



1  
00:00:09,680 --> 00:00:08,179  
calavius and everybody around here is

2  
00:00:13,249 --> 00:00:09,690  
looked at the bird and it looks real

3  
00:00:17,000 --> 00:00:13,259  
good right retch and you're being

4  
00:00:18,380 --> 00:00:17,010  
awaited by the USS Ticonderoga and we're

5  
00:00:22,910 --> 00:00:18,390  
waiting to see you back here in Houston

6  
00:00:24,980 --> 00:00:22,920  
- oh right you can relate to the Tyco

7  
00:00:29,810 --> 00:00:24,990  
we've got their Fox Corpensing our hook

8  
00:00:32,170 --> 00:00:29,820  
is down Roger - this was Skylab on the

9  
00:00:35,060 --> 00:00:32,180  
final day of the first manned mission

10  
00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:35,070  
the crew had this last view as they made

11  
00:00:39,049 --> 00:00:36,719  
preparations for return to Earth

12  
00:00:42,049 --> 00:00:39,059  
everything here it had been a successful

13  
00:00:44,990 --> 00:00:42,059

mission the large majority of scientific

14

00:00:47,630 --> 00:00:45,000

objectives were accomplished but the

15

00:00:50,420 --> 00:00:47,640

bright orange sunshade the single solar

16

00:00:51,920 --> 00:00:50,430

wing presented a striking reminder of a

17

00:00:54,470 --> 00:00:51,930

mission that was something more than

18

00:00:59,150 --> 00:00:54,480

routine a mission that gave new meaning

19

00:01:04,789 --> 00:00:59,160

to the term manned spaceflight - 13 12

20

00:01:23,010 --> 00:01:04,799

11 10 9 8 we have ignition sequence has

21

00:01:23,020 --> 00:01:40,980

these Skylab lifting on the

22

00:01:48,490 --> 00:01:45,910

it was the afternoon of May 14 1973 when

23

00:01:51,580 --> 00:01:48,500

the unmanned Skylab Saturn workshop was

24

00:01:54,730 --> 00:01:51,590

rolled along at Cape Kennedy on the way

25

00:01:58,300 --> 00:01:54,740

to its assigned orbit 236 nautical miles

26  
00:02:00,219 --> 00:01:58,310  
in space the cloud cover was heavy on

27  
00:02:02,260 --> 00:02:00,229  
launch day and prevented tracking

28  
00:02:04,029 --> 00:02:02,270  
cameras from seeing an event that

29  
00:02:08,020 --> 00:02:04,039  
occurred about one minute into the

30  
00:02:10,779 --> 00:02:08,030  
mission at the point of maximum

31  
00:02:12,660 --> 00:02:10,789  
vibration telemetry sensed premature

32  
00:02:15,370 --> 00:02:12,670  
deployment of the meteoroid shield

33  
00:02:18,640 --> 00:02:15,380  
followed by a weak electrical signal

34  
00:02:21,280 --> 00:02:18,650  
from the workshop solar arrays clearly

35  
00:02:24,100 --> 00:02:21,290  
there had been a problem but the exact

36  
00:02:26,970 --> 00:02:24,110  
nature wasn't known until after orbital

37  
00:02:29,440 --> 00:02:26,980  
insertion during the first revolution

38  
00:02:32,470 --> 00:02:29,450

Skylab temperatures began to rise

39

00:02:35,650 --> 00:02:32,480

rapidly and pieces of the puzzle started

40

00:02:37,539 --> 00:02:35,660

to fall in place in NASA engineers

41

00:02:40,870 --> 00:02:37,549

