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Jochem Huhmann wrote:

> *"Bootstrap Bill" <wrcousert@yahoo.com> writes:*
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>
>> *What if Bill Gates were to offer \$1 billion to the first person to achieve*
>> *orbital flight twice in one week using a fully reusable space craft. Could*
>> *it be done in less than ten years and without any government assistance?*
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> *\$1 billion? With no doubt, yes. Even the usual suspects could do that.*
> *Fly a person twice to orbit, hah. Easy as a piece of cake if you have a*
> *billion to throw at that. Well, not exactly easy, but doable. At least*
> *when you have a business plan after doing it twice. (Not very different*
> *than the X-Prize which is not exactly rewarding when you're just after*
> *the \$10 million, even for Scaled Composites)*
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> *Now, if you'd add "...and do something useful there, like dock to a*
> *space station, keep it running, fly more than twice (like, 100 times),*
> *keep astronauts trained for the flights, keep the infrastructure*
> *running, prepare for EVA, have some redundancy, do real science (or*
> *whatever you want to do there), etc", I could express some doubt. Maybe*
> *10 or 100 billion?*

How about a \$200 million prize to go rescue the Hubble ? That would actually be worth the money to Nasa !

Nasa -> No Access to Space, Actually.

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Good does not always win. But good is more patient.

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