



The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights



Scott Doudrick

Our program today, introduced by Joe DiFatta, featured Scott Doudrick, an engineer at JPL working on the NASA Mars Lander program.

Scott gave us a detailed report on the exceptional results of the data being transmitted by Cassini and Huygens, the two rovers that have now survived more than 400 days on the Mars surface. (The initial estimate of the life-span of the rovers was about 90 days.)

Photos and analyses from the two rovers have shown geological contours, solid evidence that there is or was liquid on Mars. Due to the extended life of the rovers

on the surface, scientists are being rewarded with an astounding volume and variety of data.

This was the second presentation by Scott to our club relating to the Mars Lander program. It was evident from his enthusiasm that he is excited to be a part of this historic, monumental project.

Thanks Joe, for bringing Scott back again!



Rover on the Mars surface.

Visitors

GUESTS:

- Lynne Harris, introduced by Tom Harris
- Jason Ridle, Northwestern Mutual, introduced by Rev. Harley Malloy
- Em Roberts, Homestead Financial, introduced by Rev. Harley Malloy
- Heidi Koch, Orange Coast Title Co. of LA, introduced by Rev. Harley Malloy
- Barbara L. Mack, Guest of Club, introduced by Don Fetherolf

ROTARIANS:

- Cal Kushen, formerly a member of Van Nuys — now transplanted

"Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come." -- Chinese Proverb

Student Recognition



Our weekly recognition program honored two clients from Tierra del Sol with certificates of commendation and \$50 US Savings Bonds.

Pictured standing from left, President Carlos, recognition chair Victoria Castillo, TDS coach Edna, Mrs. Canterbury, honoree Marl Silberstein

and TDS coach Caesar. Seated, in red jacket, honoree Michael Canterbury.

Mrs. Canterbury expressed her pride in Michael and her profound gratitude to Van Nuys Rotary for bringing an increased 'quality' to his life.

Announcements

- Perry Beal announced the very satisfactory completion of our project to paint the exterior of the Tierra del Sol facility in Van Nuys. Congratulations go to Jim Sullivan and all the club members participating in this project.
- Barbara Baerg and Pres. Carlos announced the requests from the District Conference committee for reports on our Adopt-a-School program and our computer lab project being spearheaded by Leo O'Biecnas to be included in a PowerPoint presentation at the conference.
- The District Conference will be May 19-23 in Palm Springs at the luxurious Doral Resort Hotel. This will be an **outstanding** event in this Centennial year...rooms may be taken — but you can still call Sondra at 760/322-6824 to make your reservations. The Van Nuys Club will be vying for several District awards this year. Be there to support President Carlos and your club! See Barbara Baerg for registration forms.
- President Carlos reiterated his thanks and appreciation of all of those Rotarians and guests who contributed so greatly to our 25th Annual Van Nuys Invitational Track Meet held at Birmingham High School on April 23rd. It was a huge success — as good or better than any in the past. This event gave more than 500 high school athletes a chance to compete in a sanctioned event — and to win medals! Good work, Ed!
- Flip Smith recruited members to work at the San Fernando Valley Fair, June 9-12.

The Spotlight's on...



