

Tuesday, August 15, 2000

Shuttle Atlantis okays Safe Haven fit, then moves to Pad 39B



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▲ **Shuttle Update:** It's a snug fit, but Space Shuttle Atlantis rolled (photo above) into the VAB's newly modified high bay 2 on the west side Sunday morning for the final **Safe Haven** fit check (photo at left). Later Sunday night, the Shuttle rolled out to Launch Pad 39B in preparation for mission STS-106. Atlantis is scheduled to launch Sept. 8 at 8:31 a.m. EDT. Other preparations for the mission this week include the

crew's Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test. The crew arrives today for three days of activities, including a simulated launch countdown.

▲ **Astronauts Give Silver Snoopy Awards:** On Aug. 11, five KSC employees were presented with the Astronauts Silver Snoopy Award. Astronauts Neil Woodward and Gregory C. Johnson presented a Silver Snoopy to Peggy G. Parrish of the Joint Performance Management Office and astronauts Sunita Williams and Gregory H. Johnson presented Silver Snoopys to John K. Smith and Steven J. Agid of Boeing, and Gilbert B. Ravago and G. Michael Cosgrove of Rocketdyne.

◆ **KSC Savings Bond Shows 16 Percent Increase:** The 2000 savings bond campaign again met or exceeded Agency goals, finishing with participation of 66 percent. That included a 5 percent increase in new participants and 16 percent increase overall (new bond buyers and increased contributions). Center Director Roy Bridges thanked the teams, canvassers, and the employees who helped meet those goals.

◆ **One Week Left to Register for FEEDS:** Fall registration for FEEDS (Florida Engineering Educational Delivery System) is Aug. 21-23. The University of Central Florida FEEDS Program is a statewide system providing graduate level engineering courses via television and video at industrial sites and cooperating university centers. FEEDS is located at the Kennedy Space Center, Center for Space Education.. For more information about the program, contact Carol Cox, ccox@mail.ucf.edu or (321) 452-9904. Or visit the Web site: ucf.edu, and fsi.ucf.edu.

◆ **Did You Know?** A NASA-developed process achieving diamond-hard coatings for aerospace systems has been used for Ray-Ban Survivor scratch-resistant sunglasses.★

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