surmised that the anomalies were most

42

00:02:43,120 --> 00:02:40,880

likely related it was felt that the

43

00:02:44,890 --> 00:02:43,130

meteoroids shield had been completely

44

00:02:48,490 --> 00:02:44,900

lost at deployment which accounted for

45

00:02:50,800 --> 00:02:48,500

the high heat levels also that fragments

46

00:02:52,900 --> 00:02:50,810

of the meteorite shield had jammed or

47

00:02:56,199 --> 00:02:52,910

otherwise hindered full deployment of

48

00:02:58,210 --> 00:02:56,209

the solar array panels failure of these

49

00:03:00,479 --> 00:02:58,220

panels which were designed to furnish

50

00:03:03,069 --> 00:03:00,489

about half of skylabs electrical power

51  
00:03:05,229 --> 00:03:03,079  
meant that the total power burden would

52  
00:03:09,360 --> 00:03:05,239  
have to be borne by solar panels of the

53  
00:03:11,890 --> 00:03:09,370  
Apollo telescope mount by early evening

54  
00:03:14,949 --> 00:03:11,900  
workshop temperatures had risen above

55  
00:03:17,170 --> 00:03:14,959  
the level of safety launching of the

56  
00:03:19,840 --> 00:03:17,180  
crew the following day received an

57  
00:03:23,830 --> 00:03:19,850  
indefinite hold pending satisfactory

58  
00:03:25,960 --> 00:03:23,840  
solutions flight support and engineering

59  
00:03:29,380 --> 00:03:25,970  
teams were immediately set in motion to

60  
00:03:33,460 --> 00:03:29,390  
find the answers at stake was the future

61  
00:03:35,710 --> 00:03:33,470  
of the entire Skylab program the most

62  
00:03:37,080 --> 00:03:35,720  
urgent need was to achieve a thermal

63  
00:03:39,540 --> 00:03:37,090

electrical balance

64

00:03:41,580 --> 00:03:39,550

this meant maneuvering to an optimum

65

00:03:44,640 --> 00:03:41,590

flight attitude for solar requirements

66

00:03:47,009 --> 00:03:44,650

that were in direct conflict too much

67

00:03:48,839 --> 00:03:47,019

solar radiation would drive temperatures

68

00:03:52,140 --> 00:03:48,849

higher increasing the chances of

69

00:03:54,539 --> 00:03:52,150

component damage and food spoilage on

70

00:03:56,580 --> 00:03:54,549

the other hand generation of electrical

71

00:03:58,589 --> 00:03:56,590

power to drive heat exchangers and food

72

00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:58,599

freezers was wholly dependent on

73

00:04:03,360 --> 00:04:01,599

exposure to the Sun while flight

74

00:04:05,910 --> 00:04:03,370

controllers struggled to achieve this

75

00:04:08,309 --> 00:04:05,920

delicate balance other team had the

76  
00:04:09,839 --> 00:04:08,319  
major objective of designing a thermal

77  
00:04:13,500 --> 00:04:09,849  
shield that could be deployed on the

78  
00:04:15,780 --> 00:04:13,510  
workshop to make it habitable NASA

79  
00:04:19,020 --> 00:04:15,790  
centers and private industry responded

80  
00:04:21,000 --> 00:04:19,030  
with a variety of shield concepts the

81  
00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:21,010  
most promising designs were released for

