

Re: Mariner IV

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On Mon, 31 May 2004 18:24:06 -0500, Pat Flannery <flanner@daktel.com> wrote:

>OM wrote:

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>>...Actually, I think Pat would agree it's actually Scott Free in his
>>first adventure as Mister Miracle. Steel Hand is just off-camera,
>>gloating prematurely.

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>Seriously, doesn't it have something to do with keeping the payload
>cool, IIRC?

...It was for temperature stablization prior to launch, IIRC. I've seen these used on other missions, with Pioneer 10 & 11 probably being the first ones that come to mind. There's footage around of the shrouds dropping off from one of the upward-looking pad cams, and one in particular gets most of the launch blocked out because the shroud falls on the camera.

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"No bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country."	http://www.io.com/~o_m Sergeant-At-Arms Human O-Ring Society
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- General George S. Patton, Jr