

Re: Man-Rating Atlas V

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As abackup it would be a good system. I am sure that it would be a hard sell to the Cape Workers, (LOL), and the Congress Rep's that support them.

That's because many of them would lose their jobs, which could make them complain loudly to the press and to their elected representatives. From what I can tell, Florida's representatives tend to fight pretty hard for the jobs they get from NASA's budget.

The other point is that the Dragon COTS contract is already working on the same flight plan, (But the Falcon is to be config. for reuse).

I would support this option to test the hardware and get the program going faster, (and that is the way LM should sell it too). You know once something gets started on the coast, (It's hard to stop, (LOL)).

Which is why it's going to be very hard to kill the Saturn/Shuttle infrastructure and jobs program in order to save money.

Jeff

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"

– B. Franklin, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (1919)

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