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NASA'S JOURNEY TO  
MARS

#JOURNALS



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00:00:21,029 --> 00:00:20,080  
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00:00:22,070 --> 00:00:21,039  
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00:00:23,189 --> 00:00:22,080  
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00:00:24,230 --> 00:00:23,199  
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00:00:25,269 --> 00:00:24,240  
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00:00:26,390 --> 00:00:25,279  
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00:00:27,670 --> 00:00:26,400  
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00:00:28,630 --> 00:00:27,680  
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00:01:42,149 --> 00:00:28,640  
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11  
00:01:45,670 --> 00:01:43,749  
good afternoon i'm john yeper with

12  
00:01:47,990 --> 00:01:45,680  
nasa's office of communications and

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00:02:01,590 --> 00:01:48,000

welcome to the nasa social for the first

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00:02:04,709 --> 00:02:03,749

so what is sls or the space launch

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00:02:07,510 --> 00:02:04,719

system

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00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:07,520

it is nasa's next heavy lift vehicle it

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00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:09,280

is going to be the largest most powerful

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00:02:13,510 --> 00:02:11,280

rocket we've ever built and it's going

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:13,520

to take astronauts further space than

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:15,360

ever before to destinations such as an

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00:02:20,309 --> 00:02:18,000

asteroid to mars and beyond

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00:02:22,390 --> 00:02:20,319

and what exactly is a nasa social

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:22,400

and nasa social is an event that takes

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00:02:25,910 --> 00:02:24,560

the online experience offline where we

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00:02:28,790 --> 00:02:25,920

invite our social media followers to

26  
00:02:30,790 --> 00:02:28,800  
come out to nasa go behind the scenes

27  
00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:30,800  
and share with their friends and

28  
00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:33,040  
followers their experience

29  
00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:34,720  
and tomorrow

30  
00:02:39,030 --> 00:02:38,080  
at 9 30 a.m mountain time 11 30 a.m

31  
00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:39,040  
pacific

32  
00:02:43,750 --> 00:02:40,480  
eastern time rather

33  
00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:43,760  
uh right out here about a mile away from

34  
00:02:47,270 --> 00:02:45,840  
where this we're standing right now uh

35  
00:02:49,350 --> 00:02:47,280  
the uh

36  
00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:49,360  
booster test is going to occur and it's

37  
00:02:54,229 --> 00:02:52,239  
going to fire it up and it's going to

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00:02:56,229 --> 00:02:54,239

it's going to be a monumental test for

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00:02:57,030 --> 00:02:56,239

us but tomorrow isn't just about the

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00:03:00,309 --> 00:02:57,040

test

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00:03:01,750 --> 00:03:00,319

it's also about our journey to mars

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00:03:03,589 --> 00:03:01,760

we're going to be we're in a path to

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00:03:05,270 --> 00:03:03,599

mars right now that is going to take

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00:03:06,630 --> 00:03:05,280

humans uh

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00:03:08,630 --> 00:03:06,640

we're developing the capabilities is

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00:03:09,509 --> 00:03:08,640

going to take humans to mars in the near

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00:03:10,790 --> 00:03:09,519

future

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00:03:12,390 --> 00:03:10,800

to tell us a little bit more about that

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00:03:14,229 --> 00:03:12,400

we have some panelists here today

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00:03:15,509 --> 00:03:14,239

they're going to go through and tell us

51  
00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:15,519  
all about the different paths we're

52  
00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:18,000  
doing including sls including our orion

53  
00:03:20,550 --> 00:03:19,280  
spacecraft

54  
00:03:21,990 --> 00:03:20,560  
and all the different technologies are

55  
00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:22,000  
needed to get us there

56  
00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:24,560  
so tomorrow at uh our tv broadcast

57  
00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:28,560  
starts at 9 a.m mountain time 11 a.m

58  
00:03:33,750 --> 00:03:30,319  
eastern time and you can watch it on

59  
00:03:35,830 --> 00:03:33,760  
nasa tv [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

60  
00:03:37,910 --> 00:03:35,840  
nasa tv and you can participate in the

61  
00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:37,920  
conversation here with us today with the

62  
00:03:42,390 --> 00:03:40,720  
hashtag sls fired up and journey to mars

63  
00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:42,400

and for those at home if you have a

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00:03:46,949 --> 00:03:45,440

question you can use the hashtag

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00:03:48,070 --> 00:03:46,959

ask nasa

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00:03:50,149 --> 00:03:48,080

so let's get started with our first

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00:03:51,430 --> 00:03:50,159

speakers we have with us today

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00:03:54,229 --> 00:03:51,440

charlie precourt

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00:03:56,949 --> 00:03:54,239

who is the general manager for um

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00:03:58,630 --> 00:03:56,959

propulsion systems for orbital atk

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00:04:00,869 --> 00:03:58,640

and bill gerstmeyer the associate

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00:04:03,190 --> 00:04:00,879

administrator for human exploration

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00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:03,200

operations mission directorate for nasa

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00:04:06,630 --> 00:04:04,319

charlie

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00:04:08,710 --> 00:04:06,640

thank you i appreciate that john

76  
00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:08,720  
welcome to all of you we're very excited

77  
00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:10,480  
to have you here

78  
00:04:13,509 --> 00:04:11,760  
big day for us tomorrow and the

79  
00:04:15,110 --> 00:04:13,519  
culmination of

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00:04:17,110 --> 00:04:15,120  
many years of

81  
00:04:18,550 --> 00:04:17,120  
experienced work uh during the shuttle

82  
00:04:20,789 --> 00:04:18,560  
program that we've transitioned out of

83  
00:04:22,710 --> 00:04:20,799  
the space launch system

84  
00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:22,720  
the new booster that you'll see tomorrow

85  
00:04:25,830 --> 00:04:24,320  
is three and a half million pounds of

86  
00:04:28,710 --> 00:04:25,840  
thrust and it'll be a very exciting

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00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:28,720  
event for all of us we're delighted to

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00:04:32,710 --> 00:04:30,400



have you here

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00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:32,720

to share in this experience i'm really

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00:04:35,270 --> 00:04:34,400

looking i will keep my remarks brief

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00:04:36,790 --> 00:04:35,280

because i'm looking forward to

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00:04:39,430 --> 00:04:36,800

interacting with you with your questions

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00:04:41,590 --> 00:04:39,440

and answers but i'm also excited to see

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00:04:44,310 --> 00:04:41,600

within you in the audience folks with

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00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:44,320

google glass and 3d cameras and all

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00:04:48,550 --> 00:04:45,840

those that really appreciate the

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00:04:50,790 --> 00:04:48,560

high-tech stuff in in the world and and

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00:04:53,670 --> 00:04:50,800

it's that kind of stuff that's going to

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00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:53,680

get us to mars and we at orbital atk are

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00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,120

just very very proud to be a part of

101  
00:04:59,270 --> 00:04:57,520  
that and that journey is extremely

102  
00:05:01,909 --> 00:04:59,280  
important to all of us

103  
00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:01,919  
orbital atk a new name for us

104  
00:05:05,590 --> 00:05:04,080  
we have just completed a merger a very

105  
00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:05,600  
successful one

106  
00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:08,080  
i'm privileged to lead a division known

107  
00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:10,000  
as propulsion systems now which

108  
00:05:13,670 --> 00:05:11,440  
encompasses

109  
00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:13,680  
three plants here in utah the one that

110  
00:05:17,749 --> 00:05:15,840  
you're at here today which focuses on a

111  
00:05:19,909 --> 00:05:17,759  
lot of nasa work but also

112  
00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:19,919  
work in propulsion for other

113  
00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:21,680

customers

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00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:23,280

and in the test area where we're going

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00:05:27,350 --> 00:05:25,520

to conduct this test in the next week we

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00:05:29,510 --> 00:05:27,360

have several other tests for other

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00:05:30,550 --> 00:05:29,520

customers and and other programs at

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00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:30,560

darpa

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00:05:34,070 --> 00:05:32,639

and for the folks out at the wallops

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00:05:36,150 --> 00:05:34,080

flight center so it's a very exciting

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00:05:38,950 --> 00:05:36,160

time for us lots going on

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00:05:40,870 --> 00:05:38,960

i'm also privileged to welcome our nasa

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00:05:43,029 --> 00:05:40,880

leadership team bill gerstenmaier

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00:05:45,029 --> 00:05:43,039

delighted to have them here they're very

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00:05:46,550 --> 00:05:45,039

very important people to us and uh we're

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00:05:49,110 --> 00:05:46,560

just thrilled to be a part of their team

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00:05:50,950 --> 00:05:49,120

in making the vision uh for space

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00:05:52,550 --> 00:05:50,960

exploration and the journey to mars

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00:05:54,230 --> 00:05:52,560

happen so i look forward to your

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:54,240

questions and again a very hearty

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00:05:57,749 --> 00:05:55,440

welcome from

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00:05:59,270 --> 00:05:57,759

on behalf of all of us at orbital atk to

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00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:59,280

all of you to be for being here thank

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00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:01,280

you

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00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:03,280

thanks charlie i mean again it's it's

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00:06:07,110 --> 00:06:04,960

awesome to be here it's it's great for

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00:06:09,110 --> 00:06:07,120

you to be here to experience this event

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00:06:10,710 --> 00:06:09,120

of what's occurring here and i think

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00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,720

what's neat for you in the audience is

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00:06:13,990 --> 00:06:12,240

you get a chance to

141

00:06:15,909 --> 00:06:14,000

experience what we kind of see all the

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00:06:17,670 --> 00:06:15,919

time a lot of times our tests are done

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00:06:19,830 --> 00:06:17,680

kind of behind closed doors or maybe

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00:06:21,909 --> 00:06:19,840

done in a test chamber someplace they

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00:06:23,830 --> 00:06:21,919

may be done in a wind tunnel someplace

146

00:06:25,270 --> 00:06:23,840

and you don't really get a chance to see

147

00:06:27,189 --> 00:06:25,280

what's happening you know you got to see

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00:06:29,110 --> 00:06:27,199

this great video of the the rocket

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00:06:31,110 --> 00:06:29,120

launch you're going to get to actually

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00:06:32,629 --> 00:06:31,120

see one of those solid rocket boosters

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00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:32,639

up close and personal except it's not

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00:06:36,230 --> 00:06:34,479

going to be going away from you as it

153

00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:36,240

was shown in the video it's staying

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00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:37,759

right here on the earth right next to

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00:06:41,350 --> 00:06:39,280

you so you'll get a chance to really

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00:06:44,550 --> 00:06:41,360

experience in all its glory and so

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00:06:46,309 --> 00:06:44,560

really savor it i mean take it all in

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00:06:48,790 --> 00:06:46,319

do it virtually but also do it

159

00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:48,800

physically you know feel the vibration

160

00:06:52,870 --> 00:06:50,720

come through your feet feel the pressure

161

00:06:54,950 --> 00:06:52,880

wave hit you feel the thermal shock come

162

00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:54,960

back from the rocket experience that

163

00:06:58,629 --> 00:06:56,560

feel it and then you are part of the

164

00:07:01,110 --> 00:06:58,639

space program you can do it by being

165

00:07:02,710 --> 00:07:01,120

here you will be a part of it it won't

166

00:07:05,029 --> 00:07:02,720

be just something that you've seen on

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00:07:07,189 --> 00:07:05,039

your screen you are here and you're

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00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:07,199

hearing a very very critical test for us

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00:07:11,029 --> 00:07:09,199

so what this test is is we've got the

170

00:07:13,749 --> 00:07:11,039

rocket out there now in the shake and

171

00:07:15,830 --> 00:07:13,759

bake oven right up to 95 degrees

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00:07:17,110 --> 00:07:15,840

right it's it's nice and toasty and then

173

00:07:19,110 --> 00:07:17,120

we're going to pull the cover back

174

00:07:20,710 --> 00:07:19,120

tomorrow and it's got to stay above that

175

00:07:22,790 --> 00:07:20,720

that temperature around 90 degrees is

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00:07:24,629 --> 00:07:22,800

what we want the mean bulk propellant

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00:07:27,670 --> 00:07:24,639

temperature to be

178

00:07:30,309 --> 00:07:27,680

pbmt for those in the know and so what

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00:07:31,990 --> 00:07:30,319

we want to do is is then fire the rocket

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00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:32,000

and look at performance so we'll look at

181

00:07:35,589 --> 00:07:34,400

ballistic performance other things

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00:07:37,189 --> 00:07:35,599

there's also tremendous amount of

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00:07:39,189 --> 00:07:37,199

instrumentation on this we'll do a full

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00:07:41,029 --> 00:07:39,199

gimbal profile to look at how the nozzle

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00:07:42,790 --> 00:07:41,039

operates we'll understand how the

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00:07:44,309 --> 00:07:42,800

insulation performs we'll understand

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00:07:45,909 --> 00:07:44,319

what the ballistics are or how much

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00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:45,919



thrust comes out of the rocket all those

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00:07:49,510 --> 00:07:48,080

things will be a key piece and all this

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00:07:51,110 --> 00:07:49,520

data goes into what we call a

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00:07:53,589 --> 00:07:51,120

qualification motor so we've done our

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00:07:55,270 --> 00:07:53,599

development firings those are behind us

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00:07:57,990 --> 00:07:55,280

now we're ready to capture data that

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00:07:59,589 --> 00:07:58,000

will actually go into the calculations

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00:08:01,589 --> 00:07:59,599

that will actually be on the launch

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00:08:03,589 --> 00:08:01,599

vehicle when it's time to go fly

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00:08:05,350 --> 00:08:03,599

um so then i think i just opened a

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00:08:07,189 --> 00:08:05,360

couple more few more remarks and then

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00:08:08,790 --> 00:08:07,199

i'll open it up for questions

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00:08:11,110 --> 00:08:08,800

you know i think

201  
00:08:13,749 --> 00:08:11,120  
we talk about the journey to mars and

202  
00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:13,759  
in in in my thinking the stress really

203  
00:08:16,550 --> 00:08:15,599  
needs to be on that first word its

204  
00:08:18,790 --> 00:08:16,560  
journey

205  
00:08:21,110 --> 00:08:18,800  
um we often get hung up on the

206  
00:08:23,189 --> 00:08:21,120  
destination but what we're doing here is

207  
00:08:24,950 --> 00:08:23,199  
really a journey it's going to take a

208  
00:08:27,350 --> 00:08:24,960  
long time for us to get ready to go do

209  
00:08:30,469 --> 00:08:27,360  
this you get a chance to see how much

210  
00:08:32,469 --> 00:08:30,479  
work goes in to what we do so you'll see

211  
00:08:33,750 --> 00:08:32,479  
that this qualification motor firing

212  
00:08:35,110 --> 00:08:33,760  
there'll be another one at cold

213  
00:08:37,990 --> 00:08:35,120

temperatures to look at the other

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00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:38,000

extreme we've got the sls hardware down

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00:08:42,469 --> 00:08:40,479

at michoud starting to get assembled

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00:08:43,909 --> 00:08:42,479

we've got a you know world-class welding

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00:08:45,990 --> 00:08:43,919

facility we're getting checked out and

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00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:46,000

getting it up to speed we've got the

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00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:47,920

orion capsule for the uncrewed test

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00:08:52,230 --> 00:08:50,480

flight in 2018 starting to come together

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00:08:54,470 --> 00:08:52,240

those pieces are going down to new

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00:08:56,470 --> 00:08:54,480

orleans to get welded together so this

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00:08:58,310 --> 00:08:56,480

isn't like a sprint or an easy thing

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00:09:01,509 --> 00:08:58,320

this takes a lot of work a lot of

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00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:01,519

expertise and and i've had a tremendous

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00:09:04,870 --> 00:09:03,440

day this morning i got a chance to go

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00:09:06,470 --> 00:09:04,880

around with charlie we got to talk to

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00:09:07,190 --> 00:09:06,480

the folks that actually do all the work

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00:09:09,590 --> 00:09:07,200

here

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00:09:11,829 --> 00:09:09,600

at the site and to see their excitement

231

00:09:14,070 --> 00:09:11,839

and and see where their hardware fits

232

00:09:15,829 --> 00:09:14,080

and to to actually your presence here

233

00:09:18,070 --> 00:09:15,839

makes a difference to them they see all

234

00:09:19,750 --> 00:09:18,080

these folks coming out making trips from

235

00:09:21,269 --> 00:09:19,760

from the east coast and from west coast

236

00:09:22,790 --> 00:09:21,279

to come here to participate in this

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00:09:25,350 --> 00:09:22,800

activity this is really something

238

00:09:27,750 --> 00:09:25,360

special so again

239

00:09:30,150 --> 00:09:27,760

tremendous time savor it learn what you

240

00:09:31,990 --> 00:09:30,160

can ask us questions and then we we

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00:09:33,430 --> 00:09:32,000

stand ready to try to answer any

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00:09:35,190 --> 00:09:33,440

questions you've got so with that i'll

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00:09:37,030 --> 00:09:35,200

we'll we'll actually interact and and

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00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:37,040

see what you got for questions

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00:09:39,350 --> 00:09:38,080

great for those in the room please

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00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:39,360

remember to wave the microphone state

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00:09:45,829 --> 00:09:41,680

your full name and where you're from uh

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00:09:45,839 --> 00:09:50,150

hey

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00:09:55,030 --> 00:09:52,710

hi my name is angelica kalika and

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00:09:57,750 --> 00:09:55,040

i'm from boulder colorado i was just

251  
00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:57,760  
wondering what would a failed test look

252  
00:10:04,150 --> 00:10:00,160  
like would it just be a poof of smoke

253  
00:10:05,750 --> 00:10:04,160  
and some sad music in the background or

254  
00:10:08,870 --> 00:10:05,760  
and and then in contrast to that what

255  
00:10:10,870 --> 00:10:08,880  
would a very successful test look like

256  
00:10:13,110 --> 00:10:10,880  
well the

257  
00:10:15,110 --> 00:10:13,120  
great question um

258  
00:10:16,710 --> 00:10:15,120  
we have been working really hard so we

259  
00:10:18,230 --> 00:10:16,720  
would determine that you

260  
00:10:19,829 --> 00:10:18,240  
hopefully won't see what a failed test

261  
00:10:22,389 --> 00:10:19,839  
looks like

262  
00:10:24,310 --> 00:10:22,399  
we we've had things failure can range on

263  
00:10:25,750 --> 00:10:24,320

a large scale

264

00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:25,760

you can have

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00:10:30,470 --> 00:10:27,680

a delay in the test we had one of those

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00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:30,480

several years ago

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00:10:32,470 --> 00:10:31,680

we

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00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:32,480

every

269

00:10:36,230 --> 00:10:34,320

machine that has been built has certain

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00:10:38,069 --> 00:10:36,240

failure modes we work really really hard

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00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:38,079

to keep our failure modes from cropping

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00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:39,200

up

273

00:10:44,949 --> 00:10:41,760

what you're going to see in this test

274

00:10:48,230 --> 00:10:44,959

is a full duration test

275

00:10:50,069 --> 00:10:48,240

a little over two minutes and it will

276

00:10:52,949 --> 00:10:50,079

first start up with a

277

00:10:55,190 --> 00:10:52,959

burst and then as it stabilizes at full

278

00:10:56,949 --> 00:10:55,200

power will start to gimbal the nozzles

279

00:10:59,590 --> 00:10:56,959

and you'll see the plume actually move

280

00:11:01,190 --> 00:10:59,600

around and dance up and down

281

00:11:03,509 --> 00:11:01,200

for those of you who haven't seen a test

282

00:11:05,269 --> 00:11:03,519

out here before the other thing we do

283

00:11:07,509 --> 00:11:05,279

is the plume is pointed into the

284

00:11:10,630 --> 00:11:07,519

hillside so it actually will pick up

285

00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:10,640

dirt and that's intentional we want the

286

00:11:15,350 --> 00:11:13,200

soil to mix with the exhaust plume to

287

00:11:17,350 --> 00:11:15,360

neutralize it so that it's relatively

288

00:11:19,590 --> 00:11:17,360



harmless dust when it comes back to the

289

00:11:21,509 --> 00:11:19,600

surface of the earth

290

00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:21,519

the real

291

00:11:26,550 --> 00:11:24,079

success is in collecting the information

292

00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:26,560

that we need to go further to be able to

293

00:11:29,990 --> 00:11:28,880

put crew on on the vehicle in a few

294

00:11:31,430 --> 00:11:30,000

years

295

00:11:33,509 --> 00:11:31,440

that's where

296

00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:33,519

what we're looking for for success is in

297

00:11:37,750 --> 00:11:35,120

some 700

298

00:11:41,430 --> 00:11:37,760

channels of data that we're collecting

299

00:11:43,190 --> 00:11:41,440

pressures temperatures vibrations loads

300

00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:43,200

ability of the nozzle to move where we

301  
00:11:46,069 --> 00:11:44,880  
command it the avionics running

302  
00:11:48,150 --> 00:11:46,079  
correctly

303  
00:11:50,150 --> 00:11:48,160  
sometimes we

304  
00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:50,160  
intentionally put flaws in the motor to

305  
00:11:54,310 --> 00:11:52,160  
see how they'll perform we know some of

306  
00:11:56,389 --> 00:11:54,320  
our failure modes are things where the

307  
00:11:57,670 --> 00:11:56,399  
insulation burns through too early we

308  
00:11:59,190 --> 00:11:57,680  
don't want that to happen sometimes

309  
00:12:01,030 --> 00:11:59,200  
we'll put it flaws intentionally into

310  
00:12:03,110 --> 00:12:01,040  
the insulation we're not doing that this

311  
00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:03,120  
time but over the life of the the system

