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"John Larkin" <jjlarkin@xx> wrote in message <news:j6kd835imtu0ocoloi6fhnsqgvu6pcc02i@xxxxxxxxxxx>

On Sat, 30 Jun 2007 14:02:08 -0700, "J.A. Legris" <jalegris@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jun 30, 1:49 pm, John Larkin <jjlar...@xx> wrote:

On Sat, 30 Jun 2007 11:59:07 +0200, martin griffith

<mart_in_molina@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Nice pic here, of the ISS white elephant

<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap070628.html>

and it was taken from the ground

martin

I wonder how many hundred billion dollars more, and how many more lives, we will lose before we abandon that idiotic idea. Return on investment so far has been zero.

John

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The starry-eyed optimist's view. We pessimists see it as one of the few things worth doing.

Why worth doing? Nothing is happening in the ISS except trying to maintain the ISS. It's proven how dangerous and difficult it is to keep humans alive in space. That's all. It is not a bridge to anywhere, much less to the stars.

"The shuttle was built to service the space station, and the space station was built as a place for the shuttles to go."

The unmanned stuff – Pluto orbiters, comet missions, Mars rovers, have been spectacular.

John

IIRC, the argument has been made that the "people" won't support just Robots in Space. That it takes People up there doing stuff to keep the General Populace, not the Tech Crowd, behind the Space Program.

<shrug>

Don't know.

Robert

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