
00:19:25,539 --> 00:19:23,840  
do is is get the big picture that is

506  
00:19:29,620 --> 00:19:25,549  
what are the plankton blooms like what

507  
00:19:31,029 --> 00:19:29,630  
are the the other large-scale current

508  
00:19:32,500 --> 00:19:31,039  
changes that might be affecting the gray

509  
00:19:34,240 --> 00:19:32,510  
whales as they migrate down from the

510  
00:19:36,549 --> 00:19:34,250  
Bering Sea down the coast of North

511  
00:19:40,680 --> 00:19:36,559  
America to this area where they feed and

512  
00:19:42,850 --> 00:19:40,690  
breed to begin the cycle for a new year

513  
00:19:45,279 --> 00:19:42,860

one thing that I always find fascinating

514

00:19:47,440 --> 00:19:45,289

is how you look at something from space

515

00:19:48,460 --> 00:19:47,450

and remind you of some small thing but

516

00:19:50,710 --> 00:19:48,470

you're seeing it on a much more

517

00:19:52,779 --> 00:19:50,720

tremendous scale I see a picture like

518

00:19:53,980 --> 00:19:52,789

this and I think of a pebble in a stream

519

00:19:55,810 --> 00:19:53,990

this is what it looks like to me but

520

00:19:58,330 --> 00:19:55,820

what you're seeing is the peak of

521

00:20:00,370 --> 00:19:58,340

Guadalupe Island interacting with the

522

00:20:02,860 --> 00:20:00,380

atmosphere to create this wake on the

523

00:20:04,810 --> 00:20:02,870

leeward side of the island I think it's

524

00:20:06,100 --> 00:20:04,820

fascinating just to watch the how these

525

00:20:07,659 --> 00:20:06,110

things develop and how summer they

526  
00:20:09,760 --> 00:20:07,669  
looked as something as small as a pebble

527  
00:20:11,620 --> 00:20:09,770  
in water but the scientists can actually

528  
00:20:13,690 --> 00:20:11,630  
tell a lot about the environment around

529  
00:20:15,669 --> 00:20:13,700  
this island from an analysing picture

530  
00:20:17,799 --> 00:20:15,679  
like this for example because the wake

531  
00:20:19,720 --> 00:20:17,809  
downstream of the island is a solid

532  
00:20:22,510 --> 00:20:19,730  
cloud bank they can tell that the winds

533  
00:20:23,889 --> 00:20:22,520  
at this time were less than 5 m/s had

534  
00:20:25,690 --> 00:20:23,899  
the winds been higher you would see

535  
00:20:28,930 --> 00:20:25,700  
turbulent wakes like you see behind an

536  
00:20:30,370 --> 00:20:28,940  
airplane when the air is kind of humid

537  
00:20:32,380 --> 00:20:30,380  
and you'll see you can actually see the

538  
00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:32,390

wakes forming off the wings and you'll

539

00:20:36,220 --> 00:20:34,640

see that air the cloud patterns disturb

540

00:20:38,289 --> 00:20:36,230

behind there with von Karman vortices

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00:20:39,610 --> 00:20:38,299

forming since there are no vortices here

542

00:20:41,169 --> 00:20:39,620

they can tell it this time of year and

543

00:20:45,789 --> 00:20:41,179

these are other conditions the wind

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00:20:47,590 --> 00:20:45,799

speeds are fairly low we were fortunate

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00:20:49,690 --> 00:20:47,600

enough especially myself who was the

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00:20:51,730 --> 00:20:49,700

first time flier to have Jim Hall sail

547

00:20:53,080 --> 00:20:51,740

constantly telling us when things were

548

00:20:56,289 --> 00:20:53,090

happening that we had to be sure not to

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00:20:57,399 --> 00:20:56,299

mesh yes and Roger and I and the other

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00:20:59,080 --> 00:20:57,409

crew members were spending a lot of time

551  
00:21:00,850 --> 00:20:59,090  
back in the laboratory but Jim finally

552  
00:21:03,460 --> 00:21:00,860  
said to me Greg come on up to the flight

553  
00:21:04,990 --> 00:21:03,470  
lab to the flight deck because you have

554  
00:21:08,169 --> 00:21:05,000  
to see at least one of these before we

555  
00:21:10,060 --> 00:21:08,179  
can go home and so I came up and and

556  
00:21:13,060 --> 00:21:10,070  
this is what I saw it was a sunset and

557  
00:21:15,700 --> 00:21:13,070  
the difference to me was that you see

558  
00:21:19,090 --> 00:21:15,710  
this very very deep and gorgeous red at

559  
00:21:23,080 --> 00:21:19,100  
the same time as a very very bright

560  
00:21:24,310 --> 00:21:23,090  
a neon blue during the sunset and for me

561  
00:21:26,230 --> 00:21:24,320  
it was very very spectacular and

562  
00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:26,240  
beautiful the slide is good but it was

563  
00:21:36,549 --> 00:21:35,380

sometimes you go in and add a sunset

564

00:21:38,260 --> 00:21:36,559

you're able to see a little bit of

565

00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:38,270

three-dimensional structure and here you

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00:21:42,190 --> 00:21:40,640

see the class Janice says the cloud

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00:21:44,830 --> 00:21:42,200

formations and the changing cloud

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00:21:46,570 --> 00:21:44,840

formations are always very dynamic and

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00:21:49,210 --> 00:21:46,580

interesting here you see a cloud cover

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00:21:52,570 --> 00:21:49,220

coming out of that cloud cover is a huge

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00:21:54,399 --> 00:21:52,580

thunder sail that's just bulging up and

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00:21:56,169 --> 00:21:54,409

in the sunset the glinting off of that