312  
00:12:07,509 --> 00:12:04,800  
we will intentionally flaw the motor to

313  
00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:07,519

make sure it's robust and

314

00:12:11,190 --> 00:12:09,120

we're protected from those kinds of

315

00:12:13,190 --> 00:12:11,200

failure modes that you're alluding to so

316

00:12:15,430 --> 00:12:13,200

for us a successful test tomorrow's full

317

00:12:16,310 --> 00:12:15,440

full duration getting the the nozzles to

318

00:12:17,910 --> 00:12:16,320

swing

319

00:12:19,509 --> 00:12:17,920

and then collecting all that data to

320

00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:19,519

make sure we've got the design right for

321

00:12:26,550 --> 00:12:25,030

my name is john hansel i'm an author and

322

00:12:28,470 --> 00:12:26,560

the diving safety officer for the new

323

00:12:31,350 --> 00:12:28,480

england aquarium up in boston or over in

324

00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:31,360

boston uh my question to you is

325

00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,880

what difference is or was there a key

326

00:12:37,190 --> 00:12:35,279

difference that happened between the dm

327

00:12:40,069 --> 00:12:37,200

development motor stuff to this

328

00:12:41,750 --> 00:12:40,079

particular static fire is there one big

329

00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:41,760

thing that you guys you know picked up

330

00:12:49,430 --> 00:12:47,750

well so the the whole sequence is

331

00:12:51,350 --> 00:12:49,440

development means you incrementally

332

00:12:53,590 --> 00:12:51,360

change things to get to a final

333

00:12:55,509 --> 00:12:53,600

configuration that you qualify

334

00:12:57,509 --> 00:12:55,519

and then that qualification proves that

335

00:12:59,910 --> 00:12:57,519

you've repeatedly set yourself up for

336

00:13:02,389 --> 00:12:59,920

what crew will fly on and yes we did

337

00:13:05,110 --> 00:13:02,399

incrementally do things uh with this

338

00:13:07,269 --> 00:13:05,120

design we've got new avionics in it from

339

00:13:09,030 --> 00:13:07,279

what used to be on shuttle they are far

340

00:13:10,069 --> 00:13:09,040

more capable than what we had at that

341

00:13:13,190 --> 00:13:10,079

program

342

00:13:14,870 --> 00:13:13,200

they will operate more reliably

343

00:13:16,629 --> 00:13:14,880

and more capably

344

00:13:18,949 --> 00:13:16,639

we also changed what's known as the

345

00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:18,959

insulator the material that sits between

346

00:13:23,030 --> 00:13:21,120

the wall of the motor

347

00:13:24,949 --> 00:13:23,040

casing and the propellant because the

348

00:13:26,150 --> 00:13:24,959

propellants burn at about 5000 degrees

349

00:13:28,230 --> 00:13:26,160

you have to have an insulator in there

350

00:13:30,870 --> 00:13:28,240

and it's a special

351

00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:30,880

material from a rubber base that

352

00:13:37,190 --> 00:13:34,720

ablates and protects the system of the

353

00:13:39,269 --> 00:13:37,200

case from being compromised by the heat

354

00:13:41,030 --> 00:13:39,279

we actually came up with an insulator

355

00:13:42,870 --> 00:13:41,040

that pulled a couple thousand pounds of

356

00:13:44,629 --> 00:13:42,880

weight out of the total system

357

00:13:46,470 --> 00:13:44,639

and we had to prove that capability

358

00:13:49,030 --> 00:13:46,480

through the dm motors we ran into a

359

00:13:51,430 --> 00:13:49,040

challenge with how we process that

360

00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:51,440

insulator that we finally

361

00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:53,600

knock on wood we think we have resolved

362

00:13:57,750 --> 00:13:55,360

i'll let the next panel probably you'll

363

00:14:00,069 --> 00:13:57,760

have some of the program managers more

364

00:14:01,829 --> 00:14:00,079

deeply go into that with you if you like

365

00:14:03,750 --> 00:14:01,839

but to give you an idea we've we've

366

00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:03,760

improved on a lot of the heritage

367

00:14:08,949 --> 00:14:06,720

systems to add new um capabilities that

368

00:14:10,550 --> 00:14:08,959

we know we could fold in technologically

369

00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:10,560

so we get better performance out of this

370

00:14:13,750 --> 00:14:12,160

the biggest change though is we added a

371

00:14:16,629 --> 00:14:13,760

segment which is 25 percent more

372

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:16,639

propellant for way more performance

373

00:14:20,230 --> 00:14:18,160

the typical shuttle booster would give

374

00:14:21,590 --> 00:14:20,240

you about three million pounds this is a

375

00:14:23,189 --> 00:14:21,600

little over three and a half million

376

00:14:24,710 --> 00:14:23,199

pounds of thrust

377

00:14:26,710 --> 00:14:24,720

so it's going to be the kind of

378

00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:26,720

performance we need to get

379

00:14:31,829 --> 00:14:28,560

our exploration journey to mars off the

380

00:14:37,030 --> 00:14:34,550

my name is justin davenport and i'm from

381

00:14:40,230 --> 00:14:37,040

south jordan utah i had a question how

382

00:14:42,790 --> 00:14:40,240

many qualification

383

00:14:44,870 --> 00:14:42,800

firings are you going to need before sls

384

00:14:45,590 --> 00:14:44,880

flies and how many do you think you'll

385

00:14:48,150 --> 00:14:45,600

do

386

00:14:49,030 --> 00:14:48,160

per year afterward

387

00:14:50,710 --> 00:14:49,040

so

388

00:14:52,069 --> 00:14:50,720



we give

389

00:14:53,670 --> 00:14:52,079

we'll do two

390

00:14:57,030 --> 00:14:53,680

qualifications there'll be another one

391

00:14:59,509 --> 00:14:57,040

next year a little in the late spring

392

00:15:01,509 --> 00:14:59,519

and then we are still determining what

393

00:15:04,629 --> 00:15:01,519

the tempo will be

394

00:15:07,189 --> 00:15:04,639

for ground tests in the long run um and

395

00:15:09,670 --> 00:15:07,199

that has to do with as we ramp up and

396

00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:09,680

and bill can talk to this the the pace

397

00:15:15,110 --> 00:15:12,480

that we fly our exploration missions we

398

00:15:16,790 --> 00:15:15,120

will fold in testing as required along

399

00:15:18,550 --> 00:15:16,800

the way you might want to speak to that

400

00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:18,560

again i think we've kind of learned from

401  
00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:20,720  
our past experience that it's uh there's

402  
00:15:24,790 --> 00:15:22,880  
some advantages to actually periodically

403  
00:15:26,710 --> 00:15:24,800  
testing another

404  
00:15:28,470 --> 00:15:26,720  
doing another test firing even at a full

405  
00:15:30,310 --> 00:15:28,480  
scale level because certain things

406  
00:15:32,550 --> 00:15:30,320  
change if certain products may not be

407  
00:15:34,790 --> 00:15:32,560  
available anymore we you know we've

408  
00:15:37,030 --> 00:15:34,800  
taken asbestos out of the rocket we may

409  
00:15:38,550 --> 00:15:37,040  
change some material properties those

410  
00:15:40,230 --> 00:15:38,560  
things will occur over time and when

411  
00:15:41,829 --> 00:15:40,240  
enough of those changes are there i

412  
00:15:43,829 --> 00:15:41,839  
think you would like to go back and do

413  
00:15:45,590 --> 00:15:43,839

another big full-scale test to go do

414

00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:45,600

that we haven't made a formal plan to do

415

00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:47,199

that but we'll figure out the right pace

416

00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:48,639

and what we're trying to get with the

417

00:15:52,550 --> 00:15:50,240

sls rocket is we're trying to fly

418

00:15:54,790 --> 00:15:52,560

roughly once a year after we get to the

419

00:15:56,949 --> 00:15:54,800

crude flights in the 2020s is is our

420

00:15:58,870 --> 00:15:56,959

overall kind of flight schedule so

421

00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:58,880

um and we're you know we're struggling

422

00:16:01,829 --> 00:16:00,480

to see if there's ways to do more but

423

00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:01,839

but that's kind of where we're thinking

424

00:16:04,949 --> 00:16:03,360

and we're trying to build systems along

425

00:16:08,310 --> 00:16:04,959

those lines to support roughly that kind

426  
00:16:10,310 --> 00:16:08,320  
of flight rate

427  
00:16:11,110 --> 00:16:10,320  
i'm zach cromer from st louis missouri

428  
00:16:13,670 --> 00:16:11,120  
and

429  
00:16:16,389 --> 00:16:13,680  
i was wondering um with the tests for

430  
00:16:18,710 --> 00:16:16,399  
the aries uh qualification motors are

431  
00:16:20,470 --> 00:16:18,720  
there any major changes that differ from

432  
00:16:21,430 --> 00:16:20,480  
the five segments from the constellation

433  
00:16:26,150 --> 00:16:21,440  
program

434  
00:16:29,350 --> 00:16:26,160  
and will you be

435  
00:16:32,069 --> 00:16:29,360  
using any data from the previous tests

436  
00:16:34,470 --> 00:16:32,079  
to advance in the sls

437  
00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:34,480  
there were some design changes this is

438  
00:16:37,189 --> 00:16:35,360

now

439

00:16:39,509 --> 00:16:37,199

a side-mounted strap-on booster as

440

00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:39,519

opposed to an in-line first stage boost

441

00:16:43,910 --> 00:16:41,600

so a lot of it was structural the way

442

00:16:47,110 --> 00:16:43,920

the vehicle attaches

443

00:16:50,230 --> 00:16:47,120

this has attachment points to the core

444

00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:50,240

that didn't exist on the aries design

445

00:16:53,110 --> 00:16:51,440

there were some

446

00:16:54,949 --> 00:16:53,120

other changes that i'll let the next

447

00:16:56,069 --> 00:16:54,959

panel get into in more detail because

448

00:16:57,990 --> 00:16:56,079

they'll have

449

00:17:00,790 --> 00:16:58,000

ability to dive deep with you on that

450

00:17:03,829 --> 00:17:00,800

but fundamentally by moving from

451  
00:17:05,350 --> 00:17:03,839  
a design that had the booster as a core

452  
00:17:07,829 --> 00:17:05,360  
with the rest of the structure standing

453  
00:17:09,189 --> 00:17:07,839  
on top of it to one that attaches to the

454  
00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,199  
side

455  
00:17:12,549 --> 00:17:11,120  
we had to make some changes based on

456  
00:17:19,510 --> 00:17:12,559  
that

457  
00:17:24,150 --> 00:17:22,309  
and yes sorry we will we will use not

458  
00:17:25,909 --> 00:17:24,160  
only the data from that program but all

459  
00:17:28,150 --> 00:17:25,919  
the way back to the beginning of shuttle

460  
00:17:30,230 --> 00:17:28,160  
one of the things that's important about

461  
00:17:32,070 --> 00:17:30,240  
programs like this is

462  
00:17:35,270 --> 00:17:32,080  
the data you have is really precious

463  
00:17:37,909 --> 00:17:35,280

because it it instructs you as to

464

00:17:40,549 --> 00:17:37,919

how things are expected to behave in the

465

00:17:43,029 --> 00:17:40,559

future and it also gives you uh a ground

466

00:17:45,190 --> 00:17:43,039

truth as to why you did things to begin

467

00:17:47,350 --> 00:17:45,200

with so that when you encounter a

468

00:17:51,029 --> 00:17:47,360

problem like bill was alluding to with

469

00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:51,039

future tests for obsolete materials

470

00:17:55,029 --> 00:17:53,520

process changes tooling changes design

471

00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:55,039

change needs

472

00:17:58,470 --> 00:17:56,640

we'll know where we came from we'll know

473

00:18:00,310 --> 00:17:58,480

what the starting point was why we did

474

00:18:02,230 --> 00:18:00,320

it the way we did it and what we can

475

00:18:03,990 --> 00:18:02,240

afford to change without messing up the

476  
00:18:07,909 --> 00:18:04,000  
recipe right that's the important piece

477  
00:18:08,710 --> 00:18:07,919  
of having all that data from the past

478  
00:18:10,549 --> 00:18:08,720  
hi

479  
00:18:12,310 --> 00:18:10,559  
my name is emily bondrake i'm a world

480  
00:18:14,310 --> 00:18:12,320  
history teacher at morris county school

481  
00:18:16,789 --> 00:18:14,320  
of technology in new jersey so instead

482  
00:18:19,590 --> 00:18:16,799  
of a his science question more of a

483  
00:18:21,590 --> 00:18:19,600  
history question um we also learn about

484  
00:18:24,230 --> 00:18:21,600  
how technology affects the global

485  
00:18:26,549 --> 00:18:24,240  
political status of the world how like

486  
00:18:29,270 --> 00:18:26,559  
um the telegraph for example led to the

487  
00:18:30,870 --> 00:18:29,280  
age of imperialism so do you ever look

488  
00:18:33,190 --> 00:18:30,880



at sort of the big geopolitical picture

489

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:33,200

like how this technology could

490

00:18:37,990 --> 00:18:36,240

um evolve into different global politics

491

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:38,000

whether it's imperialism of mars or how

492

00:18:42,470 --> 00:18:39,440

different countries interact with this

493

00:18:47,110 --> 00:18:44,150

i don't know this is

494

00:18:51,669 --> 00:18:47,120

so so so charlie looks over history

495

00:18:55,590 --> 00:18:53,669

learning about imperialism of say africa

496

00:18:57,270 --> 00:18:55,600

so this is a great question right this

497

00:19:00,070 --> 00:18:57,280

is why i'm an engineer right

498

00:19:02,470 --> 00:19:00,080

i i couldn't pass either english public

499

00:19:04,950 --> 00:19:02,480

speaking or history

500

00:19:05,909 --> 00:19:04,960

so so so we'll tell you kind of what

501  
00:19:08,789 --> 00:19:05,919  
we're doing

502  
00:19:10,789 --> 00:19:08,799  
what's cool about what we do is

503  
00:19:12,390 --> 00:19:10,799  
is our business really requires all of

504  
00:19:15,510 --> 00:19:12,400  
us to work together as a team so there

505  
00:19:17,350 --> 00:19:15,520  
is an unbelievable sense of teamwork in

506  
00:19:18,710 --> 00:19:17,360  
what we do from from all the folks that

507  
00:19:20,390 --> 00:19:18,720  
are working here on the rocket and get

508  
00:19:22,630 --> 00:19:20,400  
things ready to go

509  
00:19:24,549 --> 00:19:22,640  
not one single individual can do these

510  
00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:24,559  
activities i think it's even the same

511  
00:19:28,310 --> 00:19:26,720  
way internationally you know we work a

512  
00:19:30,310 --> 00:19:28,320  
lot on the space station with our

513  
00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:30,320

international partners there's 15 16

514

00:19:34,150 --> 00:19:32,320

countries participating

515

00:19:35,750 --> 00:19:34,160

on the international space station and

516

00:19:37,909 --> 00:19:35,760

what's interesting is the folks that we

517

00:19:40,950 --> 00:19:37,919

work with all really share that same

518

00:19:42,710 --> 00:19:40,960

passion for exploration and space and

519

00:19:44,789 --> 00:19:42,720

pushing human presence into the solar

520

00:19:46,870 --> 00:19:44,799

system so there's something that that

521

00:19:48,070 --> 00:19:46,880

unites us in a way

522

00:19:51,110 --> 00:19:48,080

that

523

00:19:53,830 --> 00:19:51,120

maybe transcends culture and transcends

524

00:19:55,669 --> 00:19:53,840

some of our individual pieces because

525

00:19:58,230 --> 00:19:55,679

that challenge that we're working on

526

00:20:00,390 --> 00:19:58,240

makes you kind of put aside those

527

00:20:02,870 --> 00:20:00,400

differences and find the areas where you

528

00:20:05,190 --> 00:20:02,880

can work together and build together as

529

00:20:07,590 --> 00:20:05,200

a team and how can you contribute so so

530

00:20:09,669 --> 00:20:07,600

to me there this is the history lesson

531

00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:09,679

may be that these challenges that

532

00:20:15,909 --> 00:20:12,720

require us as a globe to come together

533

00:20:18,549 --> 00:20:15,919

to go work together may drive

534

00:20:20,230 --> 00:20:18,559

cooperation to a level that's totally

535

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

different you know today on space

536

00:20:24,149 --> 00:20:21,840

station we're dependent upon the

537

00:20:26,549 --> 00:20:24,159

russians for crew transportation

538

00:20:27,990 --> 00:20:26,559

some people see that as a bad thing i

539

00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:28,000

don't necessarily see that as a bad

540

00:20:32,470 --> 00:20:30,720

thing this is my teammate we're in the

541

00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:32,480

process of retooling rebuilding our

542

00:20:36,230 --> 00:20:34,640

rockets getting ready to go fly so we're

543

00:20:37,990 --> 00:20:36,240

going to let them take transportation

544

00:20:40,230 --> 00:20:38,000

for a while and then we'll come back and

545

00:20:41,669 --> 00:20:40,240

we'll do it later we want to end sole

546

00:20:43,750 --> 00:20:41,679

reliance so we can have a redundant

547

00:20:45,350 --> 00:20:43,760

system in case something doesn't work

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00:20:47,510 --> 00:20:45,360

right so we want to get there quickly

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00:20:49,430 --> 00:20:47,520

but we can hand off capability for them

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00:20:51,750 --> 00:20:49,440

for a period of time likewise they need

551  
00:20:53,830 --> 00:20:51,760  
us on space station for power they get

552  
00:20:55,590 --> 00:20:53,840  
commands through the united states so we

553  
00:20:57,510 --> 00:20:55,600  
are very mutually dependent upon each

554  
00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,520  
other so that's the best of of a

555  
00:21:01,110 --> 00:20:59,679  
cooperation so i think what we can learn

556  
00:21:03,430 --> 00:21:01,120  
out of space flight and learn what we're

557  
00:21:05,110 --> 00:21:03,440  
doing if you think a single nation is

558  
00:21:06,870 --> 00:21:05,120  
going to go to mars i don't think that's

559  
00:21:09,430 --> 00:21:06,880  
going to happen we're going to go to

560  
00:21:11,190 --> 00:21:09,440  
mars as some international cooperation

561  
00:21:13,029 --> 00:21:11,200  
group we've already got the europeans

562  
00:21:15,350 --> 00:21:13,039  
participating with the service module on

563  
00:21:16,870 --> 00:21:15,360

the orion capsule so we're already

564

00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:16,880

starting to reach out internationally so

565

00:21:20,310 --> 00:21:18,240

i think the thing that history will

566

00:21:22,950 --> 00:21:20,320

teach us is how these big challenges

567

00:21:24,950 --> 00:21:22,960

forced us to work together as a globe

568

00:21:27,990 --> 00:21:24,960

and move forward and then maybe that's

569

00:21:29,909 --> 00:21:28,000

the lesson i liked your story your story

570

00:21:31,830 --> 00:21:29,919

earlier today about butch coming home

571

00:21:33,830 --> 00:21:31,840

and home was really not in the u.s right

572

00:21:34,710 --> 00:21:33,840

and one day we might think about home

573

00:21:37,510 --> 00:21:34,720

being

574

00:21:39,830 --> 00:21:37,520

the you know the cis lunar space that we

575

00:21:41,750 --> 00:21:39,840

live in yeah yeah what we talked about

576  
00:21:43,270 --> 00:21:41,760  
today is tomorrow night right this is

577  
00:21:45,190 --> 00:21:43,280  
what's exciting right i have a team now

578  
00:21:47,029 --> 00:21:45,200  
in kazakhstan ready for our crews to

579  
00:21:48,630 --> 00:21:47,039  
come home and and what charlie and i

580  
00:21:51,110 --> 00:21:48,640  
were talking about was when the crews

581  
00:21:52,789 --> 00:21:51,120  
land in kazakhstan they say they're home

582  
00:21:54,470 --> 00:21:52,799  
and that's really not home right home is

583  
00:21:56,230 --> 00:21:54,480  
here in the u.s but that is their new

584  
00:21:57,669 --> 00:21:56,240  
home the surface of the earth is home

585  
00:21:58,470 --> 00:21:57,679  
because they've been on station for six

586  
00:22:00,549 --> 00:21:58,480  
months

587  
00:22:02,870 --> 00:22:00,559  
so what we like what we're excited about

588  
00:22:04,230 --> 00:22:02,880



is some day right when we're going to

589

00:22:06,870 --> 00:22:04,240

mars and we have

590

00:22:09,830 --> 00:22:06,880

permanent presence on mars you come back

591

00:22:11,750 --> 00:22:09,840

to the moon earth system that's your new

592

00:22:13,510 --> 00:22:11,760

home so now you're in orbit around the

593

00:22:15,270 --> 00:22:13,520

moon and you're going to call that home

594

00:22:16,390 --> 00:22:15,280

that's when we've really pushed the

595

00:22:21,830 --> 00:22:16,400

human

596

00:22:25,990 --> 00:22:23,990

hi i am jeff bohn from the san francisco

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00:22:27,430 --> 00:22:26,000

bay area i'm a google glass explorer and

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00:22:29,350 --> 00:22:27,440

it's nice that you use that word because

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00:22:30,950 --> 00:22:29,360

that's what we do we explore so

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00:22:32,310 --> 00:22:30,960

thank you for presenting this

601  
00:22:33,590 --> 00:22:32,320  
information answer a lot of questions i

602  
00:22:35,270 --> 00:22:33,600  
had as a kid and give us a lot of

603  
00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:35,280  
information work with

604  
00:22:38,549 --> 00:22:36,720  
i want to ask you about that thrust

605  
00:22:40,230 --> 00:22:38,559  
measurement obviously the thrust is

606  
00:22:41,830 --> 00:22:40,240  
being generated so at the opposite end

607  
00:22:43,190 --> 00:22:41,840  
you have like some gauges that are

608  
00:22:44,549 --> 00:22:43,200  
picking that information up and i want

609  
00:22:46,230 --> 00:22:44,559  
to ask you specifically once you start

610  
00:22:47,909 --> 00:22:46,240  
to vector that rocket you know two three

611  
00:22:49,669 --> 00:22:47,919  
four up to nine degrees

612  
00:22:50,950 --> 00:22:49,679  
can you also read exactly that thrust

613  
00:22:52,789 --> 00:22:50,960

measurement and three axis to kind of

614

00:22:54,870 --> 00:22:52,799

make sure you understand that data fully

615

00:22:56,230 --> 00:22:54,880

yeah we have a thrust block on the front

616

00:22:57,430 --> 00:22:56,240

end of the engine that is highly

617

00:23:00,710 --> 00:22:57,440

instrumented

618

00:23:02,950 --> 00:23:00,720

and um the uh the booster is in it is is

619

00:23:04,149 --> 00:23:02,960

a long device and you'll notice that

620

00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:04,159

there are a couple of what we call

621

00:23:07,270 --> 00:23:06,000

mid-span supports

622

00:23:09,830 --> 00:23:07,280

that hold it

623

00:23:11,830 --> 00:23:09,840

in a position that we

624

00:23:13,990 --> 00:23:11,840

want it to be in to

625

00:23:15,510 --> 00:23:14,000

represent flight conditions to the

626

00:23:18,070 --> 00:23:15,520

degree we can it's normally going to be

627

00:23:20,070 --> 00:23:18,080

vertical can't test it that way so we

628

00:23:22,789 --> 00:23:20,080

make some compromises

629

00:23:25,110 --> 00:23:22,799

but once the motor ignites the pressure

630

00:23:27,669 --> 00:23:25,120

inside the case increases

631

00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:27,679

up to a thousand or higher pounds per

632

00:23:31,430 --> 00:23:29,760

square inch and so that pressure

633

00:23:33,909 --> 00:23:31,440

actually stiffens the case and it'll

634

00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:33,919

actually rise to more horizontal lift

635

00:23:38,549 --> 00:23:36,480

itself off of those supports and so now

636

00:23:39,909 --> 00:23:38,559

we get a as true an indication of the

637

00:23:41,590 --> 00:23:39,919

kind of forces that are being

638

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:41,600

transmitted into the thrust block as we

639

00:23:45,029 --> 00:23:42,480

can

640

00:23:48,310 --> 00:23:45,039

uh when we vector it we do a co see

641

00:23:49,750 --> 00:23:48,320

those movements in the traces so we can

642

00:23:51,269 --> 00:23:49,760

you know through analysis we can

643

00:23:52,870 --> 00:23:51,279

determine what is actually going on

644

00:23:54,470 --> 00:23:52,880

there and again the next panel you're

645

00:23:56,470 --> 00:23:54,480

going to have a real expert or two that

646

00:23:57,830 --> 00:23:56,480

can dive into how that was all put

647

00:24:03,110 --> 00:23:57,840

together so

648

00:24:07,510 --> 00:24:05,350

hi i'm i'm john bills i'm a producer for

649

00:24:09,669 --> 00:24:07,520

sci-fi cantina on youtube and based in

650

00:24:11,350 --> 00:24:09,679

utah county my question is what do you

651  
00:24:12,710 --> 00:24:11,360  
do with the test booster after you've

652  
00:24:14,870 --> 00:24:12,720  
fired it it'll just be sitting there

653  
00:24:16,549 --> 00:24:14,880  
what are your plans once it's fired off

654  
00:24:18,549 --> 00:24:16,559  
and your test is over

655  
00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:18,559  
yeah that's a good question so the most