82  
00:04:34,710 --> 00:04:29,440  
fabrication finally they were subjected

83  
00:04:36,420 --> 00:04:34,720  
to functional testing by the fifth day

84  
00:04:41,270 --> 00:04:36,430  
of the mission the choice had been

85  
00:04:46,680 --> 00:04:44,580  
it had good functional reliability and

86  
00:04:48,600 --> 00:04:46,690  
the crew would be able to deploy it from

87  
00:04:53,580 --> 00:04:48,610  
inside the workshop through a scientific

88  
00:04:55,680 --> 00:04:53,590

airlock another shield the twin pole

89

00:04:59,670 --> 00:04:55,690

sunshade would also be carried on the

90

00:05:01,589 --> 00:04:59,680

mission as a backup here in the Skylab

91

00:05:03,900 --> 00:05:01,599

underwater simulator at the Marshall

92

00:05:05,730 --> 00:05:03,910

Space Flight Center crews practiced

93

00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:05,740

extra-vehicular installation of the

94

00:05:13,710 --> 00:05:08,080

sunshade and conditions approximating

95

00:05:16,860 --> 00:05:13,720

zero-g as for the solar wings simulation

96

00:05:18,540 --> 00:05:16,870

methods were mostly inconclusive little

97

00:05:20,879 --> 00:05:18,550

was known about the extent of wing

98

00:05:23,129 --> 00:05:20,889

damage at this point and the crew could

99

00:05:27,600 --> 00:05:23,139

only speculate on how best to make them

100

00:05:30,240 --> 00:05:27,610

deploy at Mission Control

101  
00:05:32,900 --> 00:05:30,250  
Solar orientation of the spacecraft had

102  
00:05:35,400 --> 00:05:32,910  
begun to yield positive results

103  
00:05:37,640 --> 00:05:35,410  
temperatures still too high for

104  
00:05:39,870 --> 00:05:37,650  
habitation were stabilized and

105  
00:05:43,110 --> 00:05:39,880  
electrical power was sufficient for

106  
00:05:45,540 --> 00:05:43,120  
operating vital systems and equipment

107  
00:05:48,720 --> 00:05:45,550  
though still precarious the situation

108  
00:05:51,420 --> 00:05:48,730  
had been checked there was reason to

109  
00:05:53,370 --> 00:05:51,430  
believe it would remain stable until the

110  
00:05:54,390 --> 00:05:53,380  
astronauts launched now scheduled for

111  
00:06:00,110 --> 00:05:54,400  
May 25th

112  
00:06:03,390 --> 00:06:00,120  
ten days behind the original schedule on

113  
00:06:05,310 --> 00:06:03,400

the day before launch the parasol team

114

00:06:15,750 --> 00:06:05,320

raced the clock to deliver the flight

115

00:06:18,270 --> 00:06:15,760

article on time they were down to the

116

00:06:21,090 --> 00:06:18,280

last 30-minute extension as the parasol

117

00:06:30,760 --> 00:06:21,100

packed in the flight canister was loaded

118

00:06:36,940 --> 00:06:34,160

in spite of a rigid schedule hopes ran

119

00:06:39,290 --> 00:06:36,950

high that the parasol would do the job

120

00:06:46,600 --> 00:06:39,300

attention now turned to the astronaut

121

00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:51,410

in the early morning hours of May 25th

122

00:06:56,330 --> 00:06:54,240

Skylab - with both thermal shields

123

00:07:00,170 --> 00:06:56,340

stowed aboard was well along in the

124

00:07:03,530 --> 00:07:00,180

countdown the crew meanwhile made ready

125

00:07:06,170 --> 00:07:03,540

to embark on their historic mission this

126

00:07:09,050 --> 00:07:06,180

all Navy crew consisted of Captain

127

00:07:11,090 --> 00:07:09,060

Charles Pete Conrad Skylab commander a

128

00:07:12,700 --> 00:07:11,100

veteran of both the Gemini and Apollo

129

00:07:16,310 --> 00:07:12,710

programs

130

00:07:18,230 --> 00:07:16,320

commander Paul Weitz who would be Skylab

131

00:07:21,220 --> 00:07:18,240

pilot for the mission had been a member

132

00:07:24,500 --> 00:07:21,230

of the support crew of Apollo 12 and

133

00:07:26,210 --> 00:07:24,510

commander Joseph Kerwin scientists pilot

134

00:07:31,640 --> 00:07:26,220

