

Dave's Blarg!

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Today was mostly driving. When you travel at 12 knots a fairly noteworthy amount of your time gets taken up just getting from place to place, especially when you divert ~200(ish) miles (one way) just to spin by the dock for a minute. That being said it was nice to be out of the weather for a little bit (even if it was just an hour or so). Our cook and

the two departing scientists looked extra glad to be headed to shore ☺ The spot we were pulling into just had docks for small boats, so we drove the ship just inside the river mouth and sent the passengers on in the small



boat. While we waited we used the opportunity to do some crane work and get ready for our next two deployments and to switch the deck gear around now that we have a bit more room.

Before long our boat was back and our replacement cook (a guy named Kody who Rocks!) got right to work.

We started heading back out to sea and the local coast guard followed us out for some practice.



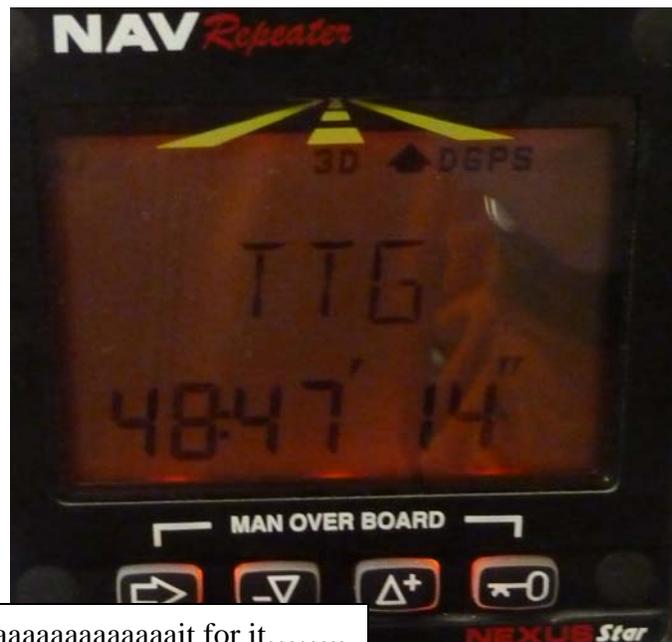
They followed us for a bit on the way out, then went for broke once we were outside

It doesn't just look like it, I think he's *actually* saying 'Holla'! ☺



Kody used to be the messman on here before he escaped to working on the other (smaller :p) research boat at OSU. And he was nice enough to come out and hang out with us for the rest of this cruise ☺

So sometimes we have *too much* information at our disposal. Like (for instance) this wee display we have in the main lab that echoes the bridge navigation information.



Waaaaait for it, waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaait for it.....

Yep, that's 48 hours to go, covering 245.4 nautical miles at 5.1 knots. I'm mostly kidding, we sped up (That's me making air quotes around 'sped' if you heard a whooshy air noise) to ~11.5 knots and that changed the numbers around a bit



Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!!! We're going so Faaast!!!!!!

Phew! *Only* 21 hours to go!



Shrooms for lunch! :D (thumbs up for the new cook!)

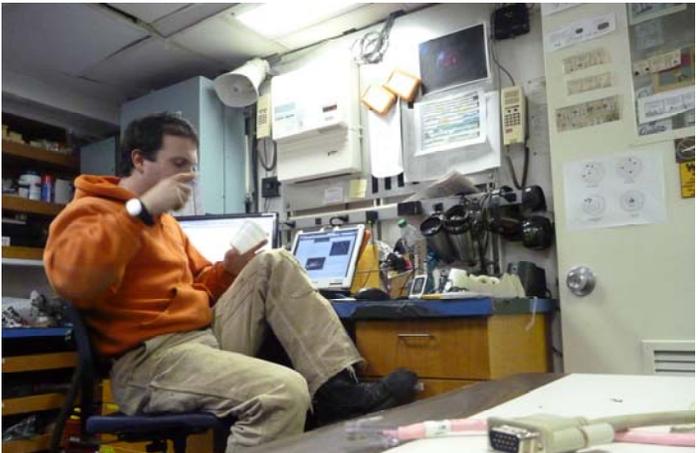
Oh! *And* In addition to having a cook back, and in complete violation of my bias against “what I’m eating” pictures, my friend Kelsea gave me a heap of Chanterelles right before we headed out, and the guys cooked them of for dinner and they were Deeeeeeee-Licious!! Thanks a ton Kelsea! (And Thanks John and