656  
00:24:24,549 --> 00:24:21,520  
of the hardware is reusable

657  
00:24:27,909 --> 00:24:24,559  
and what you'll find is

658  
00:24:30,390 --> 00:24:27,919  
the cases that make up this booster have

659  
00:24:31,350 --> 00:24:30,400  
been around and recovered and reused

660  
00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:31,360  
since

661  
00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:33,679  
the program began on shuttle

662  
00:24:37,510 --> 00:24:35,440  
several of them on the last test i had

663  
00:24:38,950 --> 00:24:37,520

flown as an astronaut on a few of my

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00:24:40,950 --> 00:24:38,960

shuttle flights matter of fact we still

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00:24:43,990 --> 00:24:40,960

have the the hardware from the first

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00:24:46,390 --> 00:24:44,000

space shuttle mission so it's it's made

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00:24:48,470 --> 00:24:46,400

made its its worth in the program by

668

00:24:50,310 --> 00:24:48,480

being able to reuse it

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00:24:53,190 --> 00:24:50,320

we can't reuse the majority of the

670

00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:53,200

nozzle because it is ablative and it

671

00:24:57,430 --> 00:24:55,440

it has to be rebuilt the metal hardware

672

00:24:59,590 --> 00:24:57,440

that makes up the nozzle we can recover

673

00:25:01,510 --> 00:24:59,600

and reuse hydraulic systems the

674

00:25:03,269 --> 00:25:01,520

electronics the avionics a lot of that

675

00:25:04,710 --> 00:25:03,279

stuff will be reused

676

00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:04,720

what we will do immediately after the

677

00:25:08,630 --> 00:25:06,400

test of course is we will start

678

00:25:10,789 --> 00:25:08,640

dissecting what we see in it

679

00:25:13,029 --> 00:25:10,799

to make sure we measure things like the

680

00:25:14,470 --> 00:25:13,039

depth of the the insulator material

681

00:25:16,789 --> 00:25:14,480

remaining we know how far it ablated

682

00:25:18,710 --> 00:25:16,799

back and it performed correctly and and

683

00:25:20,549 --> 00:25:18,720

a lot of things of that nature that we

684

00:25:23,510 --> 00:25:20,559

want to dissect at first and completely

685

00:25:28,070 --> 00:25:23,520

understand how it performed before we go

686

00:25:29,990 --> 00:25:28,080

completely recycling it and reusing it

687

00:25:31,750 --> 00:25:30,000

a lot of people are wondering how close

688

00:25:36,870 --> 00:25:31,760



do you think we are to finding life on

689

00:25:41,029 --> 00:25:38,630

man i don't know

690

00:25:44,470 --> 00:25:42,549

i don't know it's interesting we you

691

00:25:46,710 --> 00:25:44,480

know we have the rovers on mars and

692

00:25:48,149 --> 00:25:46,720

they've been looking for water and and

693

00:25:50,789 --> 00:25:48,159

they're you know they're

694

00:25:52,549 --> 00:25:50,799

looking for life

695

00:25:53,830 --> 00:25:52,559

it's interesting question it's

696

00:25:55,269 --> 00:25:53,840

interesting it's more of a science

697

00:25:56,789 --> 00:25:55,279

question it's interesting because on

698

00:25:58,470 --> 00:25:56,799

human spaceflight i'm kind of

699

00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:58,480

specialized so i'm looking at the other

700

00:26:03,110 --> 00:26:00,960

way how do i move life into the solar

701  
00:26:05,110 --> 00:26:03,120  
system and then we'll know there's life

702  
00:26:06,950 --> 00:26:05,120  
on mars when i put crews on the surface

703  
00:26:09,510 --> 00:26:06,960  
of mars so then there won't be any

704  
00:26:11,430 --> 00:26:09,520  
debate so so i'm trying to actually

705  
00:26:13,029 --> 00:26:11,440  
drive to decor the equation the other

706  
00:26:14,870 --> 00:26:13,039  
way so instead of searching for life

707  
00:26:21,110 --> 00:26:14,880  
we're trying to put life into the solar

708  
00:26:24,870 --> 00:26:23,430  
so so we'll we'll see how that goes and

709  
00:26:28,149 --> 00:26:24,880  
but

710  
00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,159  
lot of interesting things the next rover

711  
00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:30,480  
will have an oxygen generation system on

712  
00:26:33,669 --> 00:26:32,480  
it and the idea there is to actually

713  
00:26:35,190 --> 00:26:33,679

pull oxygen out of the martian

714

00:26:37,830 --> 00:26:35,200

atmosphere to see if we could use it for

715

00:26:39,990 --> 00:26:37,840

human presence the curiosity rover on

716

00:26:41,669 --> 00:26:40,000

mars today it has a radiation monitor so

717

00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:41,679

we're monitoring what the radiation is

718

00:26:45,669 --> 00:26:44,240

for humans to be on the planet

719

00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:45,679

mars is a good place to go because it

720

00:26:49,669 --> 00:26:47,760

has water for us it has temperatures

721

00:26:52,390 --> 00:26:49,679

that are tolerable almost to us as

722

00:26:54,230 --> 00:26:52,400

humans so it is it is probably the place

723

00:26:56,310 --> 00:26:54,240

that we can go that's farthest away that

724

00:26:59,029 --> 00:26:56,320

can sustain human life without us having

725

00:27:01,350 --> 00:26:59,039

to take everything with us to that to

726

00:27:03,750 --> 00:27:01,360

mars so in nasa when we talk about the

727

00:27:05,590 --> 00:27:03,760

journey we think of it as three regions

728

00:27:07,830 --> 00:27:05,600

right we we call it the earth reliant

729

00:27:09,430 --> 00:27:07,840

region that's where space station is so

730

00:27:11,269 --> 00:27:09,440

we're using space station to understand

731

00:27:13,430 --> 00:27:11,279

how the human body adapts to

732

00:27:15,269 --> 00:27:13,440

microgravity can a human stay in a

733

00:27:17,510 --> 00:27:15,279

microgravity condition for like a three

734

00:27:19,430 --> 00:27:17,520

year journey to mars we also need to

735

00:27:21,190 --> 00:27:19,440

build systems that can operate for an

736

00:27:23,750 --> 00:27:21,200

extended period of time and not break

737

00:27:25,510 --> 00:27:23,760

down and require maintenance so that's

738

00:27:27,110 --> 00:27:25,520

in the earth reliant region in the

739

00:27:29,029 --> 00:27:27,120

proving ground region which is where

740

00:27:30,870 --> 00:27:29,039

this hardware is going sls and orion

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00:27:32,710 --> 00:27:30,880

will go first around the moon and desist

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00:27:35,110 --> 00:27:32,720

lunar space that's a place where we

743

00:27:36,870 --> 00:27:35,120

learn the skills so in the you know

744

00:27:38,310 --> 00:27:36,880

earth reliant region we're only a couple

745

00:27:40,230 --> 00:27:38,320

hours away if something goes wrong on

746

00:27:42,389 --> 00:27:40,240

station you can be back in in a couple

747

00:27:44,470 --> 00:27:42,399

hours when you go to the region around

748

00:27:46,389 --> 00:27:44,480

the moon it's now probably five six days

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00:27:49,190 --> 00:27:46,399

to get back so that's a great proving

750

00:27:50,789 --> 00:27:49,200

ground or a great place to learn skills

751

00:27:52,389 --> 00:27:50,799

to learn how to operate without the

752

00:27:54,549 --> 00:27:52,399

earth gravity to learn how you might

753

00:27:56,310 --> 00:27:54,559

maneuver a human spacecraft throughout

754

00:27:58,149 --> 00:27:56,320

the solar system that's the proving

755

00:28:00,549 --> 00:27:58,159

ground region then eventually we go to

756

00:28:02,470 --> 00:28:00,559

mars that's the earth independent region

757

00:28:04,470 --> 00:28:02,480

and by that point we need to be able to

758

00:28:06,710 --> 00:28:04,480

break the tie with the home planet carry

759

00:28:08,549 --> 00:28:06,720

our supplies with us to be there sustain

760

00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:08,559

ourselves in an environment totally

761

00:28:12,310 --> 00:28:10,480

different from the earth so we look at

762

00:28:14,549 --> 00:28:12,320

those three regions as part of this

763

00:28:16,310 --> 00:28:14,559

journey to mars that you've that you've

764

00:28:18,630 --> 00:28:16,320

discussed so what's kind of cool here in

765

00:28:20,549 --> 00:28:18,640

the next couple days like tomorrow we'll

766

00:28:22,470 --> 00:28:20,559

get to see two pieces of that we'll get

767

00:28:24,070 --> 00:28:22,480

to see the crew return from space

768

00:28:25,830 --> 00:28:24,080

station so that's the earth reliant

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00:28:27,029 --> 00:28:25,840

piece and we'll get a chance to see the

770

00:28:28,630 --> 00:28:27,039

sls

771

00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:28,640

test firing tomorrow for the solid

772

00:28:33,269 --> 00:28:31,360

rocket motor and that's the beyond low

773

00:28:34,710 --> 00:28:33,279

earth orbit or to the the proving ground

774

00:28:36,549 --> 00:28:34,720

region the equipment we're building

775

00:28:38,630 --> 00:28:36,559

there so so it's a pretty exciting time

776

00:28:40,630 --> 00:28:38,640

for us in human space flight to see all

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00:28:42,710 --> 00:28:40,640

this activity occurring in a fairly

778

00:28:43,909 --> 00:28:42,720

short period of time

779

00:28:45,990 --> 00:28:43,919

i can't help but think from your

780

00:28:47,590 --> 00:28:46,000

question about when i was uh when bill

781

00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:47,600

and i were in grade school we used to

782

00:28:50,470 --> 00:28:48,960

have encyclopedias now there's just

783

00:28:52,149 --> 00:28:50,480

wikipedias but

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00:28:54,389 --> 00:28:52,159

i have a science i still have these

785

00:28:56,230 --> 00:28:54,399

science encyclopedias and you open up

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00:28:57,909 --> 00:28:56,240

this chapter on planets and there was

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00:28:58,870 --> 00:28:57,919

only suspicion that there might be

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00:29:01,190 --> 00:28:58,880



planets

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00:29:03,269 --> 00:29:01,200

in other places besides our own solar

790

00:29:05,269 --> 00:29:03,279

system and now we've found hundreds of

791

00:29:07,350 --> 00:29:05,279

them so who knows when we'll find that

792

00:29:08,950 --> 00:29:07,360

life but it you know that's part of

793

00:29:10,549 --> 00:29:08,960

of the search for knowledge that we're

794

00:29:12,070 --> 00:29:10,559

all about here and i loved his

795

00:29:14,310 --> 00:29:12,080

perspective and we're putting life out

796

00:29:16,230 --> 00:29:14,320

there first to go find what's there

797

00:29:20,389 --> 00:29:16,240

because we we we're going to be on that

798

00:29:24,230 --> 00:29:22,630

uh jason ryan for [spaceflightinsider.com](http://spaceflightinsider.com)

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00:29:26,470 --> 00:29:24,240

and i guess this one's for gerst can you

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00:29:28,310 --> 00:29:26,480

detail the flow that we can expect in

801  
00:29:30,310 --> 00:29:28,320  
the lead up to exploration mission 1

802  
00:29:32,549 --> 00:29:30,320  
2018

803  
00:29:34,549 --> 00:29:32,559  
yeah sure and again you'll you'll see

804  
00:29:36,870 --> 00:29:34,559  
this this test firing tomorrow then

805  
00:29:38,549 --> 00:29:36,880  
you'll see another test firing of sls

806  
00:29:40,149 --> 00:29:38,559  
next year again looking at the lower

807  
00:29:42,149 --> 00:29:40,159  
temperature region to understand the

808  
00:29:43,909 --> 00:29:42,159  
characteristics of the rocket

809  
00:29:45,190 --> 00:29:43,919  
there'll be a lot of activity occurring

810  
00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:45,200  
at stennis

811  
00:29:48,470 --> 00:29:47,039  
fairly soon i think in april when the

812  
00:29:50,149 --> 00:29:48,480  
high pressure industrial water system

813  
00:29:51,750 --> 00:29:50,159

gets back online we can start testing

814

00:29:54,149 --> 00:29:51,760

you'll see us

815

00:29:55,350 --> 00:29:54,159

using this shuttle main engines to be

816

00:29:57,669 --> 00:29:55,360

tested

817

00:29:59,269 --> 00:29:57,679

down at down at stennis purpose there is

818

00:30:01,029 --> 00:29:59,279

to really wring out the new controller

819

00:30:03,830 --> 00:30:01,039

there's a brand new controller for the

820

00:30:05,510 --> 00:30:03,840

solid uh for the liquid

821

00:30:07,269 --> 00:30:05,520

rocket motors the old shuttle main

822

00:30:08,789 --> 00:30:07,279

engines that that are down at stennis

823

00:30:11,110 --> 00:30:08,799

that works going on

824

00:30:13,190 --> 00:30:11,120

um we're down at we're ready to start

825

00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:13,200

putting together the tank down at math

826

00:30:18,149 --> 00:30:15,440

with the core tank we have some things

827

00:30:19,350 --> 00:30:18,159

with our vertical uh weld center that

828

00:30:21,029 --> 00:30:19,360

there's some alignment problems that

829

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:21,039

we're working through the teams are

830

00:30:24,470 --> 00:30:22,799

doing that we'll do our first confidence

831

00:30:25,909 --> 00:30:24,480

weld to make sure that those go together

832

00:30:27,750 --> 00:30:25,919

we'll then test make sure that works

833

00:30:30,549 --> 00:30:27,760

right and we'll start manufacturing

834

00:30:32,230 --> 00:30:30,559

probably this summer for that core stage

835

00:30:33,750 --> 00:30:32,240

that's pretty exciting work that's

836

00:30:35,830 --> 00:30:33,760

happening there

837

00:30:38,710 --> 00:30:35,840

we have the orion capsule that will be

838

00:30:40,230 --> 00:30:38,720

used on that flight in 2018 the large

839

00:30:42,070 --> 00:30:40,240

aluminum panels are starting to get

840

00:30:43,750 --> 00:30:42,080

manufactured at various locations

841

00:30:45,110 --> 00:30:43,760

throughout the u.s

842

00:30:46,870 --> 00:30:45,120

those will come down to michoud they'll

843

00:30:49,430 --> 00:30:46,880

get welded into a capsule then that

844

00:30:51,510 --> 00:30:49,440

capsule gets transported to florida that

845

00:30:53,909 --> 00:30:51,520

probably shows up in january february of

846

00:30:56,310 --> 00:30:53,919

next year then that gets outfitted with

847

00:30:57,830 --> 00:30:56,320

all the avionics electronics all those

848

00:31:00,549 --> 00:30:57,840

systems a heat shield gets added

849

00:31:02,549 --> 00:31:00,559

underneath and then we're ready to go do

850

00:31:05,029 --> 00:31:02,559

the expiration mission one that's that's

851  
00:31:06,470 --> 00:31:05,039  
coming up in 2018 so what we're going to

852  
00:31:09,430 --> 00:31:06,480  
try to do is we're going to try to do a

853  
00:31:11,509 --> 00:31:09,440  
lot better job of of letting the the

854  
00:31:12,950 --> 00:31:11,519  
public see what we're doing through all

855  
00:31:15,269 --> 00:31:12,960  
these activities so we're going to try

856  
00:31:16,950 --> 00:31:15,279  
to invite you to more tests to see what

857  
00:31:19,190 --> 00:31:16,960  
we're doing because we haven't done this

858  
00:31:20,789 --> 00:31:19,200  
much development within nasa for a long

859  
00:31:23,269 --> 00:31:20,799  
time you know we probably have not done

860  
00:31:25,430 --> 00:31:23,279  
this much development since probably the

861  
00:31:26,710 --> 00:31:25,440  
apollo era and maybe a little bit when

862  
00:31:29,509 --> 00:31:26,720  
we were starting to build the shuttle

863  
00:31:31,190 --> 00:31:29,519

back in the in the 70s so this is a

864

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

unique chance for you to see and

865

00:31:34,710 --> 00:31:32,880

participate what it takes to get a

866

00:31:37,110 --> 00:31:34,720

rocket ready to go fly

867

00:31:38,789 --> 00:31:37,120

so you can understand how this you know

868

00:31:40,789 --> 00:31:38,799

developmental program works how the

869

00:31:42,630 --> 00:31:40,799

qualification program works and how this

870

00:31:44,549 --> 00:31:42,640

hardware all comes together to actually

871

00:31:46,230 --> 00:31:44,559

put a human on it that we're ready and

872

00:31:47,830 --> 00:31:46,240

we have enough confidence in this system

873

00:31:50,230 --> 00:31:47,840

that when the humans on there we're

874

00:31:52,230 --> 00:31:50,240

ready to go fly so it's a it's a pretty

875

00:31:53,830 --> 00:31:52,240

exciting time overall and then one other

876

00:31:56,149 --> 00:31:53,840

thing i would add too is

877

00:31:57,750 --> 00:31:56,159

sometimes we get we get we don't think

878

00:31:59,269 --> 00:31:57,760

of human space flight in the entire

879

00:32:01,430 --> 00:31:59,279

continuum you know we're doing

880

00:32:03,590 --> 00:32:01,440

commercial crew so so commercial crew

881

00:32:07,110 --> 00:32:03,600

transportation we've just awarded two

882

00:32:08,389 --> 00:32:07,120

contracts to to boeing and spacex um you

883

00:32:10,389 --> 00:32:08,399

know they're going to be flying probably

884

00:32:12,470 --> 00:32:10,399

in 2017 so probably the first crude

885

00:32:14,630 --> 00:32:12,480

flights will be to low earth orbit to

886

00:32:17,190 --> 00:32:14,640

space station by by some commercial

887

00:32:19,269 --> 00:32:17,200

companies and i see this really as all

888

00:32:21,269 --> 00:32:19,279



of human space flight so it's not an

889

00:32:23,269 --> 00:32:21,279

exploration program and a low earth

890

00:32:25,269 --> 00:32:23,279

orbit program it's what i described to

891

00:32:26,950 --> 00:32:25,279

you it's an earth reliant region it's a

892

00:32:28,470 --> 00:32:26,960

proving ground region and it's an earth

893

00:32:30,549 --> 00:32:28,480

independent region and that's a

894

00:32:32,070 --> 00:32:30,559

continuum of human space flight so i

895

00:32:33,590 --> 00:32:32,080

think it's worthwhile though to watch

896

00:32:35,110 --> 00:32:33,600

all these activities see what's

897

00:32:37,029 --> 00:32:35,120

happening we'll try to share with you as

898

00:32:38,950 --> 00:32:37,039

much as we can what's going on keep

899

00:32:41,029 --> 00:32:38,960

asking questions to us

900

00:32:42,630 --> 00:32:41,039

keep making us think you know you bring

901  
00:32:44,789 --> 00:32:42,640  
a unique perspective

902  
00:32:46,789 --> 00:32:44,799  
you know we see this all the time we've

903  
00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:46,799  
grown up in the industry some things we

904  
00:32:51,509 --> 00:32:49,200  
take for granted but a fresh set of eyes

905  
00:32:54,149 --> 00:32:51,519  
a new perspective is really really

906  
00:32:56,310 --> 00:32:54,159  
helpful to us so so keep thinking

907  
00:32:58,230 --> 00:32:56,320  
you know tweet questions tweet really

908  
00:32:59,669 --> 00:32:58,240  
hard questions to john john loves these

909  
00:33:01,269 --> 00:32:59,679  
really hard questions

910  
00:33:03,029 --> 00:33:01,279  
he can't deal with them so then he sends

911  
00:33:05,669 --> 00:33:03,039  
them to me i can't deal with him i send

912  
00:33:07,269 --> 00:33:05,679  
him to the next panel so so you get to

913  
00:33:09,350 --> 00:33:07,279

see us all work here but but think of

914

00:33:11,509 --> 00:33:09,360

those hard questions and make sure that

915

00:33:13,269 --> 00:33:11,519

you keep us engaged because we want you

916

00:33:15,509 --> 00:33:13,279

to be with us on this journey tomorrow

917

00:33:24,070 --> 00:33:15,519

so thanks

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00:33:27,430 --> 00:33:25,909

we were on a journey to mars in this

919

00:34:46,550 --> 00:33:27,440

next video give you a little feel what

920

00:34:50,069 --> 00:34:48,149

welcome back it's my pleasure to

921

00:34:51,750 --> 00:34:50,079

introduce our next panel uh starting

922

00:34:53,430 --> 00:34:51,760

from left to right we have bill hill the

923

00:34:54,950 --> 00:34:53,440

deputy associate administrator for

924

00:34:57,270 --> 00:34:54,960

exploration systems development and nasa

925

00:34:58,390 --> 00:34:57,280

headquarters

926  
00:35:02,310 --> 00:34:58,400  
todd may

927  
00:35:04,550 --> 00:35:02,320  
the space launch systems program manager

928  
00:35:06,630 --> 00:35:04,560  
charlie lundqvist orion crew and service

929  
00:35:08,230 --> 00:35:06,640  
module manager

930  
00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:08,240  
and mike bolger the ground systems