who would be the first American

135

00:07:33,680 --> 00:07:31,650

physician in space the 10-day delay had

136

00:07:36,880 --> 00:07:33,690

been a giant cram course for all

137

00:07:39,940 --> 00:07:36,890

concerned especially for the crew and

138

00:07:42,980 --> 00:07:39,950

their job was only partially complete

139

00:08:05,080 --> 00:07:42,990

the execution of all the planning effort

140

00:08:10,010 --> 00:08:08,210

following a smooth launch Skylab to

141

00:08:13,750 --> 00:08:10,020

maneuver to the proper flight path

142

00:08:17,060 --> 00:08:13,760

attitude for its initial downrange orbit

143

00:08:19,580 --> 00:08:17,070

by mid-afternoon the crew had overtaken

144

00:08:21,860 --> 00:08:19,590

the workshop TV picture beginning to

145

00:08:23,900 --> 00:08:21,870

come in now to the control center Cali

146

00:08:27,760 --> 00:08:23,910

Houston where AOS at Guam for the next

147

00:08:36,080 --> 00:08:33,200

daylight 1.5 mile 29 feet per second

148

00:08:38,690 --> 00:08:36,090

Roger paid copy they effected rendezvous

149

00:08:46,780 --> 00:08:38,700

and performed a fly around to assess the

150

00:09:05,510 --> 00:09:00,890

Roger copy is gone completely off the

151  
00:09:07,310 --> 00:09:05,520  
bird Solar wait what is it that finally

152  
00:09:09,800 --> 00:09:07,320  
deployed into reason if you've got

153  
00:09:12,050 --> 00:09:09,810  
different readings that's the metric

154  
00:09:14,180 --> 00:09:12,060  
between your three solar panels as

155  
00:09:16,880 --> 00:09:14,190  
there's a bulge of meteorite shield

156  
00:09:20,120 --> 00:09:16,890  
underneath it in the middle and it looks

157  
00:09:23,960 --> 00:09:20,130  
to be holding again I project uh be okay

158  
00:09:28,490 --> 00:09:23,970  
it looks like to me right chill at the

159  
00:09:32,060 --> 00:09:28,500  
upper fence panel on the fan plank has

160  
00:09:36,080 --> 00:09:32,070  
wrapped around it just slightly early

161  
00:09:40,040 --> 00:09:36,090  
now my guess is that aren't easiest

162  
00:09:42,500 --> 00:09:40,050  
thing to do and just go to the end and

163  
00:09:45,290 --> 00:09:42,510

try and deploy it Roger

164

00:09:46,850 --> 00:09:45,300

Pete Witt from which side of the says is

165

00:09:48,440 --> 00:09:46,860

the v-rod shield slightly wrapped around

166

00:09:51,020 --> 00:09:48,450

his on the side of the main tunnel

167

00:09:53,840 --> 00:09:51,030

before docking the PRU attempted to free

168

00:09:56,840 --> 00:09:53,850

the wing although the trial was

169

00:09:59,450 --> 00:09:56,850

unsuccessful the TV pictures seen here

170

00:10:03,280 --> 00:09:59,460

proved invaluable in devising the

171

00:10:08,000 --> 00:10:05,630

following a night sleep in the command

172

00:10:10,640 --> 00:10:08,010

module the crew spent the morning of

173

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

Saturday the 26th activating and

174

00:10:18,770 --> 00:10:12,660

checking systems in the multiple docking

175

00:10:32,370 --> 00:10:22,110

later they were given a goal to enter

176

00:10:34,290 --> 00:10:32,380

the workshop by late afternoon the

177

00:10:36,600 --> 00:10:34,300

canister was positioned in the

178

00:10:40,290 --> 00:10:36,610

scientific airlock ready for parasol

179

00:11:00,960 --> 00:10:40,300

extension okay thank you

180

00:11:08,430 --> 00:11:00,970

we had a little dropout rate and so far

181

00:11:11,220 --> 00:11:08,440

the ride extension is some four hours

182

00:11:14,070 --> 00:11:11,230

after the operation began the thermal

183

00:11:27,980 --> 00:11:14,080

parasol was deployed it was then placed

184

00:11:33,500 --> 00:11:30,900

it took about two revolutions of Skylab

185

00:11:36,060 --> 00:11:33,510

before temperatures began to fall

186

00:11:38,670 --> 00:11:36,070

projections showed that if the present

187

00:11:42,150 --> 00:11:38,680