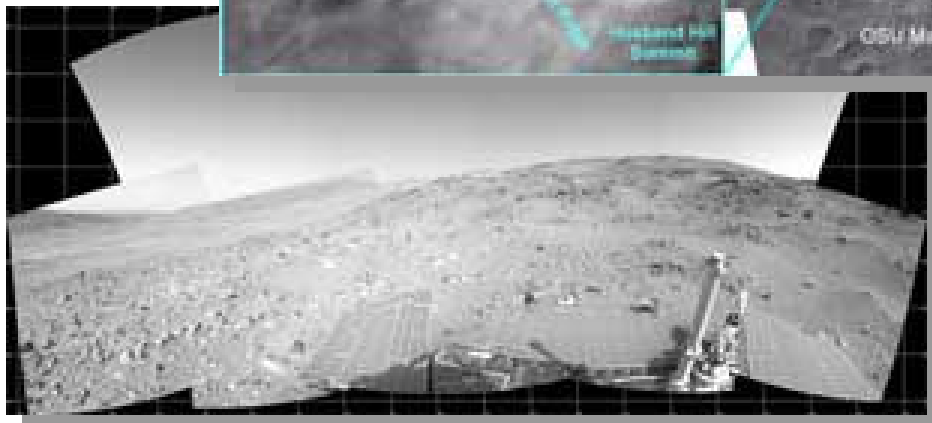
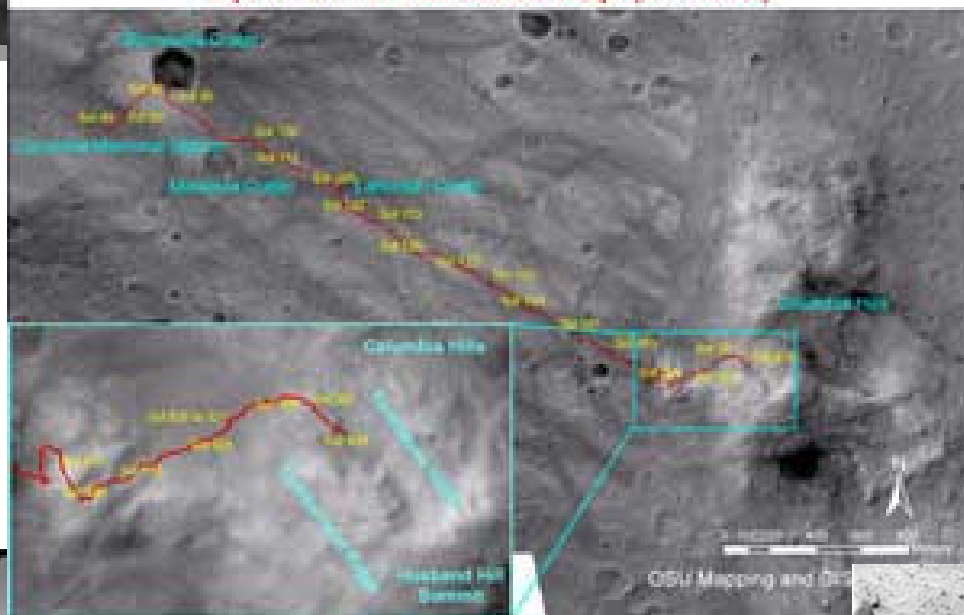
Dust Devils



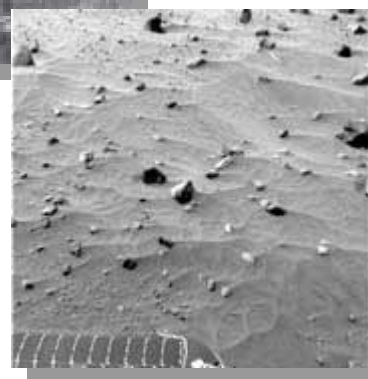
On-earth testing of rover



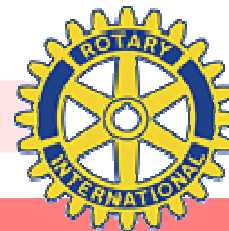
Spirit Rover Traverse Map (Sol 404)



Panoramic view of Mars surface from rover



Mars surface



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Upcoming Programs

- May 11 **Past Presidents' Day** — renew old acquaintances and hear tales of "the good old days." Meeting downstairs. Speaker: **Dennis McCarthy**, columnist for the *Daily News*... and Joe promises entertainment!
- May 18 **LA Dodgers** — our guest speaker will send us "out to the ballgame" to enjoy the successes of the Dodgers...an excellent day to bring some youngsters and other guests!
- May 25 **LAPD Captain Jim Miller** — his experiences as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange.
- June 1 TBA

BIRTHDAYS

- May 5 Magdalena Rivera
- May 17 Larry Sunderlind
- May 11 Jamie Cordaro
- May 12 Joan Tenner
- May 20 Sherri Cunial
- May 23 Don Reinken
- June 5 Don Fetherolf

HOT DATES

- May 11 **President's Day** — mark your calendar to hear Dennis McCarthy, *Daily News* reporter.
- May 19-23 **District Conference**, Doral Resort Hotel in Palm Springs.
- June 9-12 **San Fernando Valley Fair**, Rotary beer booth, see Flip Smith.
- June 18-22 **RI Centennial Convention**, Chicago, IL. Celebrating 100 years of Rotary!
- June 29 **Demotion Party** — dinner and evening at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant to recognize the efforts and hard work of our President Carlos Rivera.
- Sept. 16-18 **Sierra Safari** in Bishop! Try it, you'll like it!

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