931  
00:35:12,630 --> 00:35:10,560  
development operations program manager

932  
00:35:15,510 --> 00:35:12,640  
start off with bill

933  
00:35:16,390 --> 00:35:15,520  
good afternoon and welcome to our qm1

934  
00:35:18,870 --> 00:35:16,400  
event

935  
00:35:20,870 --> 00:35:18,880  
um it's a great opportunity for you all

936  
00:35:22,870 --> 00:35:20,880  
to to witness this

937  
00:35:24,630 --> 00:35:22,880  
this event one of the things that as we

938  
00:35:26,470 --> 00:35:24,640

were touring this morning

939

00:35:28,710 --> 00:35:26,480

somebody mentioned and it's kind of

940

00:35:29,990 --> 00:35:28,720

physics of the world that is

941

00:35:32,310 --> 00:35:30,000

once this thing lights off tomorrow

942

00:35:34,630 --> 00:35:32,320

you'll see it you'll feel it and then

943

00:35:36,710 --> 00:35:34,640

you'll hear it just because that's the

944

00:35:37,430 --> 00:35:36,720

way physics will progress through with

945

00:35:43,430 --> 00:35:37,440

the

946

00:35:46,150 --> 00:35:43,440

hopefully you look forward to seeing

947

00:35:48,390 --> 00:35:46,160

that tomorrow and uh and and witnessing

948

00:35:50,310 --> 00:35:48,400

that and sharing that with the uh the

949

00:35:53,829 --> 00:35:50,320

rest of the world through your tweets

950

00:35:55,270 --> 00:35:53,839

and uh facebook and and and and other

951  
00:35:56,150 --> 00:35:55,280  
social media

952  
00:35:59,589 --> 00:35:56,160  
um

953  
00:36:01,910 --> 00:35:59,599  
our activity is is uh looking to explore

954  
00:36:04,150 --> 00:36:01,920  
and pioneer the solar system

955  
00:36:05,990 --> 00:36:04,160  
uh that's what we're doing as gerst said

956  
00:36:08,069 --> 00:36:06,000  
we're progressing

957  
00:36:09,190 --> 00:36:08,079  
uh human presence out into the solar

958  
00:36:11,510 --> 00:36:09,200  
system

959  
00:36:13,349 --> 00:36:11,520  
um and we want to maintain once we get

960  
00:36:14,630 --> 00:36:13,359  
there we want to stay it's not going to

961  
00:36:17,349 --> 00:36:14,640  
be a

962  
00:36:18,870 --> 00:36:17,359  
go out and and touch space and

963  
00:36:20,069 --> 00:36:18,880

and then do something else we're going

964

00:36:22,150 --> 00:36:20,079

out to stay

965

00:36:23,829 --> 00:36:22,160

and that's our intent

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00:36:25,510 --> 00:36:23,839

today we're building the founder what we

967

00:36:27,910 --> 00:36:25,520

call the foundational

968

00:36:29,670 --> 00:36:27,920

exploration capabilities with the space

969

00:36:31,589 --> 00:36:29,680

launch system

970

00:36:33,589 --> 00:36:31,599

the orion spacecraft and then the ground

971

00:36:36,710 --> 00:36:33,599

systems to support

972

00:36:39,349 --> 00:36:36,720

the launch preparation and launch of

973

00:36:40,790 --> 00:36:39,359

sls and orion

974

00:36:43,109 --> 00:36:40,800

those aren't going to be the only things

975

00:36:45,190 --> 00:36:43,119

we're going to need we're going to need

976  
00:36:46,390 --> 00:36:45,200  
habitation modules to go further out

977  
00:36:48,310 --> 00:36:46,400  
into space

978  
00:36:50,069 --> 00:36:48,320  
and sustain human life for longer

979  
00:36:51,750 --> 00:36:50,079  
periods of time

980  
00:36:53,990 --> 00:36:51,760  
and as we progress out we're going to

981  
00:36:56,950 --> 00:36:54,000  
have to learn how to

982  
00:36:59,190 --> 00:36:56,960  
how to live and operate and and

983  
00:37:01,349 --> 00:36:59,200  
provide logistics for

984  
00:37:04,069 --> 00:37:01,359  
for our crews as they go deeper and

985  
00:37:05,750 --> 00:37:04,079  
deeper into space they also have to be

986  
00:37:08,230 --> 00:37:05,760  
more autonomous

987  
00:37:09,990 --> 00:37:08,240  
in their operational capabilities our

988  
00:37:11,829 --> 00:37:10,000



cruise this is

989

00:37:12,790 --> 00:37:11,839

because as we go further out in space as

990

00:37:14,790 --> 00:37:12,800

you know

991

00:37:16,870 --> 00:37:14,800

physics gets to the point where

992

00:37:18,550 --> 00:37:16,880

we have large time delays on

993

00:37:21,030 --> 00:37:18,560

communications

994

00:37:23,670 --> 00:37:21,040

once we get to the to the martian area

995

00:37:26,150 --> 00:37:23,680

it could be up upwards of uh of 20

996

00:37:27,910 --> 00:37:26,160

minutes uh each way so

997

00:37:29,670 --> 00:37:27,920

um they're going to have to learn how to

998

00:37:31,750 --> 00:37:29,680

to be autonomous we're going to have

999

00:37:34,069 --> 00:37:31,760

data feeds back obviously

1000

00:37:37,349 --> 00:37:34,079

uh but the ground systems and and the

1001  
00:37:39,510 --> 00:37:37,359  
ground crews are not going to be able to

1002  
00:37:42,390 --> 00:37:39,520  
actively look over their shoulders and

1003  
00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:42,400  
continue to do things

1004  
00:37:46,710 --> 00:37:44,880  
tomorrow's activity is is the second

1005  
00:37:48,550 --> 00:37:46,720  
major

1006  
00:37:50,550 --> 00:37:48,560  
activity that we've done recently we did

1007  
00:37:52,950 --> 00:37:50,560  
a exploration systems

1008  
00:37:55,109 --> 00:37:52,960  
or exploration flight test in december

1009  
00:37:57,349 --> 00:37:55,119  
with the orion spacecraft

1010  
00:38:00,790 --> 00:37:57,359  
we'll do this one

1011  
00:38:04,470 --> 00:38:00,800  
tomorrow and then we'll do another one

1012  
00:38:06,390 --> 00:38:04,480  
winter spring next year another qm

1013  
00:38:07,510 --> 00:38:06,400

the qm2 test

1014

00:38:09,109 --> 00:38:07,520

um

1015

00:38:11,670 --> 00:38:09,119

as gerst said we're making a lot of

1016

00:38:15,270 --> 00:38:11,680

progress we're looking to

1017

00:38:17,910 --> 00:38:15,280

to make a lot of progress uh

1018

00:38:20,230 --> 00:38:17,920

2015 is going to be a pivotal year and

1019

00:38:23,030 --> 00:38:20,240

2016 will even be better so

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00:38:24,310 --> 00:38:23,040

we're pressing on to uh to a launch some

1021

00:38:27,349 --> 00:38:24,320

time of

1022

00:38:29,829 --> 00:38:27,359

expiration mission one in 2018

1023

00:38:31,030 --> 00:38:29,839

and uh with that i'll hand it off to

1024

00:38:33,270 --> 00:38:31,040

todd

1025

00:38:35,430 --> 00:38:33,280

hey thanks bill hey it's good all to see

1026

00:38:37,750 --> 00:38:35,440

all y'all here today it's going to be a

1027

00:38:39,430 --> 00:38:37,760

a great time tomorrow i'm really looking

1028

00:38:41,430 --> 00:38:39,440

forward to it

1029

00:38:43,510 --> 00:38:41,440

a lot is going on in the space launch

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00:38:45,990 --> 00:38:43,520

system program right now

1031

00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:46,000

we're up and running it at full speed i

1032

00:38:50,310 --> 00:38:48,000

would say we've got a full head of steam

1033

00:38:52,150 --> 00:38:50,320

and we've got a lot of projects going on

1034

00:38:54,150 --> 00:38:52,160

in parallel

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00:38:56,069 --> 00:38:54,160

my job is to field the rocket basically

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00:38:58,150 --> 00:38:56,079

everything below orion

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00:39:00,150 --> 00:38:58,160

and get it down to the cape and hand it

1038

00:39:01,670 --> 00:39:00,160

over to mike bolger who will talk to you

1039

00:39:02,870 --> 00:39:01,680

here in a minute

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00:39:04,230 --> 00:39:02,880

but just working through the parts of

1041

00:39:06,950 --> 00:39:04,240

the rocket

1042

00:39:09,990 --> 00:39:06,960

bill mentioned uh the engines

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00:39:12,069 --> 00:39:10,000

we actually pulled off a uh

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00:39:13,670 --> 00:39:12,079

our first engine test down at stennis in

1045

00:39:15,910 --> 00:39:13,680

january

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00:39:17,270 --> 00:39:15,920

it's a brand new state of the art

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00:39:20,470 --> 00:39:17,280

controller

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00:39:23,030 --> 00:39:20,480

going to be less than half the price of

1049

00:39:24,710 --> 00:39:23,040

the old ssme controllers and yet it's

1050

00:39:26,310 --> 00:39:24,720

got state of the art control of the

1051

00:39:28,390 --> 00:39:26,320

engine itself

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00:39:30,230 --> 00:39:28,400

so that's a big thing uh we've actually

1053

00:39:31,750 --> 00:39:30,240

taken the facility down for a couple

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00:39:33,750 --> 00:39:31,760

months because we're putting in brand

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00:39:35,829 --> 00:39:33,760

new uh water lines and and these are

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00:39:38,150 --> 00:39:35,839

very high pressure water lines and and

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00:39:40,230 --> 00:39:38,160

they're not small they're over 90 inches

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00:39:41,510 --> 00:39:40,240

in diameter and so you gotta dig some

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00:39:42,870 --> 00:39:41,520

big holes and

1060

00:39:45,270 --> 00:39:42,880

replace the lines but in april when we

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00:39:47,349 --> 00:39:45,280

come back up we'll be on a pretty steady

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00:39:49,910 --> 00:39:47,359

cadence of engine testing and we hope to

1063

00:39:52,230 --> 00:39:49,920

get about seven done this year so uh if

1064

00:39:54,710 --> 00:39:52,240

you're you're down around that that area

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00:39:57,190 --> 00:39:54,720

um listen for a loud boom maybe we can

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00:39:58,630 --> 00:39:57,200

host one of these down there

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00:40:00,230 --> 00:39:58,640

moving outside to the boosters

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00:40:02,550 --> 00:40:00,240

themselves you got a pretty good update

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00:40:04,230 --> 00:40:02,560

from bill and charlie

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00:40:07,109 --> 00:40:04,240

a few things that they didn't mention

1071

00:40:09,030 --> 00:40:07,119

that are different about this booster

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00:40:10,390 --> 00:40:09,040

if you if you look closely at the aft

1073

00:40:12,309 --> 00:40:10,400

attach

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00:40:14,790 --> 00:40:12,319

it's actually lower with respect to the

1075

00:40:16,710 --> 00:40:14,800

nozzles we flip that that bottom segment

1076

00:40:19,430 --> 00:40:16,720

to give ourselves more space because the

1077

00:40:20,790 --> 00:40:19,440

core is longer than the external tanks

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00:40:22,550 --> 00:40:20,800

so if you're paying close attention

1079

00:40:25,430 --> 00:40:22,560

little things like that

1080

00:40:27,030 --> 00:40:25,440

up in the top we used to have um uh

1081

00:40:29,030 --> 00:40:27,040

parachutes and things like that because

1082

00:40:30,790 --> 00:40:29,040

we used to have a couple of ships that

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00:40:32,150 --> 00:40:30,800

would go out and get them and bring home

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00:40:33,510 --> 00:40:32,160

we've gotten

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00:40:35,430 --> 00:40:33,520

rid of all that we're going to let these

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00:40:37,349 --> 00:40:35,440