trend continued the workshop would be

188

00:11:43,410 --> 00:11:42,160

below 100 degrees the following day it

189

00:11:45,960 --> 00:11:43,420

wouldn't be the most comfortable

190

00:11:47,820 --> 00:11:45,970

environment but after a discussion with

191

00:11:50,070 --> 00:11:47,830

the crew the decision was made to

192

00:11:53,520 --> 00:11:50,080

proceed the next morning with the normal

193

00:11:56,030 --> 00:11:53,530

flight plan the crew put in a long

194

00:11:58,470 --> 00:11:56,040

trying day activating the workshop

195

00:12:01,340 --> 00:11:58,480

getting things organized and in the

196

00:12:03,750 --> 00:12:01,350

proper place was a chore in itself

197

00:12:06,090 --> 00:12:03,760

however they were discovering to their

198

00:12:08,340 --> 00:12:06,100

satisfaction that moving big pieces of

199

00:12:12,450 --> 00:12:08,350

gear presented no problem in the

200

00:12:15,060 --> 00:12:12,460

weightless environment by noon Monday

201  
00:12:17,370 --> 00:12:15,070  
the 28th with the workshop completely

202  
00:12:19,140 --> 00:12:17,380  
activated primary emphasis was on

203  
00:12:22,350 --> 00:12:19,150  
getting the biomedical experiment

204  
00:12:24,420 --> 00:12:22,360  
started this was the first in a series

205  
00:12:27,720 --> 00:12:24,430  
of lower body negative pressure and

206  
00:12:29,220 --> 00:12:27,730  
vector cardiogram experiments paul weitz

207  
00:12:33,210 --> 00:12:29,230  
the subject

208  
00:12:35,340 --> 00:12:33,220  
Gerwin the observer there followed a

209  
00:12:37,740 --> 00:12:35,350  
workout on the bicycle ergometer to

210  
00:12:40,350 --> 00:12:37,750  
check metabolic effectiveness and to

211  
00:12:53,340 --> 00:12:40,360  
evaluate the bicycle as an exerciser for

212  
00:12:55,200 --> 00:12:53,350  
long-duration mission other medical

213  
00:12:57,870 --> 00:12:55,210

experiments conducted over the next few

214

00:13:00,060 --> 00:12:57,880

days included blood sampling from each

215

00:13:04,650 --> 00:13:00,070

crewmember to satisfy the five blood

216

00:13:06,780 --> 00:13:04,660

study experiments body mass measurement

217

00:13:09,030 --> 00:13:06,790

to determine each crewmen's daily weight

218

00:13:14,040 --> 00:13:09,040

and to validate the use of this device

219

00:13:16,440 --> 00:13:14,050

for weighing in zero-g a rotating litter

220

00:13:18,540 --> 00:13:16,450

chair a part of the human vestibular

221

00:13:22,290 --> 00:13:18,550

function experiment tested for motion

222

00:13:26,670 --> 00:13:22,300

sickness rotation perception and ability

223

00:13:28,380 --> 00:13:26,680

to determine orientation in addition to

224

00:13:30,870 --> 00:13:28,390

these and other medical experiments

225

00:13:33,930 --> 00:13:30,880

science experiments were simultaneously

226

00:13:36,120 --> 00:13:33,940

being performed here Pete Conrad

227

00:13:38,850 --> 00:13:36,130

operates the Apollo telescope mount

228

00:13:41,970 --> 00:13:38,860

control and display panel in preparation

229

00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:41,980

for the solar physics studies in

230

00:13:47,040 --> 00:13:44,800

subsequent operations data such as this

231

00:13:57,210 --> 00:13:47,050

active region of the Sun was recorded by

232

00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:57,220

the telescope the earth resources

233

00:14:01,650 --> 00:13:59,440

experiments also got underway after

234

00:14:16,500 --> 00:14:01,660

activation of the six remote sensing

235

00:14:18,810 --> 00:14:16,510

systems from a broad field of view

236

00:14:21,810 --> 00:14:18,820

provided by this large space platform

237

00:14:23,460 --> 00:14:21,820

the systems began photographing selected

238

00:14:25,680 --> 00:14:23,470

portions of the Earth's surface in

239

00:14:31,639 --> 00:14:25,690

visible and near-infrared spectral

240

