



## Mars Rover 2 nearing end of testing, move to pad for June 5 launch

## Tickets available for Astronaut Hall of Fame induction

▲ **ELV Update:** Mars Exploration Rover 2 (MER-2, left) underwent spin and balance testing yesterday. It is scheduled to be moved to the launch pad March 27. Full integration of the MER-1 entry vehicle (back shell, heat shield, lander and rover) is to be completed by May 21 and followed by mating the entry vehicle to the cruise stage.



▲ **Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction:** Space fans are invited to witness the 2003 Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction at the KSC Visitor Complex June 20 and 21. Astronauts Sally Ride, Daniel Brandenstein and Robert "Hoot" Gibson will be inducted in a ceremony, joining other inductees from the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Space Shuttle programs. Tickets include reserved seating at the induction ceremony; a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Astronaut Hall of Fame; the choice of an "Apollo Brunch" or "Right Stuff Lunch" with some of America's most notable astronauts; a commemorative poster; and three-day Maximum Access admission to the Visitor Complex and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. In addition to the three inductees, astronauts currently scheduled to attend the induction festivities are Buzz Aldrin, Scott Carpenter, Gene Cernan, Gordon Cooper, Bob Crippen, Walter Cunningham, Fred Haise, Edward Gibson, Owen Garriott, John Glenn, Dick Gordon, Rick Hauck, James Lovell, James McDivitt, Ed Mitchell, Richard Truly, Al Worden and John Young.

◆ **Road Repaving** – On Thursday, May 22, the eastbound lanes of NASA Parkway from the Titusville City Limit (West of Guard Gate 3) to B Avenue in the Industrial Area (East of Guard Gate 2B) will be reduced to one lane due to repaving. The contractor's daily work period will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To ensure the workers' safety, and your

safety, please observe and abide by the posted speed limits and construction directional signs. Security is being requested to support the work site as much as possible, and speeding fines will be doubled if workers are present. Depending on weather conditions, the work will take approximately two weeks. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brian Graf (867-6039/e-mail [Brian.G.Graf@nasa.gov](mailto:Brian.G.Graf@nasa.gov)) or Jim Lorence (867-9293/e-mail [James.P.Lorence@nasa.gov](mailto:James.P.Lorence@nasa.gov)) in the NASA Facilities Civil/ Structural Branch. If you would like to keep up to date on the project and others, please see the KSC Road Projects Website at <http://kscroadprojects.ksc.nasa.gov>.

◆ **Cardiovascular Disease Screening** -- Screening will include blood pressure measurement and blood drawn for analysis of total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and glucose. Fast for 12 hours (no food, water only). Health professionals will be available for counseling and consultation. No appointment is necessary. Drop by between 7 and 8 a.m. at one of these sites:

- Wednesday, May 21 – Occupational Health Facility
- Thursday, May 22 – O&C Fitness Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Roth, 867-3414/e-mail Roth-1, Carol.

◆ **Did You Know?** CHS/SGS offers an obesity and weight loss surgery support group for KSC/CCAFS personnel. The group will convene on Wednesday, May 28, at 11 a.m. for about 45 minutes in the Occupational Health Facility, Building M6-495 (Training Room). Gastric bypass may be a surgical option for people who are more than 100 pounds overweight or have obesity-related health problems. Please e-mail Lisa Nelson at [lisa.nelson@jbosc.ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:lisa.nelson@jbosc.ksc.nasa.gov) or call 867-1691 for more information.

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