things go out into the ocean and become

1087

00:40:39,430 --> 00:40:37,359

reefs at this point that that lowers the

1088

00:40:40,630 --> 00:40:39,440



operations cost

1089

00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:40,640

another big change since the

1090

00:40:44,950 --> 00:40:43,359

constellation program is we ran a series

1091

00:40:47,990 --> 00:40:44,960

of value stream mapping

1092

00:40:49,510 --> 00:40:48,000

exercises which is a fancy way of saying

1093

00:40:51,109 --> 00:40:49,520

we've become much more efficient in how

1094

00:40:53,430 --> 00:40:51,119

we build them in some cases we've

1095

00:40:54,630 --> 00:40:53,440

reduced as much as 50 percent the amount

1096

00:40:56,230 --> 00:40:54,640

of effort

1097

00:40:58,069 --> 00:40:56,240

it takes to make one of these things and

1098

00:40:59,990 --> 00:40:58,079

so all of those changes have been

1099

00:41:01,270 --> 00:41:00,000

incorporated into it

1100

00:41:02,710 --> 00:41:01,280

you heard that this one is a five

1101

00:41:04,470 --> 00:41:02,720

segment motor

1102

00:41:06,150 --> 00:41:04,480

one of the things we found when we were

1103

00:41:07,270 --> 00:41:06,160

running the development motor firings as

1104

00:41:08,470 --> 00:41:07,280

we were getting a little bit of

1105

00:41:10,230 --> 00:41:08,480

eccentric

1106

00:41:11,910 --> 00:41:10,240

nozzle erosion

1107

00:41:14,069 --> 00:41:11,920

we think that might have been due to the

1108

00:41:16,309 --> 00:41:14,079

sag you heard charlie talk about the sag

1109

00:41:18,550 --> 00:41:16,319

before we pressurize this thing and so

1110

00:41:20,150 --> 00:41:18,560

we've added a support in the middle of

1111

00:41:23,109 --> 00:41:20,160

it to get rid of that sag and so we hope

1112

00:41:24,790 --> 00:41:23,119

to see that eccentric erosion go away so

1113

00:41:26,550 --> 00:41:24,800

just a couple of little

1114

00:41:28,630 --> 00:41:26,560

nits to be looking for

1115

00:41:30,790 --> 00:41:28,640

in when we get this test data but the

1116

00:41:32,870 --> 00:41:30,800

program's going really really well they

1117

00:41:34,870 --> 00:41:32,880

out here in clearfield about 50 miles

1118

00:41:36,790 --> 00:41:34,880

away they've been testing the new

1119

00:41:38,630 --> 00:41:36,800

avionics and software systems they're

1120

00:41:39,910 --> 00:41:38,640

done testing that now and delivered that

1121

00:41:41,510 --> 00:41:39,920

to marshall

1122

00:41:43,589 --> 00:41:41,520

where we have a systems integration lab

1123

00:41:46,710 --> 00:41:43,599

where we test the entire

1124

00:41:48,069 --> 00:41:46,720

rocket avionics suite there

1125

00:41:49,829 --> 00:41:48,079

and they've completed their critical

1126

00:41:51,190 --> 00:41:49,839

design review and so they're well into

1127

00:41:53,270 --> 00:41:51,200

the build phase

1128

00:41:55,750 --> 00:41:53,280

uh moving to the center of the rocket a

1129

00:41:57,670 --> 00:41:55,760

lot of activity going on with the core

1130

00:42:00,309 --> 00:41:57,680

we completed the critical design review

1131

00:42:01,990 --> 00:42:00,319

last year uh you heard you heard

1132

00:42:04,150 --> 00:42:02,000

bill say that uh we got a lot of

1133

00:42:06,870 --> 00:42:04,160

hardware down at michoud right now over

1134

00:42:08,550 --> 00:42:06,880

40 000 square feet i think some of you

1135

00:42:11,270 --> 00:42:08,560

nasa social folks got a chance to see

1136

00:42:12,790 --> 00:42:11,280

some of that uh this time last year

1137

00:42:15,430 --> 00:42:12,800

so that's just a piece of what's going

1138

00:42:17,670 --> 00:42:15,440

on that's just the structural pieces

1139

00:42:19,349 --> 00:42:17,680

the avionics boxes are going through

1140

00:42:21,910 --> 00:42:19,359

qualification all around the country

1141

00:42:26,470 --> 00:42:24,470

we also have structural test articles

1142

00:42:28,630 --> 00:42:26,480

being built at marshall and these are

1143

00:42:30,309 --> 00:42:28,640

over a hundred feet tall one of them is

1144

00:42:32,470 --> 00:42:30,319

over 200 feet tall these are strong

1145

00:42:34,069 --> 00:42:32,480

backs where we'll take these these core

1146

00:42:36,309 --> 00:42:34,079

segments and actually put them through

1147

00:42:39,349 --> 00:42:36,319

their paces uh mechanically

1148

00:42:40,870 --> 00:42:39,359

uh the pegasus barge that used to uh to

1149

00:42:42,390 --> 00:42:40,880

move the external tank around we

1150

00:42:44,470 --> 00:42:42,400

actually had to cut it in half and add

1151  
00:42:45,910 --> 00:42:44,480  
about 65 feet and so now it's longer

1152  
00:42:47,190 --> 00:42:45,920  
than a football field because that's

1153  
00:42:48,069 --> 00:42:47,200  
what it takes to put the core of the

1154  
00:42:49,589 --> 00:42:48,079  
rocket

1155  
00:42:50,950 --> 00:42:49,599  
on and we'll barge that thing over to

1156  
00:42:52,950 --> 00:42:50,960  
stennis

1157  
00:42:54,790 --> 00:42:52,960  
so a lot of ancillary programs going on

1158  
00:42:57,430 --> 00:42:54,800  
with the core as well

1159  
00:42:59,109 --> 00:42:57,440  
we have a lab called the systems

1160  
00:43:00,630 --> 00:42:59,119  
integration lab where all those avionics

1161  
00:43:01,750 --> 00:43:00,640  
are coming in we've been writing flight

1162  
00:43:03,750 --> 00:43:01,760  
software

1163  
00:43:04,630 --> 00:43:03,760

we're up to version 10 now

1164

00:43:06,150 --> 00:43:04,640

and

1165

00:43:07,910 --> 00:43:06,160

we're running that through its testing

1166

00:43:09,990 --> 00:43:07,920

now we've got version 11 going through

1167

00:43:12,069 --> 00:43:10,000

what we call scrums which are the

1168

00:43:13,430 --> 00:43:12,079

incremental development of that the next

1169

00:43:15,270 --> 00:43:13,440

one beyond that will be the one we

1170

00:43:16,470 --> 00:43:15,280

actually do when we run the the green

1171

00:43:18,069 --> 00:43:16,480

run test

1172

00:43:19,750 --> 00:43:18,079

that brings me back to stennis where we

1173

00:43:22,390 --> 00:43:19,760

have the b2 stand we'll actually take

1174

00:43:24,550 --> 00:43:22,400

the entire core with all four engines

1175

00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:24,560

put it up on top of that b2 stand and

1176

00:43:28,550 --> 00:43:26,480

run a full mission duration with uh the

1177

00:43:31,270 --> 00:43:28,560

four liquid engines at once and that'll

1178

00:43:33,190 --> 00:43:31,280

be the loudest noise we've heard uh in

1179

00:43:33,990 --> 00:43:33,200

engine world liquid engine world in 40

1180

00:43:36,630 --> 00:43:34,000

years

1181

00:43:38,230 --> 00:43:36,640

um so come back for that one as well but

1182

00:43:41,589 --> 00:43:38,240

that b2 stand is coming along really

1183

00:43:43,030 --> 00:43:41,599

well that's a a a very big project as

1184

00:43:45,109 --> 00:43:43,040

you can imagine you've got to hold that

1185

00:43:47,829 --> 00:43:45,119

thing down you've got to stick this core

1186

00:43:49,670 --> 00:43:47,839

up in the air and and and light it and

1187

00:43:51,109 --> 00:43:49,680

light these four engines and so that's

1188

00:43:52,230 --> 00:43:51,119



coming along well

1189

00:43:53,910 --> 00:43:52,240

moving up

1190

00:43:55,270 --> 00:43:53,920

you see the the conical section of the

1191

00:43:58,710 --> 00:43:55,280

rocket where it next down that's the

1192

00:44:00,470 --> 00:43:58,720

lvsa uh they have completed their design

1193

00:44:01,430 --> 00:44:00,480

and are now building the structural test

1194

00:44:04,069 --> 00:44:01,440

article

1195

00:44:07,270 --> 00:44:04,079

uh from there up to the bottom of the

1196

00:44:08,470 --> 00:44:07,280

orion you've got the lvsa launch vehicle

1197

00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:08,480

stage adapter

1198

00:44:13,109 --> 00:44:11,280

you've got the icps or the interim

1199

00:44:15,589 --> 00:44:13,119

cryogenic propulsion stage which is

1200

00:44:17,910 --> 00:44:15,599

fancy for a delta iv upper stage and

1201  
00:44:20,309 --> 00:44:17,920  
then the msa which is the adapter that

1202  
00:44:22,309 --> 00:44:20,319  
attaches it to the orion that stack

1203  
00:44:24,630 --> 00:44:22,319  
right now all of those structural test

1204  
00:44:27,430 --> 00:44:24,640  
articles are being built so the tankage

1205  
00:44:28,950 --> 00:44:27,440  
for the icps is being built the msa

1206  
00:44:30,790 --> 00:44:28,960  
structural test article is being built

1207  
00:44:32,550 --> 00:44:30,800  
this lvsa structural test article is

1208  
00:44:34,470 --> 00:44:32,560  
being built and all of those will also

1209  
00:44:37,190 --> 00:44:34,480  
go into a stand and go through its

1210  
00:44:39,030 --> 00:44:37,200  
structural testing so a lot going on in

1211  
00:44:41,190 --> 00:44:39,040  
the pieces of the rocket

1212  
00:44:42,790 --> 00:44:41,200  
we are about a month and a half away

1213  
00:44:44,470 --> 00:44:42,800

from our critical design review on the

1214

00:44:45,990 --> 00:44:44,480

entire rocket

1215

00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:46,000

that's been a big effort we've been

1216

00:44:49,270 --> 00:44:47,760

through three design cycles now and

1217

00:44:52,230 --> 00:44:49,280

that's wrapping up

1218

00:44:54,710 --> 00:44:52,240

i'll have a formal readiness review on

1219

00:44:56,390 --> 00:44:54,720

april 2nd with my chief engineer and

1220

00:44:58,550 --> 00:44:56,400

chief safety officer we'll review and

1221

00:45:00,550 --> 00:44:58,560

make sure we're ready to go

1222

00:45:02,069 --> 00:45:00,560

we have a punch list of items we're

1223

00:45:03,589 --> 00:45:02,079

working through right now but we feel

1224

00:45:05,910 --> 00:45:03,599

pretty good about getting in the

1225

00:45:07,750 --> 00:45:05,920

critical design review once we get past

1226

00:45:09,829 --> 00:45:07,760

that we now consider that the entire

1227

00:45:10,870 --> 00:45:09,839

vehicle is in verification and build and

1228

00:45:12,630 --> 00:45:10,880

test

1229

00:45:13,829 --> 00:45:12,640

phase which is a big shift in the

1230

00:45:15,430 --> 00:45:13,839

program

1231

00:45:17,030 --> 00:45:15,440

and we start thinking about making the

1232

00:45:19,990 --> 00:45:17,040

commitments in terms of delivering

1233

00:45:22,550 --> 00:45:20,000

everything to our other partners here

1234

00:45:24,550 --> 00:45:22,560

we'll talk to you here in a minute

1235

00:45:26,230 --> 00:45:24,560

one interesting thing i just got back

1236

00:45:27,829 --> 00:45:26,240

from florida mike will talk a little

1237

00:45:30,470 --> 00:45:27,839

more about it but we have a set of tests

1238

00:45:32,309 --> 00:45:30,480

coming up called left and it's where if

1239

00:45:33,510 --> 00:45:32,319

you saw in the video those swing arms

1240

00:45:35,430 --> 00:45:33,520

that come out

1241

00:45:37,349 --> 00:45:35,440

uh from the rocket and there's attached

1242

00:45:38,950 --> 00:45:37,359

to the vab

1243

00:45:40,710 --> 00:45:38,960

it looks pretty interesting on the on

1244

00:45:43,030 --> 00:45:40,720

the video but i will tell you um they're

1245

00:45:45,190 --> 00:45:43,040

building up the the articles to test

1246

00:45:46,550 --> 00:45:45,200

that down there right now and the scale

1247

00:45:49,349 --> 00:45:46,560

of just those

1248

00:45:51,109 --> 00:45:49,359

tests blew me away uh it's it's one of

1249

00:45:53,270 --> 00:45:51,119

those arms is probably one and a half

1250

00:45:54,790 --> 00:45:53,280

times the width of this building so when

1251  
00:45:57,510 --> 00:45:54,800  
you see that thing swing out it's not

1252  
00:45:59,109 --> 00:45:57,520  
just a couple of pixels it's a big old

1253  
00:46:01,270 --> 00:45:59,119  
piece and so we're building up

1254  
00:46:03,990 --> 00:46:01,280  
our piece is to deliver the plates

1255  
00:46:05,589 --> 00:46:04,000  
uh to uh to ground systems office and

1256  
00:46:07,990 --> 00:46:05,599  
then they'll perform the testing for us

1257  
00:46:10,230 --> 00:46:08,000  
so a lot going on so with that i'll hand

1258  
00:46:11,829 --> 00:46:10,240  
it over to charlie

1259  
00:46:13,270 --> 00:46:11,839  
okay thanks todd

1260  
00:46:15,030 --> 00:46:13,280  
so i'm gonna give you an update on the

1261  
00:46:17,109 --> 00:46:15,040  
orion spacecraft

1262  
00:46:19,589 --> 00:46:17,119  
orion sits on top of this immensely

1263  
00:46:22,069 --> 00:46:19,599

powerful rocket uh and uh thank you todd

1264

00:46:23,670 --> 00:46:22,079

for delivering us to space where uh

1265

00:46:25,990 --> 00:46:23,680

orion will conduct

1266

00:46:28,710 --> 00:46:26,000

exploration class missions of up to four

1267

00:46:30,390 --> 00:46:28,720

astronauts uh for a duration of up to 21

1268

00:46:32,870 --> 00:46:30,400

days

1269

00:46:34,550 --> 00:46:32,880

so we had a test several months ago

1270

00:46:36,150 --> 00:46:34,560

called exploration flight test one that

1271

00:46:38,150 --> 00:46:36,160

bill mentioned and i'm going to provide

1272

00:46:40,470 --> 00:46:38,160

an update to you on on what we learned

1273

00:46:42,470 --> 00:46:40,480

from that very important test flight

1274

00:46:44,870 --> 00:46:42,480

to refresh your memory uh we launched

1275

00:46:46,950 --> 00:46:44,880

from kennedy space center uh on a delta

1276

00:46:48,309 --> 00:46:46,960

iv heavy with lifted us orbit on

1277

00:46:50,390 --> 00:46:48,319

december 5th

1278

00:46:52,790 --> 00:46:50,400

the mission lasted four and a half hours

1279

00:46:54,710 --> 00:46:52,800

we circled the earth two times

1280

00:46:57,030 --> 00:46:54,720

uh we went to an apogee which is the

1281

00:46:58,790 --> 00:46:57,040

furthest point away from the ground of 3

1282

00:47:00,870 --> 00:46:58,800

600 miles

1283

00:47:03,109 --> 00:47:00,880

and we came back

1284

00:47:05,109 --> 00:47:03,119

we went through the valeno belts twice

1285

00:47:07,430 --> 00:47:05,119

and that's an area of high ionizing

1286

00:47:09,750 --> 00:47:07,440

radiation which was a critical test of

1287

00:47:11,430 --> 00:47:09,760

our flight avionics systems

1288

00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:11,440



and then we came back re-entered the

1289

00:47:16,630 --> 00:47:13,920

atmosphere at about 20 000 miles per

1290

00:47:19,030 --> 00:47:16,640

hour which was a key

1291

00:47:20,549 --> 00:47:19,040

test of our thermal protection system

1292

00:47:23,030 --> 00:47:20,559

that protects the astronauts from the

1293

00:47:25,109 --> 00:47:23,040

extreme heat of reentry

1294

00:47:26,870 --> 00:47:25,119

we experienced about 4 000 degrees

1295

00:47:28,870 --> 00:47:26,880

fahrenheit on the heat shield which is

1296

00:47:31,829 --> 00:47:28,880

only about one and a half inches thick

1297

00:47:33,670 --> 00:47:31,839

and so uh we got to protect the crew uh

1298

00:47:35,510 --> 00:47:33,680

they're not very far away from those uh

1299

00:47:36,710 --> 00:47:35,520

temperatures

1300

00:47:40,150 --> 00:47:36,720

so um

1301

00:47:42,150 --> 00:47:40,160

we uh we landed uh fine the uh

1302

00:47:44,790 --> 00:47:42,160

decelerator system performed uh

1303

00:47:47,990 --> 00:47:44,800

flawlessly uh the uh orion spacecraft

1304

00:47:50,069 --> 00:47:48,000

touched down in the ocean about uh 600

1305

00:47:52,069 --> 00:47:50,079

miles south of san diego off the baja

1306

00:47:54,470 --> 00:47:52,079

peninsula and it was subsequently

1307

00:47:56,390 --> 00:47:54,480

recovered by mike and his team thank you

1308

00:47:58,230 --> 00:47:56,400

for that and uh brought back to kennedy

1309

00:48:00,390 --> 00:47:58,240

space center where we've been undergoing

1310

00:48:02,390 --> 00:48:00,400

a lot of post-test analysis

1311

00:48:03,589 --> 00:48:02,400

uh since then

1312

00:48:05,910 --> 00:48:03,599

so

1313

00:48:07,750 --> 00:48:05,920

during the mission um

1314

00:48:09,910 --> 00:48:07,760

the spacecraft systems almost all of

1315

00:48:12,150 --> 00:48:09,920

them performed anomaly

1316

00:48:15,030 --> 00:48:12,160

we're very pleased about that

1317

00:48:16,630 --> 00:48:15,040

there are over 17 separate

1318

00:48:18,870 --> 00:48:16,640

separation events controlled by

1319

00:48:20,549 --> 00:48:18,880

pyrotechnics those all performed within

1320

00:48:23,030 --> 00:48:20,559

microseconds of when they were supposed

1321

00:48:24,309 --> 00:48:23,040

to all flawlessly i mentioned the heat

1322

00:48:26,150 --> 00:48:24,319

shield itself

1323

00:48:28,950 --> 00:48:26,160

that heat shield is very complicated

1324

00:48:31,829 --> 00:48:28,960

structure comprised of over 300 000

1325

00:48:32,829 --> 00:48:31,839

individually gunned honeycomb cells of a

1326

00:48:35,270 --> 00:48:32,839

blade of

1327

00:48:36,630 --> 00:48:35,280

material and it seemed

1328

00:48:38,710 --> 00:48:36,640

quite well

1329

00:48:40,309 --> 00:48:38,720

we're actually still studying it as we

1330

00:48:42,549 --> 00:48:40,319

speak it was uh removed from the

1331

00:48:43,990 --> 00:48:42,559

spacecraft delivered to marshall space

1332

00:48:46,829 --> 00:48:44,000

flight center where our

1333

00:48:49,430 --> 00:48:46,839

tps engineers are looking at it as we

1334

00:48:52,069 --> 00:48:49,440

speak um the

1335

00:48:54,470 --> 00:48:52,079

avionics system did quite well we didn't

1336

00:48:57,109 --> 00:48:54,480

undergo any single part

1337

00:48:59,750 --> 00:48:57,119

interrupts from the ionizing radiation

1338

00:49:02,549 --> 00:48:59,760

and the decelerator system all 11

1339

00:49:04,470 --> 00:49:02,559

parachutes deployed normally and we

1340

00:49:05,990 --> 00:49:04,480

actually landed upright

1341

00:49:07,190 --> 00:49:06,000

and

1342

00:49:08,470 --> 00:49:07,200

so we were

1343

00:49:10,150 --> 00:49:08,480

pretty happy about everything that

1344

00:49:12,790 --> 00:49:10,160

happened

1345

00:49:15,030 --> 00:49:12,800

um since then uh our engineer has been

1346

00:49:17,270 --> 00:49:15,040

pouring through about 1100 data channels

1347

00:49:19,109 --> 00:49:17,280

that we uh collect the data during the

1348

00:49:21,510 --> 00:49:19,119

mission

1349

00:49:23,109 --> 00:49:21,520

we've also been uh you know

1350

00:49:24,870 --> 00:49:23,119

going over the vehicle

1351  
00:49:26,309 --> 00:49:24,880  
and checking it out to make sure uh you

1352  
00:49:27,589 --> 00:49:26,319  
know kicking the tires seeing how well

1353  
00:49:29,829 --> 00:49:27,599  
it worked

1354  
00:49:33,270 --> 00:49:29,839  
we just released a 90-day report is very

1355  
00:49:35,910 --> 00:49:34,870  
documented the results of our findings

1356  
00:49:36,950 --> 00:49:35,920  
to date

1357  
00:49:38,870 --> 00:49:36,960  
um

1358  
00:49:40,150 --> 00:49:38,880  
and uh we're still learning lessons

1359  
00:49:41,750 --> 00:49:40,160  
though from it like i mentioned the heat

1360  
00:49:43,109 --> 00:49:41,760  
shield at marshall where we're

1361  
00:49:44,790 --> 00:49:43,119  
undergoing additional coring and

1362  
00:49:45,910 --> 00:49:44,800  
sampling so so there's a lot to learn

1363  
00:49:47,510 --> 00:49:45,920

from this mission we're going to get

1364

00:49:49,750 --> 00:49:47,520

everything we can out of it

1365

00:49:52,309 --> 00:49:49,760

but i wanted to say that we learned a

1366

00:49:53,910 --> 00:49:52,319

lot even before we flew just building

1367

00:49:56,230 --> 00:49:53,920

the spacecraft

1368

00:49:58,950 --> 00:49:56,240

we exercised a lot of what we need to

1369

00:50:01,670 --> 00:49:58,960

going forward for exploration

1370

00:50:03,910 --> 00:50:01,680

we actually had over 10 000 engineering

1371

00:50:05,910 --> 00:50:03,920

drawings that were released and most of

1372

00:50:07,750 --> 00:50:05,920

those are going to play forward

1373

00:50:09,190 --> 00:50:07,760

we had over a quarter of a million

1374

00:50:11,109 --> 00:50:09,200

individual piece parts that were

1375

00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:11,119

integrated on the spacecraft and they

1376

00:50:15,109 --> 00:50:13,760

were provided by over a thousand

1377

00:50:17,589 --> 00:50:15,119

suppliers

1378

00:50:20,549 --> 00:50:17,599

within 42 different states including atk

1379

00:50:23,670 --> 00:50:20,559

i might add here in utah

1380

00:50:25,510 --> 00:50:23,680

we also had over 17 000 wires on the

1381

00:50:27,670 --> 00:50:25,520

spacecraft

1382

00:50:29,829 --> 00:50:27,680

000 different verifications and nearly

1383

00:50:31,589 --> 00:50:29,839

half a million line software lines of

1384

00:50:33,910 --> 00:50:31,599

code so it's very complicated uh

1385

00:50:36,630 --> 00:50:33,920

spacecraft and we're very pleased at how

1386

00:50:38,870 --> 00:50:36,640

well it worked together and so uh this

1387

00:50:40,950 --> 00:50:38,880

is all going to play forward for em-1

1388

00:50:42,470 --> 00:50:40,960



and so a little bit about em-1 uh bill

1389

00:50:43,829 --> 00:50:42,480

mentioned the uh the fact that we're

1390

00:50:46,069 --> 00:50:43,839

already building parts of that

1391

00:50:47,990 --> 00:50:46,079

spacecraft now um

1392

00:50:49,829 --> 00:50:48,000

the uh crew module pressure vessel

1393

00:50:51,750 --> 00:50:49,839

components are being machined as we

1394

00:50:54,790 --> 00:50:51,760

speak at various vendors across the

1395

00:50:56,549 --> 00:50:54,800

country uh the first uh element has actu

1396

00:50:58,790 --> 00:50:56,559

of the pathfinder which is what we use

1397

00:51:00,630 --> 00:50:58,800

to validate our weld structures uh has

1398

00:51:02,470 --> 00:51:00,640

already been delivered to michoud and

1399

00:51:04,870 --> 00:51:02,480

we'll be assembling that and doing our

1400

00:51:07,190 --> 00:51:04,880

pathfinder welds over the course of the

1401

00:51:08,710 --> 00:51:07,200

summer and fall and then begin the

1402

00:51:11,829 --> 00:51:08,720

welding of the flight structure we hope

1403

00:51:14,630 --> 00:51:11,839

to deliver that uh early in 2016.

