

Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter

Source: <http://sci.tech--archive.net/Archive/sci.space.policy/2005-10/msg00426.html>

- *From:* Josh Hill <usereplyto@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Fri, 07 Oct 2005 19:47:50 -0400
-

On Fri, 7 Oct 2005 16:19:52 GMT, henry@xxxxxxxxxxxx (Henry Spencer) wrote:

>In article <evi8k11p0h5r6jnmglvgpelfpndqc480i@xxxxxxx>,
>Josh Hill <joshuaphill@xxxxxxxx> wrote:
>>...But if we can't or
>>won't get the Russians, Chinese, and Europeans to compete on equal
>>grounds, I say we compete on their grounds and outdo them.
>
>An interesting suggestion.
>
>First, of course, you have to raise employee benefits and job security for
>the manufacturing and launch crews to those found in Europe. The lower
>standards of the US give it a shocking unfair advantage. :-) This won't
>be popular with the companies, mind you.
>
>Then you have to lower safety standards to those of the Chinese. This
>may not be popular in some quarters.
>
>Then invest in factory automation and streamlined launch procedures to
>match the Russians. This is going to really annoy all the people who get
>fired as a result, but it will indeed reduce costs a whole bunch.
>(Resolving the conflict between this and item #1 is left as an exercise
>for the reader.)
>
>There are reasons other than subsidies why launch prices differ...

I mentioned some of the other factors elsewhere.

If we don't do something about the overvalued dollar, protectionism and subsidies, the absence of workplace and antipollution regulations, and, it seems, the cost of medical care, well, we'll be in the same boat we're in with just about everything these days . . .

--
Josh

"It was amazing I won. I was running against peace and prosperity

and incumbency." – George W. Bush

- **References:**

- ◆ **commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter**
◇ From: Herm
- ◆ **Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter**
◇ From: Josh Hill
- ◆ **Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter**
◇ From: Rand Simberg
- ◆ **Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter**
◇ From: Josh Hill
- ◆ **Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter**
◇ From: Henry Spencer

- Prev by Date: **Everything old is new again (NRO style)**
- Next by Date: **Re: Space Access Update #112 9/19/05**
- Previous by thread: **Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter**
- Next by thread: **Re: commercial uses of the Stick and the Heavy Lifter**
- Index(es):
 - ◆ **Date**
 - ◆ **Thread**