

Re: Troolean operators

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You know, it's times like this, that I wish I could explain to you, what it is like.

I'm a scientist, a field commander of a sort, under cover, deep cover, but not alone, by any means. There are lots of S3's here on good ol terra firma and you will find them in all walks of life. Some of you reading this are probably S3's. So you know of whence I speak. The only framework for discussion that we have, is not really an earthly science based framework, we have our own framework, that we use. Foreign to most people. They wouldn't understand the terminology, the references etc because they are outside their realm of experience, outside their world view.

It must be nice I suppose, to be strapped into an X-15 though, being dropped by a B-52 bomber, and feeling the rockets fire, and propel you from mach.8 to mach 5 or 6, in a 80 to 120 second burn. It must be thrilling. But then there is the 4 G's of acceleration, you feel on your chest, which is like a fat lady from a circus sideshow act, perched on your chest, for 80 to 120 seconds and you feel like you are going to die.

You are thinking things like, well if I crash, at least the oxygen cylinder beside me will freeze dry me, in a few seconds when it explodes, so I won't suffer much. There is comfort in that, I am sure.

But for me, it is different, I have nothing to gain, by climbing into an X-15, because all the results of that exciting ride, which are outside the expected, can only be negative.

I have seen the things disintegrate, and they do disintegrate, when the air flow, is not exactly streamlined. If that puppy, is not exactly into the wind, if you start to tumble, you are not in a fixed wing aircraft falling after a nose over, you are going 5 or 6 times the speed of sound. It is just flllltttt.... and scattered debris basically.

And there is this argument on-going whether we should even be sending people into space at all, or if we should be just sending robots, and I personally can't answer that question, because it is the human element that makes it interesting.

So for us, it is also the human element that makes it interesting. We just don't need the hardware, to get from a to b in that regard.

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Given the choice, of climbing into an X-15, or doing what I do, which is to fly the DeLorean in mindscape, I will fly the DeLorean any day of the week.

What is the most I could hope to accomplish, as an X-15 pilot?

Well I will tell you it would never add up to one ounce of the enjoyment I had today, as I walked to the liquor store, to pick up a 6 pack of Heinekens, and was stalked all the way there, and all the way home, by a young goddess, yes a real honest to goodness goddess, who didn't get to go one the DeLorean last night with us, so she made sure by gar that I am going to take her with us tonight. She signed me and signed me and signed me and made sure that I knew exactly what she was telling me, and that she wanted to be included tonight. Wearing certain colors, making all the hand gestures etc from our own S3 sign language we developed last year.

And we will. A bunch of us, will get into the DeLorean tonight, like we did last night and we will go on an adventure. Last night we went back in time, to days of the Dick Van Dyke show, and snogged Mary Tyler Moore. Now you can't beat that with a stick if you ask me. Sure it's science, it is just not the dangerous kind of science.

Does it accomplish anything oh yes it sure does, but not the tangible sort of hardware high tech improvements that people want, it accomplishges things like it makes people happy and content. Hardware we can have any hardware we want, without having to put hammer to steel.

So what does it benefit us, as a group, to risk life and limb, have some fat lady sit on us for 80 to 120 seconds, well it would serve no purpose. Sure it would be exciting, so is a roller coaster, but you know, until we learn to live with each other, in some semblance of harmony, then what would the hardware be used for except for some sort of weaponry anyways.

The real interesting thing might be to tow the space station into orbit around the moon.

That might be interesting.

Unless NASA can show the people something interesting, something special, something wild and exciting, something extraordinary, fantastic, remarkable, wonderous, like finding an alien artifact on the moon, or finding anything that has

a human element in it, beside yet more rock and maybe water under the ground, they can't expect the people to buy into their dream.

If space is lifeless, dead, then it is just a rock quarry and who cares? We already know what rocks consist of and we have the physics of black holes and all that.

You see for us, we can go places in inner space as a group and experience anything we can dream up and it costs nothing, and it is not in any way dangerous, and it is fun.

That is where we are at. To me from my experience, it seems like a better place to be.

It also seems light years ahead of climbing into a rocket and flying 62

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miles above the earth, risking life and limb. If there is nothing out there, then why bother?

If all there is is yet more nice photographs of planets, then we have seen them in all sorts of colors. Do we need to see them some more? In more and different colors?

I am just not getting it I suppose.

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