1404

00:51:16,630 --> 00:51:14,640

we have completed our delta uh

1405

00:51:18,950 --> 00:51:16,640

preliminary design review our critical

1406

00:51:22,069 --> 00:51:18,960

design review is only five months away

1407

00:51:24,710 --> 00:51:22,079

and so we're really looking forward to

1408

00:51:25,829 --> 00:51:24,720

continuing to build upon the lessons

1409

00:51:30,069 --> 00:51:25,839

learned that we got with that flight

1410

00:51:32,710 --> 00:51:31,510

thanks charlie

1411

00:51:34,790 --> 00:51:32,720

so at the kennedy space center in

1412

00:51:36,790 --> 00:51:34,800

florida we've been really busy working

1413

00:51:38,790 --> 00:51:36,800

to prepare the launch infrastructure and

1414

00:51:41,109 --> 00:51:38,800

by that i mean the facilities the ground

1415

00:51:43,349 --> 00:51:41,119

systems and the operational procedures

1416

00:51:45,109 --> 00:51:43,359

um that will that will create the 21st

1417

00:51:47,270 --> 00:51:45,119

century spaceport that will be the

1418

00:51:49,190 --> 00:51:47,280

springboard for sls and orion in our

1419

00:51:52,630 --> 00:51:49,200

journey to mars

1420

00:51:54,630 --> 00:51:52,640

at the launch pad launch complex on 39b

1421

00:51:56,230 --> 00:51:54,640

we've been developing a very flexible

1422

00:51:57,910 --> 00:51:56,240

and adaptive architecture we call it a

1423

00:52:00,150 --> 00:51:57,920

clean pad approach where we've removed

1424

00:52:01,990 --> 00:52:00,160

the old shuttle specific structure that

1425

00:52:04,309 --> 00:52:02,000

was on the launch pad

1426  
00:52:06,150 --> 00:52:04,319  
and we now have what we call clean pad

1427  
00:52:08,150 --> 00:52:06,160  
that will be able to support the sls and

1428  
00:52:10,470 --> 00:52:08,160  
orion and even other launch vehicles and

1429  
00:52:12,150 --> 00:52:10,480  
spacecraft as we move forward um we've

1430  
00:52:14,790 --> 00:52:12,160  
been really busy at the launch pad we've

1431  
00:52:16,230 --> 00:52:14,800  
create we've constructed 500 foot tall

1432  
00:52:18,470 --> 00:52:16,240  
lightning towers

1433  
00:52:20,150 --> 00:52:18,480  
we've done refurbishment on the huge 800

1434  
00:52:22,309 --> 00:52:20,160  
900 000 gallon

1435  
00:52:24,549 --> 00:52:22,319  
cryo tanks that we have out there we've

1436  
00:52:26,549 --> 00:52:24,559  
recently awarded a contract for the

1437  
00:52:28,309 --> 00:52:26,559  
construction of the flame deflector and

1438  
00:52:30,390 --> 00:52:28,319

then the refurbishment of the flame

1439

00:52:31,349 --> 00:52:30,400

deflector and a host of other projects

1440

00:52:34,150 --> 00:52:31,359

were

1441

00:52:36,309 --> 00:52:34,160

complex b or 39b is really a beehive of

1442

00:52:38,150 --> 00:52:36,319

activity these days

1443

00:52:40,150 --> 00:52:38,160

also at the vehicle assembly building so

1444

00:52:41,990 --> 00:52:40,160

that's the the iconic

1445

00:52:44,309 --> 00:52:42,000

piece of our of our

1446

00:52:46,549 --> 00:52:44,319

landscape you can see it as you fly in

1447

00:52:47,670 --> 00:52:46,559

i'm 500 foot tall and and 500 feet

1448

00:52:50,150 --> 00:52:47,680

across

1449

00:52:51,829 --> 00:52:50,160

um that's that's the facility where we

1450

00:52:53,750 --> 00:52:51,839

stack and we integrate and we do the

1451  
00:52:55,430 --> 00:52:53,760  
initial test and checkout of the launch

1452  
00:52:57,829 --> 00:52:55,440  
vehicle in the spacecraft we've we've

1453  
00:52:59,589 --> 00:52:57,839  
got four high bays in there each again

1454  
00:53:01,750 --> 00:52:59,599  
500 feet tall each large enough to hold

1455  
00:53:03,589 --> 00:53:01,760  
a statue of liberty inside this this is

1456  
00:53:04,790 --> 00:53:03,599  
a massive building

1457  
00:53:06,870 --> 00:53:04,800  
high bay 3 is going to be the one that

1458  
00:53:08,390 --> 00:53:06,880  
we're going to use for sls and orion

1459  
00:53:10,390 --> 00:53:08,400  
we've taken out the old shuttle work

1460  
00:53:12,630 --> 00:53:10,400  
platforms and we're in the process of

1461  
00:53:15,270 --> 00:53:12,640  
constructing 10 new work platforms that

1462  
00:53:17,670 --> 00:53:15,280  
we'll use as we stack and test out sls

1463  
00:53:19,190 --> 00:53:17,680

and orion what's neat about these is um

1464

00:53:21,589 --> 00:53:19,200

these launch platforms can move up or

1465

00:53:23,670 --> 00:53:21,599

down 10 feet and they come with an

1466

00:53:25,270 --> 00:53:23,680

insert in the in the platform so that we

1467

00:53:26,870 --> 00:53:25,280

can conform to different outer mold

1468

00:53:29,829 --> 00:53:26,880

lines of the rocket so this will really

1469

00:53:31,670 --> 00:53:29,839

help us as sls and orion evolves

1470

00:53:32,950 --> 00:53:31,680

we'll be able to evolve more easily with

1471

00:53:35,510 --> 00:53:32,960

it without going through major

1472

00:53:37,109 --> 00:53:35,520

construction of facilities type projects

1473

00:53:38,950 --> 00:53:37,119

so again trying to become flexible and

1474

00:53:40,790 --> 00:53:38,960

adaptable as we move forward we've got

1475

00:53:42,630 --> 00:53:40,800

another number of other projects going

1476  
00:53:44,630 --> 00:53:42,640  
on the vehicle assembly building it's a

1477  
00:53:46,549 --> 00:53:44,640  
50 year old facility so we're upgrading

1478  
00:53:49,589 --> 00:53:46,559  
our fire x systems our low voltage

1479  
00:53:51,589 --> 00:53:49,599  
systems um some of the big doors um and

1480  
00:53:53,430 --> 00:53:51,599  
then the cranes that do the lifting so

1481  
00:53:55,190 --> 00:53:53,440  
again another very busy area at the

1482  
00:53:56,950 --> 00:53:55,200  
kennedy space center

1483  
00:53:58,710 --> 00:53:56,960  
we're also upgrading our launch comp our

1484  
00:54:00,150 --> 00:53:58,720  
launch control center

1485  
00:54:02,549 --> 00:54:00,160  
firing room one is will be the firing

1486  
00:54:05,270 --> 00:54:02,559  
room that we will support testing of the

1487  
00:54:06,870 --> 00:54:05,280  
sls and orion from we've got a new

1488  
00:54:08,069 --> 00:54:06,880



state of the art open system

1489

00:54:09,990 --> 00:54:08,079

architecture

1490

00:54:11,910 --> 00:54:10,000

command and control system in firing

1491

00:54:13,910 --> 00:54:11,920

room one we're developing the system

1492

00:54:16,069 --> 00:54:13,920

software that will run that control

1493

00:54:17,430 --> 00:54:16,079

system it's about half done

1494

00:54:19,430 --> 00:54:17,440

and we're just now getting started on

1495

00:54:21,349 --> 00:54:19,440

all of the application software the

1496

00:54:23,030 --> 00:54:21,359

displays and the automated

1497

00:54:25,030 --> 00:54:23,040

test procedures that our engineers will

1498

00:54:26,870 --> 00:54:25,040

use to ultimately do the test out of the

1499

00:54:29,030 --> 00:54:26,880

sls and orion

1500

00:54:31,190 --> 00:54:29,040

a couple other projects um todd made

1501  
00:54:33,270 --> 00:54:31,200  
reference to our mobile launcher mobile

1502  
00:54:35,750 --> 00:54:33,280  
answer is the platform and the tower

1503  
00:54:39,190 --> 00:54:35,760  
that provides that direct ground

1504  
00:54:42,069 --> 00:54:39,200  
to flight vehicle interface it's a close

1505  
00:54:44,230 --> 00:54:42,079  
to 400 foot tall tower

1506  
00:54:45,990 --> 00:54:44,240  
sits on top of on platform and then all

1507  
00:54:47,589 --> 00:54:46,000  
of our ground systems run through the

1508  
00:54:50,789 --> 00:54:47,599  
mobile launcher and run through the

1509  
00:54:51,750 --> 00:54:50,799  
umbilical arms to provide the power the

1510  
00:54:53,750 --> 00:54:51,760  
calm

1511  
00:54:55,030 --> 00:54:53,760  
the propellants the purge gases all the

1512  
00:54:56,870 --> 00:54:55,040  
things that the rocket needs from the

1513  
00:54:58,470 --> 00:54:56,880

ground while it's on the ground and so

1514

00:55:00,630 --> 00:54:58,480

we're busy working on that now we've

1515

00:55:02,549 --> 00:55:00,640

been um that mobile launcher was

1516

00:55:04,150 --> 00:55:02,559

originally designed for ares 1x so we've

1517

00:55:05,750 --> 00:55:04,160

been strengthening it

1518

00:55:08,549 --> 00:55:05,760

so that it's stronger for the bigger

1519

00:55:10,150 --> 00:55:08,559

rocket we've changed the exhaust hole

1520

00:55:11,510 --> 00:55:10,160

where the flames shoot out when we do

1521

00:55:13,589 --> 00:55:11,520

the launch since it has a different

1522

00:55:14,870 --> 00:55:13,599

shape than what the aries one x had

1523

00:55:16,230 --> 00:55:14,880

um

1524

00:55:17,910 --> 00:55:16,240

we've also been making room for all of

1525

00:55:19,670 --> 00:55:17,920

those ground systems that were in the

1526  
00:55:21,109 --> 00:55:19,680  
process of finishing up the designs this

1527  
00:55:22,549 --> 00:55:21,119  
year so this year we'll finish the

1528  
00:55:24,710 --> 00:55:22,559  
designs on the ground systems we'll

1529  
00:55:27,349 --> 00:55:24,720  
finish the tower mods and the platform

1530  
00:55:28,789 --> 00:55:27,359  
mods um we'll start to we'll start to

1531  
00:55:30,390 --> 00:55:28,799  
install some of these ground systems

1532  
00:55:32,069 --> 00:55:30,400  
into the mobile launcher we'll take our

1533  
00:55:33,510 --> 00:55:32,079  
umbilical arms which are really that

1534  
00:55:34,870 --> 00:55:33,520  
that last point of connection and

1535  
00:55:36,150 --> 00:55:34,880  
there's the umbilical plate right at the

1536  
00:55:37,750 --> 00:55:36,160  
end the ground plate and the flight

1537  
00:55:39,510 --> 00:55:37,760  
plate we'll take those over to that

1538  
00:55:40,549 --> 00:55:39,520

launch equipment test facility that todd

1539

00:55:42,870 --> 00:55:40,559

mentioned

1540

00:55:44,390 --> 00:55:42,880

and we'll really run those umbilicals

1541

00:55:45,589 --> 00:55:44,400

through the ringer making sure that when

1542

00:55:46,950 --> 00:55:45,599

we actually go to launch that they

1543

00:55:48,710 --> 00:55:46,960

disconnect the way that we expect them

1544

00:55:50,150 --> 00:55:48,720

to and that we don't have any issues

1545

00:55:52,069 --> 00:55:50,160

when we get there that'll go on for the

1546

00:55:53,510 --> 00:55:52,079

next couple years i'm going to be a

1547

00:55:54,789 --> 00:55:53,520

really busy and exciting area todd

1548

00:55:56,470 --> 00:55:54,799

talked a little bit about the length of

1549

00:55:57,990 --> 00:55:56,480

the arms one of the test service

1550

00:55:59,430 --> 00:55:58,000

mastermind because you don't get always

1551  
00:56:01,270 --> 00:55:59,440  
a sense for the scale just how big this

1552  
00:56:03,030 --> 00:56:01,280  
rocket is but the tail service mast

1553  
00:56:04,710 --> 00:56:03,040  
umbilicals are down at the base of the

1554  
00:56:06,710 --> 00:56:04,720  
mobile launcher they're the umbilicals

1555  
00:56:09,190 --> 00:56:06,720  
that we do the fueling of the

1556  
00:56:11,270 --> 00:56:09,200  
liquid cryogenics um those things are 38

1557  
00:56:12,710 --> 00:56:11,280  
feet tall right so it's almost like a

1558  
00:56:14,470 --> 00:56:12,720  
four-story building is just the

1559  
00:56:17,030 --> 00:56:14,480  
umbilical at the base at the base of

1560  
00:56:19,589 --> 00:56:17,040  
this rocket um let's see crawley

1561  
00:56:21,430 --> 00:56:19,599  
transporter is a asset we've had with us

1562  
00:56:22,789 --> 00:56:21,440  
since the apollo program

1563  
00:56:24,710 --> 00:56:22,799

it's like a um

1564

00:56:28,230 --> 00:56:24,720

it's like a massive tank almost it's

1565

00:56:29,829 --> 00:56:28,240

like 115 foot across 130 feet the other

1566

00:56:31,589 --> 00:56:29,839

way it looks like one of those rebel

1567

00:56:34,069 --> 00:56:31,599

forces in a star wars movie if you've

1568

00:56:35,510 --> 00:56:34,079

seen some of the tanks in that um and

1569

00:56:37,670 --> 00:56:35,520

and this the crawler transporter we put

1570

00:56:39,270 --> 00:56:37,680

the mobile answer and the rocket on top

1571

00:56:40,710 --> 00:56:39,280

um in inside the vehicle assembly

1572

00:56:42,470 --> 00:56:40,720

building and we roll out to the launch

1573

00:56:45,589 --> 00:56:42,480

pad at the blazing speed of a half a

1574

00:56:48,789 --> 00:56:45,599

mile an hour um we it's it's a really

1575

00:56:51,910 --> 00:56:48,799

neat um work of art in that as you go up

1576  
00:56:53,510 --> 00:56:51,920  
the hill on on complex 39b um it has

1577  
00:56:55,109 --> 00:56:53,520  
these jacking equalization leveling

1578  
00:56:56,789 --> 00:56:55,119  
cylinders that keep the rocket perfectly

1579  
00:56:59,430 --> 00:56:56,799  
vertical so that as you go up the hill

1580  
00:57:01,910 --> 00:56:59,440  
we maintain perfect verticality we've

1581  
00:57:03,109 --> 00:57:01,920  
been doing 20-year life cycle mods on

1582  
00:57:04,630 --> 00:57:03,119  
the crowley transporter for the last

1583  
00:57:06,230 --> 00:57:04,640  
couple years we just wrapped up roller

1584  
00:57:07,990 --> 00:57:06,240  
bearing replacements

1585  
00:57:09,910 --> 00:57:08,000  
we've been working on the gearboxes

1586  
00:57:11,030 --> 00:57:09,920  
we've still got some work to do on the

1587  
00:57:13,109 --> 00:57:11,040  
jacking

1588  
00:57:15,349 --> 00:57:13,119



equalization and leveling sensors or the

1589

00:57:16,789 --> 00:57:15,359

cylinders the gel cylinders but we'll be

1590

00:57:18,549 --> 00:57:16,799

finishing that up in the next couple

1591

00:57:20,150 --> 00:57:18,559

years and the crawler transporter is

1592

00:57:22,230 --> 00:57:20,160

going to be ready to go

1593

00:57:24,630 --> 00:57:22,240

so overall at kennedy we're making

1594

00:57:25,589 --> 00:57:24,640

tremendous progress the eft-1 orion

1595

00:57:27,270 --> 00:57:25,599

launch

1596

00:57:28,870 --> 00:57:27,280

was really a morale booster the whole

1597

00:57:30,549 --> 00:57:28,880

place was really electric down there it

1598

00:57:31,990 --> 00:57:30,559

was exciting and it was fun it's going

1599

00:57:34,069 --> 00:57:32,000

to be the same way here tomorrow and

1600

00:57:35,829 --> 00:57:34,079

we're excited to be a part of that

1601  
00:57:37,430 --> 00:57:35,839  
each of these tests are so important

1602  
00:57:39,910 --> 00:57:37,440  
they represent you know clear and

1603  
00:57:42,470 --> 00:57:39,920  
obvious progress to it us

1604  
00:57:44,470 --> 00:57:42,480  
they make us realize that our first sls

1605  
00:57:45,910 --> 00:57:44,480  
orion launch date is coming up soon we

1606  
00:57:47,430 --> 00:57:45,920  
know we've got a lot of work to do we

1607  
00:57:49,030 --> 00:57:47,440  
know it's going to be hard but it's

1608  
00:57:50,390 --> 00:57:49,040  
exciting and there's nothing we'd rather

1609  
00:57:51,829 --> 00:57:50,400  
be doing

1610  
00:57:52,789 --> 00:57:51,839  
and and when that flight hardware shows

1611  
00:57:55,990 --> 00:57:52,799  
up we're going to be ready at the

1612  
00:57:57,430 --> 00:57:56,000  
kennedy space center to process it

1613  
00:57:59,750 --> 00:57:57,440

thanks thanks mike thanks all i

1614

00:58:00,950 --> 00:57:59,760

appreciate it we have some time for some

1615

00:58:02,950 --> 00:58:00,960

questions remember in the room if you

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00:58:05,349 --> 00:58:02,960

have questions to keep your hand raised

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00:58:07,270 --> 00:58:05,359

stand and state your name

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00:58:09,270 --> 00:58:07,280

and wait for the microphone for those

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00:58:11,109 --> 00:58:09,280

watching at home you can use the hashtag

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00:58:13,430 --> 00:58:11,119

asknasa and we'll try to get your

1621

00:58:14,789 --> 00:58:13,440

question either here or online so i

1622

00:58:17,349 --> 00:58:14,799

think we have a first one right at the

1623

00:58:20,710 --> 00:58:19,190

yeah i'm uh lee jensen from salt lake

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00:58:22,789 --> 00:58:20,720

city utah i'm a software developer and

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00:58:25,030 --> 00:58:22,799

so i'm curious about the

1626  
00:58:26,710 --> 00:58:25,040  
avionics systems a lot of talk has been

1627  
00:58:28,069 --> 00:58:26,720  
made about

1628  
00:58:30,549 --> 00:58:28,079  
you know the upgrades from the heritage

1629  
00:58:32,630 --> 00:58:30,559  
systems and i'm curious are are most of

1630  
00:58:34,710 --> 00:58:32,640  
the systems these days running on custom

1631  
00:58:36,789 --> 00:58:34,720  
asics or is it all like general purpose

1632  
00:58:37,910 --> 00:58:36,799  
computer hardware that

1633  
00:58:39,510 --> 00:58:37,920  
you guys are just writing custom

1634  
00:58:47,270 --> 00:58:39,520  
software for what's the kind of

1635  
00:58:53,190 --> 00:58:48,789  
that's a good question

1636  
00:58:59,109 --> 00:58:56,870  
uh well so i'm the hardware guy

1637  
00:59:01,910 --> 00:58:59,119  
we uh i know we try to minimize the

1638  
00:59:04,150 --> 00:59:01,920

customization uh because of the expense

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00:59:06,069 --> 00:59:04,160

uh and so you won't find a lot of the

1640

00:59:07,670 --> 00:59:06,079

custom basics in the orion architecture

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00:59:08,950 --> 00:59:07,680

that's probably about all i can tell you

1642

00:59:10,870 --> 00:59:08,960

on that one

1643

00:59:14,549 --> 00:59:10,880

yeah on the ground we're running um ibm

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00:59:16,470 --> 00:59:14,559

servers with an ibm flavor of unix um we

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00:59:18,470 --> 00:59:16,480

we use cots where we can but we do find

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00:59:20,470 --> 00:59:18,480

that we do develop a lot of custom code

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00:59:22,069 --> 00:59:20,480

for our system software the things that

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00:59:24,230 --> 00:59:22,079

allow us to do the basic command and

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00:59:27,430 --> 00:59:24,240

control and monitoring of the data that

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00:59:29,190 --> 00:59:27,440

comes down um and then we do use some

1651  
00:59:31,030 --> 00:59:29,200  
cost tools to help us with the displays

1652  
00:59:32,710 --> 00:59:31,040  
that we create and also with the

1653  
00:59:34,150 --> 00:59:32,720  
scripting the the test procedures that

1654  
00:59:35,990 --> 00:59:34,160  
we're writing so it's kind of a mix of

1655  
00:59:38,309 --> 00:59:36,000  
both for us on the ground

1656  
00:59:39,190 --> 00:59:38,319  
yeah i'd say the same thing um we've got

1657  
00:59:40,549 --> 00:59:39,200  
some

1658  
00:59:42,230 --> 00:59:40,559  
a panel that can tell you specifically

1659  
00:59:43,109 --> 00:59:42,240  
about the boosters when they get up here

1660  
00:59:45,750 --> 00:59:43,119  
but

1661  
00:59:48,470 --> 00:59:45,760  
as far as the core of the rocket itself

1662  
00:59:51,190 --> 00:59:48,480  
that's based off a design that's

1663  
00:59:53,510 --> 00:59:51,200

current assets that fly today

1664

00:59:55,109 --> 00:59:53,520

and then the icps is really

1665

00:59:56,870 --> 00:59:55,119

a delta iv

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00:59:58,950 --> 00:59:56,880

architecture and

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01:00:01,670 --> 00:59:58,960

and that delta iv and atlas v are going

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01:00:03,829 --> 01:00:01,680

to what they call common avionics and um

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01:00:06,470 --> 01:00:03,839

in that case we're we're just kind of

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01:00:07,829 --> 01:00:06,480

letting the contractor lead the way

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01:00:12,069 --> 01:00:07,839

that's that's the plan that they're

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01:00:15,589 --> 01:00:14,390

my name is john hansel i'm the diving

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01:00:17,030 --> 01:00:15,599

safety officer for the new england

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01:00:18,789 --> 01:00:17,040

aquarium and i'm saying that

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01:00:20,950 --> 01:00:18,799

specifically because

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01:00:22,870 --> 01:00:20,960

todd you had mentioned that um these new

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01:00:25,670 --> 01:00:22,880

solid rocket boosters won't have

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01:00:27,510 --> 01:00:25,680

parachutes uh and therefore i was just

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01:00:29,349 --> 01:00:27,520

wondering about their downrange water

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01:00:31,589 --> 01:00:29,359

landing

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01:00:33,589 --> 01:00:31,599

is that area like a highly protected

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01:00:37,030 --> 01:00:33,599

area and also will these things maybe

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01:00:38,309 --> 01:00:37,040

become artificial reefs down the road

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01:00:40,230 --> 01:00:38,319

yeah i think that's probably what's

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01:00:42,789 --> 01:00:40,240

going to happen with them they'll become

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01:00:44,390 --> 01:00:42,799

artificial reefs at some point and uh by

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01:00:45,910 --> 01:00:44,400

the time they get to the bottom of the

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01:00:48,069 --> 01:00:45,920



ocean they're inert

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01:00:49,829 --> 01:00:48,079

and uh and so we actually think we're

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01:00:51,910 --> 01:00:49,839

helping the environment in that

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01:00:53,510 --> 01:00:51,920

perspective by creating a reef

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01:00:59,349 --> 01:00:53,520

place for the uh the underwater

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01:01:02,950 --> 01:01:01,430

my name is uh

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01:01:05,510 --> 01:01:02,960

my name is john darrington i'm from

1695

01:01:07,349 --> 01:01:05,520

rexburg idaho my question is more on the

1696

01:01:10,630 --> 01:01:07,359

on the fiscal side of things with the

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01:01:12,390 --> 01:01:10,640

administration change coming in 2016

1698

01:01:13,829 --> 01:01:12,400

are you expecting any kind of budget

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01:01:15,750 --> 01:01:13,839

issues and what kind of budget do you

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01:01:17,750 --> 01:01:15,760

need yearly to make the

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01:01:20,710 --> 01:01:17,760

the deadlines of putting

1702

01:01:23,670 --> 01:01:20,720

a crew in space in 2018 thank you

1703

01:01:25,670 --> 01:01:23,680

well right now we're working

1704

01:01:27,829 --> 01:01:25,680

very closely with congress and with with

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01:01:29,109 --> 01:01:27,839

the administration to uh

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01:01:31,030 --> 01:01:29,119

to one

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01:01:33,109 --> 01:01:31,040

request money and then

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01:01:34,230 --> 01:01:33,119

get appropriations we've been very

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01:01:36,950 --> 01:01:34,240

fortunate

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01:01:38,309 --> 01:01:36,960

in the last three years of getting

1711

01:01:40,630 --> 01:01:38,319

appropriations above what the

1712

01:01:41,829 --> 01:01:40,640

president's request has been and that's

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01:01:43,990 --> 01:01:41,839

helped us

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01:01:45,750 --> 01:01:44,000

make more progress reduce

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01:01:47,270 --> 01:01:45,760

some of the risk and buy down some of

1716

01:01:51,030 --> 01:01:47,280

the margin that we

1717

01:01:55,670 --> 01:01:52,950

with any administration change whether

1718

01:01:58,309 --> 01:01:55,680

it be within the same party or not

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01:01:59,109 --> 01:01:58,319

you always get some sort of change

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01:02:01,270 --> 01:01:59,119

of

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01:02:04,150 --> 01:02:01,280

new administrations want to put their

1722

01:02:06,549 --> 01:02:04,160

mark on on different areas

1723

01:02:07,510 --> 01:02:06,559

we'll see as we get through 2016 how

1724

01:02:10,470 --> 01:02:07,520

much

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01:02:13,589 --> 01:02:10,480

in the in the election or in the

1726

01:02:15,510 --> 01:02:13,599

uh campaigns how much space plays a role

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01:02:17,029 --> 01:02:15,520

and how much policy

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01:02:18,950 --> 01:02:17,039

discussion there is relative to what

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01:02:21,510 --> 01:02:18,960

we're doing with exploration

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01:02:23,670 --> 01:02:21,520

um we will set up a

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01:02:26,230 --> 01:02:23,680

as as we always do set up a transition

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01:02:28,150 --> 01:02:26,240

team to work with whoever's coming in

1733

01:02:31,670 --> 01:02:28,160

and so we'll we'll work through it our

1734

01:02:33,829 --> 01:02:31,680

goal is to make as much progress um

1735

01:02:35,910 --> 01:02:33,839

from a hardware standpoint

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01:02:38,230 --> 01:02:35,920

make as much progress as we can

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01:02:40,789 --> 01:02:38,240

before the election

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01:02:42,069 --> 01:02:40,799

and so we can sustain some

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01:02:44,630 --> 01:02:42,079

inertia

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01:02:50,230 --> 01:02:44,640

coming through 16 17 and hopefully into

1741

01:02:53,829 --> 01:02:52,390

hi my name is jessica zarnovsky i'm from

1742

01:02:56,870 --> 01:02:53,839

salt lake and i'm with the salty geek

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01:02:58,789 --> 01:02:56,880

podcast um with mentioning that you're

1744

01:03:00,069 --> 01:02:58,799

not going to be recovering any of these

1745

01:03:01,670 --> 01:03:00,079

rockets

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01:03:03,589 --> 01:03:01,680

what was the decision behind that

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01:03:05,589 --> 01:03:03,599

besides just monetary and what sort of

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01:03:07,750 --> 01:03:05,599

toxicity testing has gone into on the

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01:03:09,029 --> 01:03:07,760

environmental effects of that

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01:03:11,910 --> 01:03:09,039

yeah so

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01:03:13,349 --> 01:03:11,920

the decisions were primarily fiscal

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01:03:18,390 --> 01:03:13,359

fis

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01:03:20,150 --> 01:03:18,400

the uh the idea being that we actually

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01:03:22,870 --> 01:03:20,160

have to keep what we used to call the

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01:03:24,150 --> 01:03:22,880

nasa navy we had we had to keep ships uh

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01:03:26,309 --> 01:03:24,160

operating

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01:03:28,950 --> 01:03:26,319

the parachute operations themselves cost

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01:03:30,789 --> 01:03:28,960

money um i want to say that the number

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01:03:33,109 --> 01:03:30,799

was on the order of

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01:03:34,870 --> 01:03:33,119

higher than 50 million dollars a year

1761

01:03:36,230 --> 01:03:34,880

just to have that piece of the

1762

01:03:38,390 --> 01:03:36,240

infrastructure

1763

01:03:41,589 --> 01:03:38,400

and being that we had

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01:03:42,950 --> 01:03:41,599

eight flight sets of boosters already at

1765

01:03:44,789 --> 01:03:42,960

hand

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01:03:45,990 --> 01:03:44,799

it was a pretty easy decision to make

1767

01:03:47,670 --> 01:03:46,000

and

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01:03:49,349 --> 01:03:47,680

particularly with the fact that as we

1769

01:03:53,029 --> 01:03:49,359

move into the future we're going to look

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01:03:54,309 --> 01:03:53,039

for a new booster that is designed for

1771

01:03:56,309 --> 01:03:54,319

to be

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01:03:57,750 --> 01:03:56,319

disposable so that we can optimize that

1773

01:03:59,510 --> 01:03:57,760

for the future so

1774

01:04:02,630 --> 01:03:59,520

keeping the operational cost of keeping

1775

01:04:05,670 --> 01:04:02,640

the parachutes going and the

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01:04:13,190 --> 01:04:05,680

the the nasa navy going it was a it was

1777

01:04:16,789 --> 01:04:15,029

harris i'm with the space foundation in

1778

01:04:17,910 --> 01:04:16,799

colorado springs i handle their social

1779

01:04:20,870 --> 01:04:17,920

media

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01:04:22,549 --> 01:04:20,880

i was able to do the orion social which

1781

01:04:25,270 --> 01:04:22,559

i actually have some friends watching so

1782

01:04:26,549 --> 01:04:25,280

hello they keep tweeting about me on tv

1783

01:04:29,349 --> 01:04:26,559

um

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01:04:31,190 --> 01:04:29,359

but after going to orion i saw how much

1785

01:04:33,190 --> 01:04:31,200

my posts were just inspiring young

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01:04:35,109 --> 01:04:33,200

adults out there and unfortunately when

1787

01:04:37,029 --> 01:04:35,119

the shuttle program went away a lot of

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01:04:38,309 --> 01:04:37,039



people thought that the united states

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01:04:40,870 --> 01:04:38,319

didn't have a space program at all

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01:04:43,589 --> 01:04:40,880

anymore unfortunately so i'm curious now

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01:04:45,589 --> 01:04:43,599

with orion and with sls and for all this

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01:04:47,109 --> 01:04:45,599

being such a big deal for us what all is

1793

01:04:49,029 --> 01:04:47,119

being done to inspire not only our

1794

01:04:51,990 --> 01:04:49,039

future astronauts but the future

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01:04:53,029 --> 01:04:52,000

developers of this technology

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01:04:54,069 --> 01:04:53,039

well

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01:04:56,870 --> 01:04:54,079

first of all

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01:04:58,230 --> 01:04:56,880

as uh bill gerstenmaier indicated you

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01:05:02,950 --> 01:04:58,240

know we're not out of the business we're

1800

01:05:04,950 --> 01:05:02,960

flying uh space station 24 7 365.

1801  
01:05:06,230 --> 01:05:04,960  
um we're making great progress with

1802  
01:05:08,870 --> 01:05:06,240  
research there

1803  
01:05:11,990 --> 01:05:08,880  
um we're teaming with

1804  
01:05:15,349 --> 01:05:12,000  
commercial entities to to try to develop

1805  
01:05:18,150 --> 01:05:15,359  
a unique capability with uh

1806  
01:05:20,069 --> 01:05:18,160  
no gravitational influences so we can do

1807  
01:05:21,270 --> 01:05:20,079  
research and so the commercial

1808  
01:05:24,309 --> 01:05:21,280  
industries can do research

1809  
01:05:25,990 --> 01:05:24,319  
pharmaceutical whatever

1810  
01:05:28,470 --> 01:05:26,000  
i think everything we do every day

1811  
01:05:30,470 --> 01:05:28,480  
inspires

1812  
01:05:34,950 --> 01:05:30,480  
folks to get into science technology

1813  
01:05:36,870 --> 01:05:34,960

engineering and math and and we see that

1814

01:05:39,190 --> 01:05:36,880

especially with events like this with

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01:05:42,069 --> 01:05:39,200

events like eft one

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01:05:44,309 --> 01:05:42,079

um we see how well we inspire

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01:05:47,109 --> 01:05:44,319

uh the youth of the world not just

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01:05:52,870 --> 01:05:47,119

america but the youth of the world in in

1819

01:05:56,870 --> 01:05:55,349

a few words to that um i spent a good

1820

01:05:57,990 --> 01:05:56,880

part of my career in the science side of

1821

01:06:01,270 --> 01:05:58,000

the house and

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01:06:02,630 --> 01:06:01,280

um so we we represent a human space

1823

01:06:04,549 --> 01:06:02,640

flight here but we're all part of the

1824

01:06:05,750 --> 01:06:04,559

bigger nasa and

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01:06:07,510 --> 01:06:05,760

i don't know how many of you are paying

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01:06:09,270 --> 01:06:07,520

attention but we actually went into

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01:06:11,270 --> 01:06:09,280

orbit around dawn

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01:06:13,109 --> 01:06:11,280

uh a dwarf planet last week that's

1829

01:06:14,549 --> 01:06:13,119

pretty cool and inspiring to me i i

1830

01:06:17,430 --> 01:06:14,559

don't know about y'all but i worked that

1831

01:06:20,470 --> 01:06:17,440

mission and when i saw the white spots

1832

01:06:23,109 --> 01:06:20,480

for the first time i got really excited

1833

01:06:24,710 --> 01:06:23,119

later this year pluto new horizons will

1834

01:06:26,870 --> 01:06:24,720

fly by pluto

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01:06:28,390 --> 01:06:26,880

that planet has not been explored or

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01:06:31,430 --> 01:06:28,400

that kuiper belt object depending on

1837

01:06:33,589 --> 01:06:31,440

which side of the debate you're on

1838

01:06:36,710 --> 01:06:33,599

you know curiosity is still exploring

1839

01:06:40,309 --> 01:06:36,720

mars today messenger is about to end uh

1840

01:06:42,390 --> 01:06:40,319

its mission at mercury um this agency is

1841

01:06:43,990 --> 01:06:42,400

all over the solar system uh today and

1842

01:06:45,430 --> 01:06:44,000

so i spent a lot of time making sure the

1843

01:06:47,109 --> 01:06:45,440

kids know

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01:06:49,829 --> 01:06:47,119

that and all you got to do is pick up a

1845

01:06:51,510 --> 01:06:49,839

kid's science book today i've got four

1846

01:06:52,710 --> 01:06:51,520

and have them from

1847

01:06:54,150 --> 01:06:52,720

middle school all the way through

1848

01:06:56,390 --> 01:06:54,160

college and you pick up those books and

1849

01:06:58,950 --> 01:06:56,400

you'll see nasa pictures everywhere the

1850

01:07:00,630 --> 01:06:58,960

science we do the human space flight the

1851

01:07:02,950 --> 01:07:00,640

hubble images

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01:07:04,789 --> 01:07:02,960

and that's that's not coming to an end

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01:07:06,789 --> 01:07:04,799

that's all that's all continuing today

1854

01:07:08,789 --> 01:07:06,799

james webb the most powerful telescope

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01:07:10,710 --> 01:07:08,799

is being built as we speak

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01:07:11,750 --> 01:07:10,720

uh and and that'll be flying in a few

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01:07:13,190 --> 01:07:11,760

years

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01:07:14,630 --> 01:07:13,200

and so we're quietly going about the

1859

01:07:16,230 --> 01:07:14,640

business of building the most powerful

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01:07:17,670 --> 01:07:16,240

rocket ever built and getting ready to

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01:07:19,029 --> 01:07:17,680

take humans further out in the solar

1862

01:07:20,710 --> 01:07:19,039

system and we just have to tell that

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01:07:22,950 --> 01:07:20,720

