

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

## Discovery prepped in OPF for launch in May



## National Space Club to host lunch featuring L-M Astronautics VP

▲ **Space Shuttle Update:** In OPF Bay 1, workers have completed installation of the Starshine secondary payload into **Discovery's** cargo bay and interface verification tests are in work. Instrumentation has been installed on the orbiter to support International Space Station replenishment activities on orbit. This modification enables the Shuttle to provide ISS with oxygen, nitrogen and water. Technicians have also installed Discovery's drag chute. Shuttle main engine installation began Monday, March 15.

▲ The National Space Club, Florida Committee, is hosting a **luncheon** on Thursday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Cocoa Beach. Featured speaker John Karas, Lockheed Martin Astronautics' vice president of launch systems development, will discuss the Atlas V launch system. The luncheon is open to the public at a cost of \$15 per person. For tickets, contact Barbara McCoy , 867-2216.

◆ **Brown Bag:** All employees are invited, with supervisor's approval, to bring their lunch and hear Shannon Bartell, Deputy Director of Space Station and Shuttle Payloads Directorate, presenting an **“Overview of the Space Station Program.”** This will be the first educational awareness seminar of 1999 sponsored by the Federal Women's Program Working Group. The event last from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, in the O&C Mission Briefing Room.

◆ **The 1999 KSC All American Picnic** will be held Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at KARS Park 1. Tickets are now on sale in all KSC NASA Exchange Retail Stores, as well as from selected individuals in most major buildings around KSC, and several Cape locations. Advance tickets are \$4 for adults (age 13 and up) and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12 (under age 3— no ticket required). Tickets purchased on picnic day are \$5 adult/\$4 children. The ticket includes a meal, drinks, rides, games, contests, entertainment, and a lot of fun!

◆ **The 1999 March of Dimes -- WalkAmerica** is just beginning. The SGS Walk Team and Affiliates are striving to give every Space Coast baby a healthy start in life by supporting the March of Dimes efforts to prevent birth defects and infant mortality. WalkAmerica Dates are **April 17** – Cocoa Beach Night Walk, Lori Wilson Park, 7 p.m.; **April 24** – Merritt Island, Kiwanis Island, 8 a.m. For those interested in participating in either of the walks, sponsorship envelopes can be picked up from Administrative Assistants/Department Captains across the project; or contact Debra Lewis, 853-3899.

◆ **Did You Know?** A NASA-initiated satellite scanning system monitors and maps forestation by detecting radiation reflected and emitted from trees. The system is used commercially by private industry and government agencies for forest management and environmental studies.

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