

Re: Stick/CEV Propulsion News

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Gene Cash wrote:

>> That is a subset of a larger question: What are the astronauts
>> supposed to do on the moon? One-week expeditions can do
>> Apollo-style geology(*). After that, "what else" starts to
>> come up.

> Hm, I don't think so... do you seriously think that if you put a
> geologist[*] on the Moon, a week later he's going to dust his hands and
> say "ok, all done. let's go home." ? :)

Perhaps it would be informative to ask a geologist about that. But be careful, just to repeat the point, not to fall into the mode of justifying the missions on the basis of geology or other science until the day comes when the science can bear that burden. Doing science as a framework for accomplishing the primary goal of developing and proving space-faring technologies would be fine; doing it for its own sake wouldn't be fine for that oft-repeated foreseeable future.

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