00:14:35,119 --> 00:14:33,530

although the crew had earlier

241

00:14:36,920 --> 00:14:35,129

encountered a number of equipment

242

00:14:39,679 --> 00:14:36,930

problems the result of excessive

243

00:14:43,220 --> 00:14:39,689

temperatures the prospects now looked

244

00:14:45,019 --> 00:14:43,230

bright for a full 28-day mission the

245

00:14:48,919 --> 00:14:45,029

temperature had stabilized in the mid

246

00:14:52,850 --> 00:14:48,929

70s the food was good and so was morale

247

00:14:54,980 --> 00:14:52,860

and up to now the 4,700 watts of

248

00:14:57,139 --> 00:14:54,990

available power appeared to be adequate

249

00:15:02,269 --> 00:14:57,149

as long as high load experiments were

250

00:15:04,129 --> 00:15:02,279

staggered however by the fifth day some

251  
00:15:07,160 --> 00:15:04,139  
of the storage batteries had begun to

252  
00:15:09,799 --> 00:15:07,170  
perform in a degraded manner the power

253  
00:15:11,419 --> 00:15:09,809  
shortage grew critical and it became

254  
00:15:13,999 --> 00:15:11,429  
apparent that to carry out the mission

255  
00:15:18,650 --> 00:15:14,009  
the jammed solar panel would have to be

256  
00:15:21,019 --> 00:15:18,660  
deployed meanwhile at Marshall in the

257  
00:15:23,269 --> 00:15:21,029  
underwater simulator techniques were

258  
00:15:26,809 --> 00:15:23,279  
being developed based on TV coverage of

259  
00:15:29,359 --> 00:15:26,819  
the solar wing using only tools and

260  
00:15:31,160 --> 00:15:29,369  
equipment like those aboard Skylab the

261  
00:15:36,639 --> 00:15:31,170  
backup crew developed a set of

262  
00:15:40,369 --> 00:15:36,649  
procedures they felt would do the job on

263  
00:15:42,619 --> 00:15:40,379

June 7th astronauts Conrad and Kerwin

264

00:15:50,360 --> 00:15:42,629

made their exit to put the plan into

265

00:15:53,150 --> 00:15:50,370

operation okay we're out there brilliant

266

00:15:59,329 --> 00:15:53,160

right there looks like enough grub to

267

00:16:02,059 --> 00:15:59,339

get the cutter help Joe stabilize as the

268

00:16:04,519 --> 00:16:02,069

simulations had shown access to the

269

00:16:07,879 --> 00:16:04,529

solar wing was the big problem what with

270

00:16:10,369 --> 00:16:07,889

few handholds or foot respring it was

271

00:16:13,309 --> 00:16:10,379

solved by joining pole sections of the

272

00:16:15,049 --> 00:16:13,319

twin pole sunshade anchoring it by

273

00:16:16,929 --> 00:16:15,059

hooking the pair of cutters onto the

274

00:16:20,090 --> 00:16:16,939

strap that held the wing

275

00:16:22,489 --> 00:16:20,100

thus a temporary handrail was fashioned

276  
00:16:25,600 --> 00:16:22,499  
that allowed Pete Conrad access to the

277  
00:16:28,460 --> 00:16:25,610  
solar wing where he attached a tether

278  
00:16:30,679 --> 00:16:28,470  
the cutters then severed the strap and

279  
00:16:36,289 --> 00:16:30,689  
the tether was pulled taut to free the

280  
00:16:39,199 --> 00:16:36,299  
wing actuator after the crew returned to

281  
00:16:41,650 --> 00:16:39,209  
Skylab an attitude change placed the

282  
00:16:43,540 --> 00:16:41,660  
solar array system into the Sun

283  
00:16:46,330 --> 00:16:43,550  
we're after a period of warming the

284  
00:16:50,950 --> 00:16:46,340  
hydraulic dampers the panel arrays fully

285  
00:16:52,870 --> 00:16:50,960  
deployed within hours the electrical

286  
00:16:55,840 --> 00:16:52,880  
power surged to almost double the

287  
00:16:58,030 --> 00:16:55,850  
previous level it meant that the power

288  
00:17:00,460 --> 00:16:58,040

management scheme could be abandoned and

289

00:17:05,590 --> 00:17:00,470

the original flight plan could be

290

00:17:07,449 --> 00:17:05,600

resumed in the days that followed the

291

00:17:08,860 --> 00:17:07,459

nagging problems that had plagued the

292

00:17:12,130 --> 00:17:08,870

astronauts from the start

