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MESSENGER's flight battery installed; solar arrays next

KSC encourages employees to give blood to Red Cross

▲ ELV Update: MESSENGER is undergoing pre-launch testing at the Astrotech Space Operations facilities near KSC. The flight battery was scheduled for installation June 8 and the solar arrays will be installed June 21. Spacecraft fueling is planned for the end of this month.

The review to assess readiness to begin stacking the Boeing Delta II rocket on Pad 17-B was successfully completed May 19. Vehicle stacking is currently scheduled to begin June 21.

The launch period for MESSENGER extends through Aug. 13.

▲ NASA Sponsors Blood Drive With the American Red Cross: On June 15 the American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Headquarters Building Lobby. To schedule an appointment, please call Christopher Torres at 867-2319 or e-mail *Christopher.Torres-1@ksc.nasa.gov*. **Walk-ins are also welcome.** Donors will receive a "Two for One" Carnival Cruise Lines certificate **plus** a Chick-Fil-A sandwich coupon.

◆ **BEST BBQ Ticket Sales Extended —** Due to the federal holiday on Friday, tickets for the BEST BBQ may still be purchased on Monday from *Wanda Petty*, HQ/2321, 867-9165; or *Stacie Smith,* UB-L, 867-5298. The cost per ticket is $3.

◆ **Reminder —** The 8th Annual Cape Canaveral Spaceport Symposium is being held June 15-16 at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral. The theme of this year's Symposium is "Partnerships for the Future." For further information, call 386-423-0560 or visit **www.capecanaveralspaceport.org** to register for the event.

◆ **Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Screening —** From 7-8 a.m. June 16, OHF (Occupational Health Facility); and 7-8 a.m. June 17, LAC (Launch Area Clinic – MFF). No appointment is necessary. Fasting is required for 12 hours (water only). Pick up the new 2-page CVD questionnaire at any medical facility, or go to **http://kscbocforms/KSCForms2/ref/KSC28-1010.itr** to download the questionnaire. This form can be filled out online and then printed. If you have questions, please call 867-3414.

◆ **Free Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Admission for Badged Employees —** Through Labor Day, Sept. 6, all Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station **badged** employees are eligible to receive one complimentary Maximum Access Admission to the KSC Visitor Complex. Employees may also purchase up to six additional Maximum Access Admissions at 50 percent off. Tickets must be purchased in person between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at ticket windows 1-4 at the Visitor Complex. Please present your badge at time of purchase. This offer is not transferable and cannot be combined with any other discount.

Maximum Access Admission includes all exhibits, Astronaut Encounter, IMAX space films, the KSC bus tour and Astronaut Hall of Fame. For more information, call 452-2121 or visit the Web site **www.KennedySpaceCenter. com**.

◆ **Change In Date —** There is a change in the date of the second focus session being presented by the Disability Awareness & Action Working Group in the MFF Cafeteria. The new date is **June 29** (1-3 p.m.).

◆ **Did You Know?** In honor of former President Ronald Reagan's funeral, Friday has been declared a federal holiday and NASA offices will be closed, as well as banks and the U.S. Postal Service.

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