story

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01:07:25,270 --> 01:07:22,960

and i try to do as much as i can

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01:07:28,069 --> 01:07:25,280

i'd like to add to you

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01:07:30,950 --> 01:07:28,079

you mentioned orion and so uh i was just

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01:07:32,710 --> 01:07:30,960

amazed incredulous at the outpouring of

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01:07:36,549 --> 01:07:32,720

support we got from the exploration

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01:07:38,549 --> 01:07:36,559

flight test one we got 3.8 billion

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01:07:39,910 --> 01:07:38,559

social media hits

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01:07:42,549 --> 01:07:39,920

out of that event

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01:07:44,470 --> 01:07:42,559

and and that's just incredible to me um

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01:07:46,950 --> 01:07:44,480

the outpouring of support we got after

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01:07:50,630 --> 01:07:46,960

the mission has been uh amazing uh i

1875

01:07:52,470 --> 01:07:50,640

think i think the country is hungry for

1876

01:07:54,230 --> 01:07:52,480

for the you know technical leadership

1877

01:07:57,670 --> 01:07:54,240

for the united states to show some some

1878

01:07:59,910 --> 01:07:57,680

leadership in space and so um thanks to

1879

01:08:01,990 --> 01:07:59,920

all of you for getting the word out to

1880

01:08:05,190 --> 01:08:02,000

people there's so many things competing

1881

01:08:06,710 --> 01:08:05,200

for for news these days and uh so this

1882

01:08:09,750 --> 01:08:06,720

through your efforts i'm no good i don't

1883

01:08:11,670 --> 01:08:09,760

even know how to tweet but uh uh think

1884

01:08:16,070 --> 01:08:11,680

thankfully y'all do and you can uh help

1885

01:08:20,709 --> 01:08:18,630

tim roberts from las vegas nevada

1886

01:08:22,470 --> 01:08:20,719

to a child with a hammer the world looks

1887

01:08:24,070 --> 01:08:22,480

like a nail so it's no surprise

1888

01:08:26,149 --> 01:08:24,080



everybody in the room here is fired up

1889

01:08:27,669 --> 01:08:26,159

from about rockets and

1890

01:08:28,550 --> 01:08:27,679

and the engineering that's going into

1891

01:08:29,990 --> 01:08:28,560

the

1892

01:08:32,630 --> 01:08:30,000

test tomorrow and

1893

01:08:34,870 --> 01:08:32,640

the orion test that just happened

1894

01:08:36,630 --> 01:08:34,880

but with respect to budget do we have

1895

01:08:37,510 --> 01:08:36,640

the moral equity

1896

01:08:39,829 --> 01:08:37,520

to

1897

01:08:41,749 --> 01:08:39,839

address the galactic cosmic radiation

1898

01:08:43,030 --> 01:08:41,759

issue associated with sending people to

1899

01:08:43,990 --> 01:08:43,040

mars

1900

01:08:51,349 --> 01:08:44,000

and

1901

01:08:52,950 --> 01:08:51,359

not the rocketry but the medicine side

1902

01:08:56,550 --> 01:08:52,960

of this equation i wish you guys could

1903

01:09:05,990 --> 01:09:00,630

i can take a crack at it

1904

01:09:10,070 --> 01:09:06,000

radiation uh is a big concern for us for

1905

01:09:12,229 --> 01:09:10,080

deep space exploration um we uh

1906

01:09:14,789 --> 01:09:12,239

we can shield astronauts but shielding

1907

01:09:17,110 --> 01:09:14,799

is very mass expensive and so you know

1908

01:09:19,030 --> 01:09:17,120

we try to shave every ounce off our

1909

01:09:20,550 --> 01:09:19,040

spaceship and so there is a lot of

1910

01:09:23,669 --> 01:09:20,560

research going on in the human research

1911

01:09:26,709 --> 01:09:23,679

program i'm not an expert at it uh

1912

01:09:28,870 --> 01:09:26,719

looking at ways to shield the crew

1913

01:09:30,550 --> 01:09:28,880

safely and more mass efficiently as well

1914

01:09:32,229 --> 01:09:30,560

as certain therapeutics that they can

1915

01:09:34,229 --> 01:09:32,239

take to

1916

01:09:36,470 --> 01:09:34,239

minimize their exposure prevent the the

1917

01:09:38,149 --> 01:09:36,480

damage that would incur it is an air all

1918

01:09:39,749 --> 01:09:38,159

i can say is a big area it is an area of

1919

01:09:41,669 --> 01:09:39,759

concern and it is

1920

01:09:44,550 --> 01:09:41,679

being taken into consideration in the

1921

01:09:49,510 --> 01:09:44,560

research program that nasa's doing uh

1922

01:09:49,520 --> 01:09:53,110

do you have the shielding you need

1923

01:09:57,590 --> 01:09:55,110

well orion is going to be part of a

1924

01:09:59,669 --> 01:09:57,600

larger architecture to go to mars i

1925

01:10:01,430 --> 01:09:59,679

mentioned that orion spacecraft itself

1926

01:10:04,149 --> 01:10:01,440

we only have enough expendables to keep

1927

01:10:06,070 --> 01:10:04,159

four crew alive for about 21 days so

1928

01:10:08,229 --> 01:10:06,080

mission tomorrow is going to take years

1929

01:10:10,149 --> 01:10:08,239

so we would dock on orbit with a larger

1930

01:10:12,149 --> 01:10:10,159

infrastructure and the anticipation

1931

01:10:15,189 --> 01:10:12,159

would be they would go in this

1932

01:10:18,070 --> 01:10:16,870

have the proper shielding for the long

1933

01:10:20,229 --> 01:10:18,080

mission

1934

01:10:24,709 --> 01:10:20,239

yeah it'd be a habitation module

1935

01:10:26,630 --> 01:10:24,719

you know our uh you know our uh um

1936

01:10:29,030 --> 01:10:26,640

our medical community is keenly aware of

1937

01:10:31,910 --> 01:10:29,040

this we're working with uh

1938

01:10:34,310 --> 01:10:31,920

um medical ethicists i think that's the

1939

01:10:35,910 --> 01:10:34,320

right way to say it on how

1940

01:10:36,870 --> 01:10:35,920

best to do this

1941

01:10:39,990 --> 01:10:36,880

uh

1942

01:10:41,830 --> 01:10:40,000

we may find that it's not ethical to put

1943

01:10:44,470 --> 01:10:41,840

astronauts out there

1944

01:10:45,910 --> 01:10:44,480

without the proper shielding

1945

01:10:48,630 --> 01:10:45,920

you know there's a lot of there's a lot

1946

01:10:50,870 --> 01:10:48,640

of talk about some commercial entities

1947

01:10:53,189 --> 01:10:50,880

uh sending folks out there and just kind

1948

01:10:54,790 --> 01:10:53,199

of putting them out there

1949

01:10:57,270 --> 01:10:54,800

we're going to make sure we protect our

1950

01:10:58,870 --> 01:10:57,280

astronauts when they go we're looking at

1951

01:11:00,550 --> 01:10:58,880

active uh

1952

01:11:02,870 --> 01:11:00,560

active radiation protection we're

1953

01:11:05,430 --> 01:11:02,880

looking at you know using water

1954

01:11:08,149 --> 01:11:05,440

encased uh

1955

01:11:10,070 --> 01:11:08,159

spacecraft like a habitat

1956

01:11:13,110 --> 01:11:10,080

but we're keenly aware of it and and

1957

01:11:14,790 --> 01:11:13,120

we're it is part of the design space

1958

01:11:18,709 --> 01:11:14,800

thank you you're welcome

1959

01:11:22,870 --> 01:11:20,870

and thanks again todd i was pleased and

1960

01:11:25,030 --> 01:11:22,880

pleasured to see uh michoud when the

1961

01:11:27,270 --> 01:11:25,040

final assembly tower for welding got

1962

01:11:28,550 --> 01:11:27,280

opened up thanks for that um i heard

1963

01:11:29,590 --> 01:11:28,560

mention of maybe like a little bit of a

1964

01:11:30,630 --> 01:11:29,600

welding

1965

01:11:32,470 --> 01:11:30,640

issue that you're working on and

1966

01:11:33,750 --> 01:11:32,480

possibly kind of looking at is alignment

1967

01:11:35,110 --> 01:11:33,760

or what are you doing there and can you

1968

01:11:37,990 --> 01:11:35,120

just explain that a little bit please

1969

01:11:40,390 --> 01:11:38,000

yeah that's a good question jeff so um

1970

01:11:41,750 --> 01:11:40,400

this is uh the vertical assembly center

1971

01:11:43,430 --> 01:11:41,760

this is where we take all the pieces of

1972

01:11:44,950 --> 01:11:43,440

the rocket and we put them together to

1973

01:11:46,790 --> 01:11:44,960

form the core of the rocket itself

1974

01:11:49,030 --> 01:11:46,800

structurally uh so we've actually

1975

01:11:50,630 --> 01:11:49,040

performed confidence welding on the on

1976

01:11:52,070 --> 01:11:50,640

the machine we know it can perform a

1977

01:11:55,669 --> 01:11:52,080

good weld

1978

01:11:58,070 --> 01:11:55,679

but we have the tower is 217 feet tall

1979

01:12:01,189 --> 01:11:58,080

and uh the kind of accuracy we're we're

1980

01:12:04,070 --> 01:12:01,199

looking for um is a nat's eyelash kind

1981

01:12:06,070 --> 01:12:04,080

of uh accuracy and so when we went to

1982

01:12:07,830 --> 01:12:06,080

start moving up for the larger

1983

01:12:09,830 --> 01:12:07,840

pieces we found some alignment in some

1984

01:12:11,590 --> 01:12:09,840

of the vertical plates um that need

1985

01:12:13,430 --> 01:12:11,600

adjusting and so

1986

01:12:15,270 --> 01:12:13,440

we put a team together

1987

01:12:18,390 --> 01:12:15,280

we're going to have to actually do some

1988

01:12:20,149 --> 01:12:18,400



dis disassembly of the of the top ring

1989

01:12:22,470 --> 01:12:20,159

uh loosen up the other two rings and

1990

01:12:24,149 --> 01:12:22,480

take those vertical plates and actually

1991

01:12:25,189 --> 01:12:24,159

adjust them back to the left a little

1992

01:12:26,950 --> 01:12:25,199

bit

1993

01:12:29,510 --> 01:12:26,960

we think we now have a pretty robust

1994

01:12:31,990 --> 01:12:29,520

plan to get that back into shape

1995

01:12:33,990 --> 01:12:32,000

but we want to get it right because this

1996

01:12:35,669 --> 01:12:34,000

is a thing that's going to be welding up

1997

01:12:36,790 --> 01:12:35,679

these tanks for a generation and so

1998

01:12:38,310 --> 01:12:36,800

we're going to take our time and make

1999

01:12:40,630 --> 01:12:38,320

sure we get it right

2000

01:12:42,149 --> 01:12:40,640

good question

2001

01:12:45,990 --> 01:12:42,159

next we're going to

2002

01:12:53,910 --> 01:12:46,000

test tomorrow

2003

01:12:58,390 --> 01:12:55,910

so we are getting ready to stag fire the

2004

01:12:59,830 --> 01:12:58,400

qm1 static test motor it's full rocket

2005

01:13:01,669 --> 01:12:59,840

booster it's made of five segments

2006

01:13:03,750 --> 01:13:01,679

pieced together and that's important as

2007

01:13:05,189 --> 01:13:03,760

we've added another length of a segment

2008

01:13:06,950 --> 01:13:05,199

into this booster to make it bigger and

2009

01:13:08,630 --> 01:13:06,960

better a lot of planning and work is

2010

01:13:10,550 --> 01:13:08,640

done ahead of time as we design these

2011

01:13:13,270 --> 01:13:10,560

rocket boosters to get the propellant

2012

01:13:15,189 --> 01:13:13,280

geometry just right we know at any given

2013

01:13:17,750 --> 01:13:15,199

time during the burn of that motor what

2014

01:13:19,430 --> 01:13:17,760

the what the thrust is and what the

2015

01:13:22,070 --> 01:13:19,440

profile of the pressure is inside that

2016

01:13:25,110 --> 01:13:22,080

motor so with the new thrust profile for

2017

01:13:27,270 --> 01:13:25,120

the sls boosters we've added an extra

2018

01:13:29,030 --> 01:13:27,280

fin and change some of the geometry of

2019

01:13:31,270 --> 01:13:29,040

our propellant surfaces so we can burn

2020

01:13:33,270 --> 01:13:31,280

more propellant at the beginning of the

2021

01:13:35,750 --> 01:13:33,280

test or beginning the rocket firing to

2022

01:13:37,990 --> 01:13:35,760

get a solid rocket booster burn we have

2023

01:13:39,669 --> 01:13:38,000

an igniter at the front end that that

2024

01:13:42,229 --> 01:13:39,679

it's like a small rocket itself and it

2025

01:13:43,910 --> 01:13:42,239

shoots a flame 150 feet down this entire

2026

01:13:45,910 --> 01:13:43,920

rocket booster and ignites all the

2027

01:13:48,070 --> 01:13:45,920

surface of the propellant all at once

2028

01:13:49,990 --> 01:13:48,080

once you ignite a solid rocket booster

2029

01:13:52,070 --> 01:13:50,000

it can't stop it you don't flip a switch

2030

01:13:53,990 --> 01:13:52,080

to turn it on off at the same time you

2031

01:13:55,750 --> 01:13:54,000

can't turn a knob to increase your

2032

01:13:57,110 --> 01:13:55,760

thrust or decrease your thrust that's

2033

01:13:59,590 --> 01:13:57,120

why it's important to design this

2034

01:14:01,669 --> 01:13:59,600

beforehand so we can get the amount of

2035

01:14:03,910 --> 01:14:01,679

thrust we need at each point during this

2036

01:14:05,750 --> 01:14:03,920

two-minute burn to reach the maximum

2037

01:14:08,070 --> 01:14:05,760

thrust at the given time points that we

2038

01:14:09,990 --> 01:14:08,080

need at the beginning of the burn is

2039

01:14:11,350 --> 01:14:10,000

when we have the most thrust about three

2040

01:14:13,430 --> 01:14:11,360

and a half million pounds of thrust that

2041

01:14:15,669 --> 01:14:13,440

we maintain for about 25 seconds it

2042

01:14:17,430 --> 01:14:15,679

takes just over two minutes of rocket

2043

01:14:19,189 --> 01:14:17,440

firing for the propellant to completely

2044

01:14:21,350 --> 01:14:19,199

burn out and the propellant is burning

2045

01:14:22,709 --> 01:14:21,360

really fast it's got a certain rate that

2046

01:14:25,189 --> 01:14:22,719

it's burning but it's burning from

2047

01:14:26,950 --> 01:14:25,199

inside out so as every second goes by

2048

01:14:28,709 --> 01:14:26,960

it's like one layer of that propellant

2049

01:14:30,790 --> 01:14:28,719

is essentially being peeled away and

2050

01:14:33,270 --> 01:14:30,800

shot out the end of that rocket motor

2051

01:14:35,990 --> 01:14:33,280

and as this propellant burns and and

2052

01:14:37,510 --> 01:14:36,000

begins to to create this mass that we

2053

01:14:39,510 --> 01:14:37,520

are projecting out of this rocket we are

2054

01:14:41,110 --> 01:14:39,520

creating the thrust that we need to

2055

01:14:46,149 --> 01:14:41,120

carry humans and astronaut and more

2056

01:14:50,709 --> 01:14:48,630

welcome back for those joining at home

2057

01:14:52,229 --> 01:14:50,719

remember you can use the hashtag ask

2058

01:14:54,149 --> 01:14:52,239

nasa to participate in the conversation

2059

01:14:55,590 --> 01:14:54,159

here it's our pleasure to introduce our

2060

01:14:58,070 --> 01:14:55,600

final two panelists to talk a little bit

2061

01:14:59,990 --> 01:14:58,080

about tomorrow's test and the boosters

2062

01:15:03,750 --> 01:15:00,000

from left to right we have

2063

01:15:06,149 --> 01:15:03,760

alex priscos the nasa booster manager

2064

01:15:09,750 --> 01:15:06,159

and fred brassfield orbital atk's vice

2065

01:15:13,990 --> 01:15:12,310

welcome thanks for joining us i i'll

2066

01:15:16,870 --> 01:15:14,000

tell you several of us have been looking

2067

01:15:19,189 --> 01:15:16,880

forward to years for for this day it's

2068

01:15:22,390 --> 01:15:19,199

been busy leading up to here i'd like to

2069

01:15:24,950 --> 01:15:22,400

take a few seconds just to back up

2070

01:15:28,390 --> 01:15:24,960

and talk about where we've been in in

2071

01:15:29,350 --> 01:15:28,400

what tomorrow means in in that context

2072

01:15:31,030 --> 01:15:29,360

uh

2073

01:15:32,870 --> 01:15:31,040

so we started with the development and

2074

01:15:35,030 --> 01:15:32,880

we uh

2075

01:15:37,350 --> 01:15:35,040

came and decided for for this new

2076

01:15:39,430 --> 01:15:37,360

vehicle we wanted a much more powerful

2077

01:15:41,910 --> 01:15:39,440

rocket motor it started actually on on

2078

01:15:43,510 --> 01:15:41,920

constellation but it had fiscal

2079

01:15:46,310 --> 01:15:43,520

constraints too

2080

01:15:47,430 --> 01:15:46,320

and so i use the analogy of a a a race

2081

01:15:50,390 --> 01:15:47,440

car

2082

01:15:52,709 --> 01:15:50,400

what we basically did was we we took the

2083

01:15:55,030 --> 01:15:52,719

chassis and in the body

2084

01:15:57,350 --> 01:15:55,040

and and kind of used what we had from a

2085

01:16:00,470 --> 01:15:57,360

heritage perspective and we have have

2086

01:16:03,350 --> 01:16:00,480

really um uh opened the hood

2087

01:16:05,910 --> 01:16:03,360

and we've made changes major changes and

2088

01:16:10,149 --> 01:16:05,920



and also tweaks to the to the engine for

2089

01:16:14,550 --> 01:16:11,189

factors

2090

01:16:16,550 --> 01:16:14,560

uh so so we've we've changed a bunch

2091

01:16:17,830 --> 01:16:16,560

under under the hood of this and as you

2092

01:16:20,550 --> 01:16:17,840

heard earlier

2093

01:16:22,870 --> 01:16:20,560

uh uh from a thrust perspective this

2094

01:16:23,990 --> 01:16:22,880

thing produces about 3.6 million pounds

2095

01:16:26,790 --> 01:16:24,000

of thrust

2096

01:16:28,070 --> 01:16:26,800

uh it produces about 22 million

2097

01:16:30,630 --> 01:16:28,080

horsepower

2098

01:16:34,070 --> 01:16:30,640

so just just to put that in perspective

2099

01:16:36,470 --> 01:16:34,080

that's about 14 747s all going at the

2100

01:16:38,550 --> 01:16:36,480

same time and that's one booster

2101

01:16:40,870 --> 01:16:38,560

okay so so

2102

01:16:43,110 --> 01:16:40,880

so we made these changes as we were

2103

01:16:45,750 --> 01:16:43,120

going through this to to the inside of

2104

01:16:47,189 --> 01:16:45,760

this motor and in the development uh

2105

01:16:49,270 --> 01:16:47,199

series what we were doing it was

2106

01:16:51,510 --> 01:16:49,280

essentially analogous to making tweaks

2107

01:16:53,990 --> 01:16:51,520

to the engine so we came up with our our

2108

01:16:56,149 --> 01:16:54,000

first design we had a development test

2109

01:16:58,149 --> 01:16:56,159

we then went and refined it we

2110

01:16:59,990 --> 01:16:58,159

essentially ran it like like you would

2111

01:17:01,830 --> 01:17:00,000

around the test lab

2112

01:17:03,990 --> 01:17:01,840

made some tweaks did it again and we've

2113

01:17:05,830 --> 01:17:04,000

done that three times to where we're

2114

01:17:07,510 --> 01:17:05,840

pretty satisfied now we got exactly what

2115

01:17:09,510 --> 01:17:07,520

we want and what we're about to do

2116

01:17:11,189 --> 01:17:09,520

tomorrow is go do the the first

2117

01:17:13,189 --> 01:17:11,199

qualifying lap

2118

01:17:14,630 --> 01:17:13,199

okay now now the one difference is we

2119

01:17:16,950 --> 01:17:14,640

got two qualifying tests that we're

2120

01:17:18,470 --> 01:17:16,960

going to do but instead taking the the

2121

01:17:20,229 --> 01:17:18,480

best of uh

2122

01:17:22,950 --> 01:17:20,239

best of those two both of them have got

2123

01:17:25,430 --> 01:17:22,960

to work within the specifications uh

2124

01:17:27,990 --> 01:17:25,440

we do these tests uh so that one is is

2125

01:17:30,070 --> 01:17:28,000

done hot and one's done cold because the

2126

01:17:32,790 --> 01:17:30,080

performance characteristics of solid

2127

01:17:35,669 --> 01:17:32,800

rocket motors actually change depending

2128

01:17:37,189 --> 01:17:35,679

on the conditions at which they are when

2129

01:17:39,350 --> 01:17:37,199

when they ignite

2130

01:17:43,590 --> 01:17:39,360

so so tomorrow's test for us is a big

2131

01:17:46,709 --> 01:17:45,510

really will set the bar for what our

2132

01:17:49,189 --> 01:17:46,719

standard is

2133

01:17:50,870 --> 01:17:49,199

uh some of the things that have changed

2134

01:17:53,270 --> 01:17:50,880

in this motor start with some of the

2135

01:17:57,110 --> 01:17:53,280

ingredients in the propellant we've made

2136

01:18:03,270 --> 01:17:59,910

uh the whole avionics system as you guys

2137

01:18:05,510 --> 01:18:03,280

have heard has been modern modernized uh

2138

01:18:07,590 --> 01:18:05,520

uh one of the things that we ran into in

2139

01:18:09,350 --> 01:18:07,600

this program there have been a a few

2140

01:18:11,510 --> 01:18:09,360

minor things that we weren't suspecting

2141

01:18:13,430 --> 01:18:11,520

and one was as you get into a vehicle

2142

01:18:15,510 --> 01:18:13,440

like this you you

2143

01:18:17,189 --> 01:18:15,520

analyze and assess loads and what we

2144

01:18:19,189 --> 01:18:17,199

found out is the loads on this vehicle

2145

01:18:20,790 --> 01:18:19,199

were a little higher than they were on

2146

01:18:23,270 --> 01:18:20,800

shuttle and so one of the things on the

2147

01:18:24,870 --> 01:18:23,280

forward skirt where we attach to the

2148

01:18:27,189 --> 01:18:24,880

vehicle and that's where all that thrust

2149

01:18:29,510 --> 01:18:27,199

is taken out it's all taken out in that

2150

01:18:31,430 --> 01:18:29,520

forward structure we had to go in and

2151

01:18:33,669 --> 01:18:31,440

stiffen that up and we ran a couple of

2152

01:18:35,510 --> 01:18:33,679

tests full scale tests of old forward