293

00:17:14,890 --> 00:17:12,140

began to resolve the mission began to

294

00:17:18,460 --> 00:17:14,900

sound much more routine more like a

295

00:17:20,920 --> 00:17:18,470

normal working day experiments were

296

00:17:24,990 --> 00:17:20,930

coming off like clockwork and a wealth

297

00:17:26,949 --> 00:17:25,000

of scientific data was being gathered

298

00:17:34,800 --> 00:17:26,959

experiments such as this one in

299

00:17:39,180 --> 00:17:37,320

with more leisure it was not uncommon

300

00:17:41,040 --> 00:17:39,190

for the men of Skylab to indulge

301  
00:18:37,630 --> 00:17:41,050  
themselves in the fluidity of movement

302  
00:18:43,370 --> 00:18:40,640  
the weightless condition also simplified

303  
00:18:45,799 --> 00:18:43,380  
sleep accommodations since there was

304  
00:18:48,049 --> 00:18:45,809  
really no up or down the only

305  
00:18:52,640 --> 00:18:48,059  
requirement was a sleeping bag type of

306  
00:18:55,370 --> 00:18:52,650  
restraint and as mentioned earlier heavy

307  
00:19:00,169 --> 00:18:55,380  
objects were easily handled it was the

308  
00:19:02,090 --> 00:19:00,179  
small pieces that sometimes got away but

309  
00:19:03,980 --> 00:19:02,100  
even when objects were lost they

310  
00:19:06,560 --> 00:19:03,990  
generally turned up sooner or later

311  
00:19:12,110 --> 00:19:06,570  
on the air-conditioning screen there to

312  
00:19:13,789 --> 00:19:12,120  
be reclaimed on day 29 after performing

313  
00:19:16,850 --> 00:19:13,799

final closeout of the orbital workshop

314

00:19:21,710 --> 00:19:16,860

the crew Don spacesuits for the return

315

00:19:31,050 --> 00:19:21,720

leg of their mission scalloped Houston

316

00:19:38,090 --> 00:19:34,920

okay we're free we got four tenths of a

317

00:19:44,880 --> 00:19:38,100

foot per second Houston

318

00:19:47,220 --> 00:19:44,890

Sify Skylab after undocking they

319

00:19:54,540 --> 00:19:47,230

remained on station briefly to obtain

320

00:19:57,540 --> 00:19:54,550

photographic coverage following the

321

00:20:00,180 --> 00:19:57,550

orbit the command module its heat shield

322

00:20:03,990 --> 00:20:00,190

trailing of fiery plume reenters the

323

00:20:06,780 --> 00:20:04,000

atmosphere for the first time in about a

324

00:20:11,910 --> 00:20:06,790

month the crew experienced the forces of

325

00:20:16,260 --> 00:20:11,920

gravity that kind of overspending by a

326  
00:20:52,610 --> 00:20:16,270  
for sonic boom scallop Houston through

327  
00:20:52,620 --> 00:21:07,510  
Oh

328  
00:21:12,799 --> 00:21:10,670  
splashdown occurred some 700 miles off

329  
00:21:19,400 --> 00:21:12,809  
Southern California near the recovery

330  
00:21:21,140 --> 00:21:19,410  
ship the USS Ticonderoga after retrieval

331  
00:21:28,160 --> 00:21:21,150  
and positioning on the flight deck

332  
00:21:30,799 --> 00:21:28,170  
the command module hatch was open one by

333  
00:21:33,590 --> 00:21:30,809  
one the crewman stepped forth unassisted

334  
00:21:36,450 --> 00:21:33,600  
seemingly undaunted by their return to

335  
00:21:48,090 --> 00:21:38,820  
they accommodated to normal activity

336  
00:21:50,250 --> 00:21:48,100  
within several hours in San Diego

337  
00:21:53,640 --> 00:21:50,260  
the first Skylab crewmen were received

338  
00:21:56,640 --> 00:21:53,650

by a local and officiating prom they had

339

00:21:58,680 --> 00:21:56,650

reason to be proud the large majority of

340

00:22:01,350 --> 00:21:58,690

scheduled experimental data was gathered

341

00:22:04,530 --> 00:22:01,360

and all subsystem operational test

342

00:22:06,480 --> 00:22:04,540

objectives were achieved all this in

343

00:22:12,700 --> 00:22:06,490

spite of the problems encountered from

344

00:22:18,460 --> 00:22:15,070

problems that in the final analysis

345

00:22:22,720 --> 00:22:18,470

required the presence of man to reason