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## NASA TV to air STS-112 preflight briefings Sept. 6



## Exhibitors, presenters sought for 2003 EEAW



▲ **Mission Update on NASA TV:** The Space Shuttle mission STS-112 to deliver a 14-ton truss segment to the International Space Station will be the subject of a series of preflight briefings from Johnson Space Center beginning at 9 a.m. EDT, on Friday, Sept. 6. The STS-112 mission

Shuttle Atlantis is targeted for launch on Friday, Sept. 6. The mission is to bring the Starboard One (S1) Truss to the space station, where the truss will be mated with another truss element delivered in April. In all, almost one dozen such trusses will be assembled to form a backbone for the space complex, which will span the length of a football field.

Three spacewalks will be conducted by shuttle crew members Dave Wolf and Piers Sellers to help assemble the new truss. Simultaneous operations with both the orbiter's robotic arm and the station's Canadarm2 will be highlighted during the three spacewalks. Shuttle veteran Jeff Ashby commands the Atlantis crew. It will be the 15th assembly flight to the space research platform.

The briefings will begin with a current overview of the ISS program at 9 a.m. A mission overview briefing involving the two lead flight directors follows at 10 a.m. After the NASA Television Video File at Noon, a briefing on the S1 Truss will take place at 12:30 p.m. A briefing on the three spacewalks to be conducted on the STS-112 mission is planned for 1:30 p.m. At 3 p.m., the six shuttle crew members will hold a news conference to discuss their space station flight.

▲ **Environmental & Energy Awareness Week Celebration April 2003:** Mark your calendars for April 21-23, 2003, to attend activities for the Environmental & Energy Awareness Week in celebration of Earth Day! Anyone interested in participating in next year's event as an exhibitor and/or presenter can register online at

<http://environmental.ksc.nasa.gov/eeaw/eeaw2003/register.htm>. If any problems occur with the registration online, please contact Barbara Naylor at 867-8452 or e-mail [Barbara.Naylor-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Barbara.Naylor-1@ksc.nasa.gov). The EEAW Committee will begin planning meetings in September/October for 2003. Watch for future articles.

◆ **New Bus Schedule** -- Three 19-passenger buses will service the shuttle route, which now incorporates Routes 1 and 2. The shuttle bus schedule is available at <http://kscinfo.ksc.nasa.gov/transportation/shutbus.htm>. Click on the link at the top of the page for the proposed bus schedule -- a printable version is also available at the site.

◆ **3rd Annual World Congress And Exposition On Disabilities . . .** will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Oct. 3-5. KSC employees are encouraged to attend with management's approval. More information about the conference and online registration are available at the WCD web site [www.wcdexpo.com](http://www.wcdexpo.com) or contact Debbie Houston at 867-6923.

◆ **Did You Know?** Scientists ponder the question, "What advances in power technology are required to send human and robotic explorers throughout the solar system?" For some answers, go to the NASA web site [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/03sept\\_spacepower.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/03sept_spacepower.htm). ☎

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