2153

01:18:37,430 --> 01:18:35,520

skirts here to see if they were adequate

2154

01:18:38,870 --> 01:18:37,440

for this vehicle and we got wonderful

2155

01:18:41,030 --> 01:18:38,880

results on

2156

01:18:43,189 --> 01:18:41,040

on both and so

2157

01:18:44,709 --> 01:18:43,199

so so for us tomorrow's a big day it's

2158

01:18:46,630 --> 01:18:44,719

it's the culmination of this it's what

2159

01:18:47,590 --> 01:18:46,640

we call four score

2160

01:18:50,390 --> 01:18:47,600

uh

2161

01:18:52,950 --> 01:18:50,400

and and the team has done an excellent

2162

01:18:55,510 --> 01:18:52,960

job in getting ready for it

2163

01:18:57,270 --> 01:18:55,520

with that i'll turn it over fred

2164

01:18:58,229 --> 01:18:57,280

thank you alex um

2165

01:19:00,310 --> 01:18:58,239

well for

2166

01:19:02,550 --> 01:19:00,320

the one fellow up here that's a resident

2167

01:19:04,310 --> 01:19:02,560

of this particular uh plant i really

2168

01:19:05,830 --> 01:19:04,320

appreciate all of you coming

2169

01:19:09,669 --> 01:19:05,840

you may find this hard to believe but we

2170

01:19:11,030 --> 01:19:09,679

don't get a lot of visitors out here

2171

01:19:12,950 --> 01:19:11,040

so

2172

01:19:16,310 --> 01:19:12,960

how many of you thought you'd missed it

2173

01:19:18,310 --> 01:19:16,320

on the way out there we go

2174

01:19:19,910 --> 01:19:18,320

but we really do appreciate it we

2175

01:19:22,149 --> 01:19:19,920

appreciate you helping us get the word

2176

01:19:23,830 --> 01:19:22,159

out we like what we do i'm tired of

2177

01:19:25,030 --> 01:19:23,840

going to see my dentist every few months

2178

01:19:26,470 --> 01:19:25,040

and him going you guys still making

2179

01:19:28,870 --> 01:19:26,480

rockets i don't know that you know and

2180

01:19:31,270 --> 01:19:28,880

he's my dentist for crying out loud so

2181

01:19:32,470 --> 01:19:31,280

this really helps us get the word out i

2182

01:19:34,149 --> 01:19:32,480

think you've heard a lot about the

2183

01:19:35,669 --> 01:19:34,159

rocket i think you've heard a lot about

2184

01:19:38,070 --> 01:19:35,679

the program

2185

01:19:38,790 --> 01:19:38,080

tomorrow's a really big day for us we've

2186

01:19:40,630 --> 01:19:38,800

uh

2187

01:19:42,790 --> 01:19:40,640

we've been incrementally

2188

01:19:43,750 --> 01:19:42,800



optimizing this particular rocket

2189

01:19:45,590 --> 01:19:43,760

through this

2190

01:19:47,990 --> 01:19:45,600

static test phase it started on the

2191

01:19:50,470 --> 01:19:48,000

aries program everything that we learned

2192

01:19:52,630 --> 01:19:50,480

on aries has been absolutely transferred

2193

01:19:55,270 --> 01:19:52,640

over to this program we didn't repeat

2194

01:19:57,430 --> 01:19:55,280

any of those tests and we moved forward

2195

01:20:00,550 --> 01:19:57,440

this is our first qualification test as

2196

01:20:03,030 --> 01:20:00,560

opposed to demonstration but we have we

2197

01:20:04,630 --> 01:20:03,040

have incrementally got rid of mass

2198

01:20:06,550 --> 01:20:04,640

increased performance

2199

01:20:08,070 --> 01:20:06,560

alex as alex says we've changed our

2200

01:20:10,149 --> 01:20:08,080

nozzle we've seen some things on that

2201  
01:20:11,669 --> 01:20:10,159  
that have led to some changes we've made

2202  
01:20:14,229 --> 01:20:11,679  
some tweaks along the way that's what a

2203  
01:20:15,990 --> 01:20:14,239  
development program is all about

2204  
01:20:19,669 --> 01:20:16,000  
we're really excited about moving into

2205  
01:20:21,350 --> 01:20:19,679  
qualification from here on out so

2206  
01:20:23,189 --> 01:20:21,360  
we'll try to answer some questions for

2207  
01:20:25,270 --> 01:20:23,199  
you and i and i've noticed our chief

2208  
01:20:29,110 --> 01:20:25,280  
engineers in the background so we are we

2209  
01:20:33,189 --> 01:20:29,120  
are sad if anything hard comes up

2210  
01:20:36,470 --> 01:20:34,950  
bill dunford from salt lake city i've

2211  
01:20:38,390 --> 01:20:36,480  
got a lot of people asking me a very

2212  
01:20:43,189 --> 01:20:38,400  
simple question three and a half million

2213  
01:20:47,270 --> 01:20:45,030

it's got a that's a really good question

2214

01:20:49,669 --> 01:20:47,280

and everybody normally asks that it it's

2215

01:20:51,510 --> 01:20:49,679

got a very large thrust block

2216

01:20:53,669 --> 01:20:51,520

at the front of the test stand that

2217

01:20:55,830 --> 01:20:53,679

charlie precourt referred to what you

2218

01:20:57,669 --> 01:20:55,840

can't see is there's a large concrete

2219

01:20:59,990 --> 01:20:57,679

infrastructure underneath the test stand

2220

01:21:01,590 --> 01:21:00,000

itself and then there's a spider like

2221

01:21:03,110 --> 01:21:01,600

takeout structure on the front that

2222

01:21:05,270 --> 01:21:03,120

helps us

2223

01:21:07,270 --> 01:21:05,280

measure the aforementioned thrust but it

2224

01:21:08,310 --> 01:21:07,280

is a large solid

2225

01:21:11,189 --> 01:21:08,320

structure

2226

01:21:13,189 --> 01:21:11,199

and it was in fact reinforced

2227

01:21:15,030 --> 01:21:13,199

and and modified for this particular

2228

01:21:17,270 --> 01:21:15,040

vehicle it was used for shuttle testing

2229

01:21:22,950 --> 01:21:17,280

for years but with the additional go

2230

01:21:27,590 --> 01:21:25,189

hi my name is spencer and i'm tweeting

2231

01:21:29,590 --> 01:21:27,600

from envision exp and i have some

2232

01:21:31,669 --> 01:21:29,600

followers that are just asking what what

2233

01:21:33,030 --> 01:21:31,679

type of engineers worked on the

2234

01:21:35,110 --> 01:21:33,040

this type of rocket because they're

2235

01:21:36,629 --> 01:21:35,120

young adolescents and students

2236

01:21:38,550 --> 01:21:36,639

so they're trying to figure out what

2237

01:21:39,910 --> 01:21:38,560

sort of career path they should go into

2238

01:21:42,149 --> 01:21:39,920

if they want to work on these types of

2239

01:21:44,149 --> 01:21:42,159

projects

2240

01:21:45,830 --> 01:21:44,159

yeah let me let me start this is fun and

2241

01:21:47,750 --> 01:21:45,840

it's it's one i love to talk about

2242

01:21:50,629 --> 01:21:47,760

because uh i've been in this business

2243

01:21:53,430 --> 01:21:50,639

for a long long time over 30 years and

2244

01:21:54,830 --> 01:21:53,440

the number of skills that it takes to

2245

01:21:57,510 --> 01:21:54,840

pull something like this off is

2246

01:22:01,189 --> 01:21:57,520

incredible uh

2247

01:22:03,590 --> 01:22:01,199

we got engineers that that

2248

01:22:05,990 --> 01:22:03,600

specialize in all different facets of

2249

01:22:08,470 --> 01:22:06,000

engineering from chemical engineers to

2250

01:22:09,669 --> 01:22:08,480

thermal experts to mechanical engineers

2251  
01:22:12,070 --> 01:22:09,679  
to

2252  
01:22:13,510 --> 01:22:12,080  
uh electrical engineers that do avionics

2253  
01:22:16,229 --> 01:22:13,520  
systems

2254  
01:22:17,510 --> 01:22:16,239  
and so we touch almost every facet of

2255  
01:22:21,189 --> 01:22:17,520  
engineering

2256  
01:22:23,590 --> 01:22:21,199  
is as well as is some that are closer to

2257  
01:22:25,669 --> 01:22:23,600  
the basic sciences so the breadth of

2258  
01:22:28,070 --> 01:22:25,679  
skills that we have to pull in to to

2259  
01:22:30,950 --> 01:22:28,080  
pull a project like this off is is is

2260  
01:22:33,110 --> 01:22:30,960  
really amazing and it's not this type or

2261  
01:22:36,790 --> 01:22:33,120  
that type it's it's a compilation of

2262  
01:22:36,800 --> 01:22:39,030  
all

2263  
01:22:42,950 --> 01:22:41,270

and you had talked about the blocks up

2264

01:22:44,470 --> 01:22:42,960

at the front that we're going to be

2265

01:22:46,149 --> 01:22:44,480

basically grabbing all that are those

2266

01:22:47,430 --> 01:22:46,159

the failed blocks we saw over at that

2267

01:22:49,590 --> 01:22:47,440

building earlier that were starting the

2268

01:22:51,510 --> 01:22:49,600

metal was starting to fatigue are those

2269

01:22:53,030 --> 01:22:51,520

ones that are catching was 4 million

2270

01:22:54,550 --> 01:22:53,040

pounds of thrust that you were looking

2271

01:22:55,669 --> 01:22:54,560

at yeah is it almost four million pounds

2272

01:22:57,110 --> 01:22:55,679

of thrust

2273

01:22:59,830 --> 01:22:57,120

yes

2274

01:23:02,149 --> 01:22:59,840

all the thrust that that comes out of

2275

01:23:04,870 --> 01:23:02,159

this vehicle comes out it it at that

2276

01:23:07,510 --> 01:23:04,880

take out the the it's also attached at

2277

01:23:09,510 --> 01:23:07,520

the f but the aft swivels and allows for

2278

01:23:11,030 --> 01:23:09,520

compliance of the rest of the vehicle so

2279

01:23:12,870 --> 01:23:11,040

all the thrust is taken out at that

2280

01:23:15,189 --> 01:23:12,880

forward thrust post and that's probably

2281

01:23:17,350 --> 01:23:15,199

the the mechanism that you saw that we

2282

01:23:19,510 --> 01:23:17,360

failed two of those earlier this year on

2283

01:23:22,149 --> 01:23:19,520

intentionally very impressive

2284

01:23:27,189 --> 01:23:25,750

uh john hansel an author from boston um

2285

01:23:29,669 --> 01:23:27,199

i actually am going to ask a question

2286

01:23:30,950 --> 01:23:29,679

that was asked during our tour today but

2287

01:23:32,390 --> 01:23:30,960

but now i think we'll be able to get the

2288

01:23:35,350 --> 01:23:32,400



answer

2289

01:23:37,189 --> 01:23:35,360

for this one in specific

2290

01:23:39,750 --> 01:23:37,199

the the system that articulates the

2291

01:23:41,830 --> 01:23:39,760

nozzle is that a closed or open system

2292

01:23:43,910 --> 01:23:41,840

is that a hydraulic system or what what

2293

01:23:46,149 --> 01:23:43,920

actually mechanism uh moves the nozzle

2294

01:23:47,030 --> 01:23:46,159

around

2295

01:23:48,790 --> 01:23:47,040

well

2296

01:23:50,390 --> 01:23:48,800

david's smiling because he he

2297

01:23:53,030 --> 01:23:50,400

understands us better than all of us in

2298

01:23:54,950 --> 01:23:53,040

the room but it's a hydraulic system

2299

01:23:57,350 --> 01:23:54,960

but but it's it's it's more fascinating

2300

01:24:00,149 --> 01:23:57,360

than that right it it's all it's

2301

01:24:02,550 --> 01:24:00,159

really a small liquid rocket system

2302

01:24:04,550 --> 01:24:02,560

that's powered by hydrazine okay that

2303

01:24:06,950 --> 01:24:04,560

powers some turbo pumps and in a

2304

01:24:09,830 --> 01:24:06,960

hydraulic system it's probably one of

2305

01:24:12,310 --> 01:24:09,840

the more complicated pieces

2306

01:24:14,470 --> 01:24:12,320

on this booster and it is a heritage

2307

01:24:16,310 --> 01:24:14,480

system or our controllers and the

2308

01:24:18,390 --> 01:24:16,320

avionics that we use to control it a lot

2309

01:24:20,709 --> 01:24:18,400

of that's been upgraded but this tvc

2310

01:24:24,950 --> 01:24:20,719

system pretty much is the is the system

2311

01:24:30,629 --> 01:24:26,950

and and david can correct me but i

2312

01:24:33,189 --> 01:24:30,639

believe in in terms of of rotational

2313

01:24:35,590 --> 01:24:33,199

speeds turbine speeds uh

2314

01:24:38,070 --> 01:24:35,600

the the speeds that the turbines rotate

2315

01:24:40,390 --> 01:24:38,080

here the fastest speeds that will happen

2316

01:24:44,550 --> 01:24:40,400

on any of the liquid engines on this

2317

01:24:48,470 --> 01:24:47,110

yeah 72 000 rpms for those that didn't

2318

01:24:50,709 --> 01:24:48,480

hear

2319

01:24:52,870 --> 01:24:50,719

hi kurt godwin with the nasa social

2320

01:24:54,390 --> 01:24:52,880

tweet from uh crow underscore t

2321

01:24:56,390 --> 01:24:54,400

underscore robot

2322

01:24:57,830 --> 01:24:56,400

now obviously environmental conditions

2323

01:25:00,550 --> 01:24:57,840

have a lot to do with the testing hence

2324

01:25:02,229 --> 01:25:00,560

the heat soak and then a cold soak

2325

01:25:04,310 --> 01:25:02,239

what about our altitude here because

2326  
01:25:07,350 --> 01:25:04,320  
we're well above sea level so how does

2327  
01:25:11,510 --> 01:25:08,390  
the the

2328  
01:25:14,950 --> 01:25:12,950  
obviously doesn't know any difference

2329  
01:25:18,070 --> 01:25:14,960  
but luckily the engineers do so when

2330  
01:25:20,149 --> 01:25:18,080  
they when they download the the the data

2331  
01:25:21,910 --> 01:25:20,159  
they'll they'll take into consideration

2332  
01:25:24,310 --> 01:25:21,920  
that when they perform the calculations

2333  
01:25:27,510 --> 01:25:24,320  
for performance

2334  
01:25:29,430 --> 01:25:27,520  
what what happens here at 5 000 ish feet

2335  
01:25:32,070 --> 01:25:29,440  
and translate that back into a c-level

2336  
01:25:37,910 --> 01:25:35,350  
we have time for one more question

2337  
01:25:40,470 --> 01:25:37,920  
hi john bill's with sci-fi cantina on

2338  
01:25:42,229 --> 01:25:40,480

youtube my question is how do you begin

2339

01:25:44,390 --> 01:25:42,239

testing these boosters with the core

2340

01:25:45,830 --> 01:25:44,400

vehicle will em1 be that first test or

2341

01:25:47,590 --> 01:25:45,840

do you have other ways to start testing

2342

01:25:50,629 --> 01:25:47,600

them together

2343

01:25:52,149 --> 01:25:50,639

other than the ability to do simulations

2344

01:25:55,750 --> 01:25:52,159

and and

2345

01:25:57,990 --> 01:25:55,760

and analyses the first test is a test

2346

01:26:01,110 --> 01:25:58,000

it's the first full up flight test is

2347

01:26:03,510 --> 01:26:01,120

that the only way to do it so we do have

2348

01:26:06,390 --> 01:26:03,520

one uh structural test plan that's

2349

01:26:08,950 --> 01:26:06,400

called a modal test and so we will put

2350

01:26:11,270 --> 01:26:08,960

the vehicle together and and we will go

2351  
01:26:12,790 --> 01:26:11,280  
do some some modal testing of it just to

2352  
01:26:14,870 --> 01:26:12,800  
understand how the

2353  
01:26:16,229 --> 01:26:14,880  
how the various structures interplay

2354  
01:26:18,310 --> 01:26:16,239  
with each other

2355  
01:26:19,910 --> 01:26:18,320  
but but as far as a live firing fred's

2356  
01:26:25,590 --> 01:26:19,920  
absolutely right the first time that

2357  
01:26:32,470 --> 01:26:26,550  
from

2358  
01:26:36,950 --> 01:26:34,629  
a grip on scale of the rockets and

2359  
01:26:38,390 --> 01:26:36,960  
launch can you describe the experience

2360  
01:26:43,669 --> 01:26:38,400  
sight sound

2361  
01:26:47,030 --> 01:26:45,270  
um let me make sure i understand the

2362  
01:26:48,070 --> 01:26:47,040  
question i think they're asking us to

2363  
01:26:50,229 --> 01:26:48,080

compare

2364

01:26:51,350 --> 01:26:50,239

how it is to watch a static test versus

2365

01:26:53,430 --> 01:26:51,360

a launch

2366

01:26:55,110 --> 01:26:53,440

um if they're asking how it was during

2367

01:26:57,830 --> 01:26:55,120

the launch i wish charlie was still here

2368

01:26:58,870 --> 01:26:57,840

since he he wrote a few but

2369

01:27:00,550 --> 01:26:58,880

um

2370

01:27:02,149 --> 01:27:00,560

there's no there's there's no denying

2371

01:27:04,390 --> 01:27:02,159

that a launch is

2372

01:27:05,669 --> 01:27:04,400

is for me personally

2373

01:27:06,870 --> 01:27:05,679

pretty hard to beat

2374

01:27:08,790 --> 01:27:06,880

um

2375

01:27:11,030 --> 01:27:08,800

but what you'll see tomorrow for those

2376

01:27:13,350 --> 01:27:11,040

of you who haven't seen it is you'll get

2377

01:27:14,790 --> 01:27:13,360

the full force for two minutes it's not

2378

01:27:16,790 --> 01:27:14,800

going anywhere

2379

01:27:19,110 --> 01:27:16,800

and so it was talked a little bit about

2380

01:27:21,510 --> 01:27:19,120

earlier but just from a simplistic

2381

01:27:23,350 --> 01:27:21,520

standpoint

2382

01:27:27,910 --> 01:27:23,360

you'll see

2383

01:27:29,350 --> 01:27:27,920

and and then the shock wave will hit you

2384

01:27:30,310 --> 01:27:29,360

and the sound will hit you and you'll

2385

01:27:32,149 --> 01:27:30,320

feel it

2386

01:27:33,430 --> 01:27:32,159

and it's not unpleasant but it is

2387

01:27:35,590 --> 01:27:33,440

stirring

2388

01:27:38,709 --> 01:27:35,600



and uh you're dumping five and a half

2389

01:27:39,830 --> 01:27:38,719

million pounds of of of propellant every

2390

01:27:42,550 --> 01:27:39,840

second

2391

01:27:44,470 --> 01:27:42,560

and it it it is uh it's quite an

2392

01:27:46,470 --> 01:27:44,480

experience uh

2393

01:27:48,229 --> 01:27:46,480

i know alex if you have well what what

2394

01:27:50,149 --> 01:27:48,239

are they personally well yeah it really

2395

01:27:51,669 --> 01:27:50,159

is so a couple of side notes to think

2396

01:27:54,149 --> 01:27:51,679

about tomorrow when you're watching this

2397

01:27:56,310 --> 01:27:54,159

is is is we talked about on the video

2398

01:27:57,669 --> 01:27:56,320

how the throttling mechanism for a solid

2399

01:28:00,149 --> 01:27:57,679

rocket motor is essentially

2400

01:28:01,830 --> 01:28:00,159

pre-programmed you do it by the geometry

2401  
01:28:03,350 --> 01:28:01,840  
of the grain the propellant that that's

2402  
01:28:04,870 --> 01:28:03,360  
how you do it so one of the real

2403  
01:28:06,070 --> 01:28:04,880  
interesting things as you're watching

2404  
01:28:08,629 --> 01:28:06,080  
this

2405  
01:28:11,030 --> 01:28:08,639  
look look at the exhaust coming out of

2406  
01:28:12,229 --> 01:28:11,040  
the nozzle and also pay attention to the

2407  
01:28:14,629 --> 01:28:12,239  
sound and

2408  
01:28:16,310 --> 01:28:14,639  
and see what you think may be going on

2409  
01:28:17,990 --> 01:28:16,320  
in terms of that throttling because we

2410  
01:28:20,149 --> 01:28:18,000  
hit it real hard

2411  
01:28:22,709 --> 01:28:20,159  
and then when we hit max dynamic

2412  
01:28:25,030 --> 01:28:22,719  
pressure on the vehicle we cut way way

2413  
01:28:27,189 --> 01:28:25,040

back uh to reduce that force on the

2414

01:28:30,390 --> 01:28:27,199

vehicle and then we hit it hard again so

2415

01:28:32,229 --> 01:28:30,400

so so use your ears use your eyes see

2416

01:28:33,910 --> 01:28:32,239

what you can figure out what's going on

2417

01:28:36,709 --> 01:28:33,920

but like fred said the neat part about

2418

01:28:37,990 --> 01:28:36,719

this versus a launch is you get to hear

2419

01:28:39,750 --> 01:28:38,000

those things because by the time this is

2420

01:28:41,669 --> 01:28:39,760

happening in a launch it's it's a long

2421

01:28:44,790 --> 01:28:41,679

ways away and you can't you can't

2422

01:28:46,950 --> 01:28:44,800

discern the those subtleties uh the

2423

01:28:49,189 --> 01:28:46,960

other thing i'd like to say is is there

2424

01:28:51,350 --> 01:28:49,199

are differences between hot and cold

2425

01:28:53,990 --> 01:28:51,360

tests in a hot test will burn a little

2426  
01:28:58,070 --> 01:28:54,000  
faster so normally we'd be looking for a

2427  
01:29:00,470 --> 01:28:58,080  
nominal burn time of about 126 seconds

2428  
01:29:01,910 --> 01:29:00,480  
this one will probably be about 120

2429  
01:29:04,070 --> 01:29:01,920  
seconds so you can all use your

2430  
01:29:06,870 --> 01:29:04,080  
stopwatches along with me and if we're

2431  
01:29:08,310 --> 01:29:06,880  
within a couple seconds of that

2432  
01:29:09,669 --> 01:29:08,320  
that's as good as we'll do until we

2433  
01:29:12,310 --> 01:29:09,679  
start to start to see a bunch of the

2434  
01:29:14,629 --> 01:29:12,320  
real data that we we will take and and

2435  
01:29:17,350 --> 01:29:14,639  
reduce one more second there's

2436  
01:29:19,590 --> 01:29:17,360  
tomorrow is predicted to be a bit of a

2437  
01:29:21,510 --> 01:29:19,600  
overcast layer up high

2438  
01:29:24,550 --> 01:29:21,520

and and if it is

2439

01:29:26,629 --> 01:29:24,560

you'll have even more fun because it it

2440

01:29:28,310 --> 01:29:26,639

it makes it even louder so i think it's

2441

01:29:29,990 --> 01:29:28,320

going to be a good day and i really

2442

01:29:31,270 --> 01:29:30,000

appreciate you all coming

2443

01:29:39,750 --> 01:29:31,280

well that's great to hear from those

2444

01:29:43,110 --> 01:29:40,950

and for those at home don't forget to

2445

01:29:45,270 --> 01:29:43,120

tune in tomorrow you can watch the

2446

01:29:48,629 --> 01:29:45,280

firing test firing live on nasa

2447

01:29:50,950 --> 01:29:48,639

television [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

2448

01:29:52,470 --> 01:29:50,960

nasha tv the broadcast starts at 9 00

2449

01:29:56,950 --> 01:29:52,480

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2450

01:29:59,110 --> 01:29:56,960

you can also follow the conversation on

2451

01:29:59,990 --> 01:29:59,120

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