

# Re: Saturn V

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On Sat, 20 May 2006 04:12:39 +0800, in a place far, far away, "Neil Gerace" <[geracen@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:geracen@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

For certain values of "reasonable." They certainly aren't going to conquer space any time soon at a rate of four flights per decade.

Of course, they don't have a Cold War to hurry things along. I hope you don't think they should just go full steam ahead and kill some people along the way just to convince the commentators that they're trying hard.

I don't care if they have a space program at all. I think their current one is a waste of their money (at least if the goal is to have substantial accomplishments in space, as opposed to beating their chests).

One in fact needs not "kill people" to go faster, but if it's important, then why not kill people? We kill people building bridges, mining coal, putting up skyscrapers, even delivering goods in trucks. I find it amusing that some people think that conquering the most difficult frontier to date should somehow be bloodless.

No-one knows how long it will take to 'conquer space', since no-one's done it yet. Everyone's still using chemical rockets, which won't work.

Why not?

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