Kody!) Other than that I put some more time into cup decorating, and I’ve got a few things to say about it:

- It *Most* *Definitely* takes my art skills more than 31 years to warm up (current extrapolations based on a linear fit show my skills (such as they are) ‘getting warm’ at about age 80)
- If you get a cup with lots of fish on it, it’s *Not* that I couldn’t think of anything to put on it, quite the opposite. I - in every case - was thinking of something awesome which was well beyond my burgeoning talents, and I happen to be pretty good at the classic ‘fish’ ☺
- The secret ingredient in every cup is *Love* so I hereby swear to be mortally and irrevocably wounded should I ever venture to your place (even be it years from now) and *not* find the squishy foamy cup *prominently* displayed. (You have been warned...) :D



Yep, a gorilla. Dave’s Gorilla + Awesome handwriting = ART!! Step back!



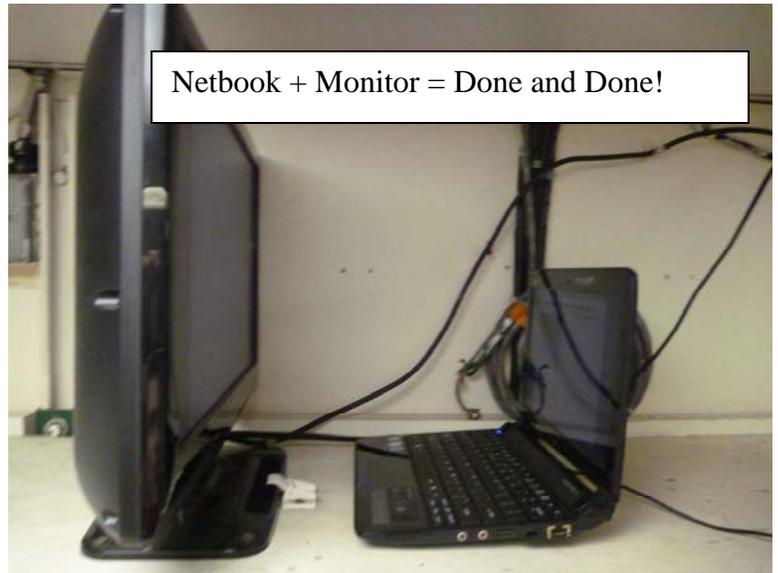
Good art takes time, I’m at 31% decorated according to my spreadsheet. I mean, wait, who would make a spreadsheet for cup decorating (awkward pause, look over shoulder)



Remounting our spare monitor..

Oh! And I *Think* that I fixed our webcam! (We'll see when Mr. Sun comes out). The main problem was that due to one thing and another (and the fact that our camera and the processing computer are on different legs of an ungrounded three phase system, dot, dot, dot) our video->usb frame grabbers had both recently met their maker. So, today, partially out of boredom, but also out of a sense of historical tribute, I constructed a genuine (well, mostly genuine, but partially updated) NASA slow scan video converter out of a

spare laptop and a tv monitor. (Our internet is currently down but if you're feeling curious and you've got a minute to spare, the story of how the signal from the first moon landing was converted from slow-scan to broadcast TV makes for good reading, as does how the raw tapes of our first landing on ~~an Arizona desert~~ the moon came to be misplaced, but



Netbook + Monitor = Done and Done!



This guy's going on break ☺

are most likely still extant (I actually think that they may have found some of them a few years back, but I forget the specifics, and sadly, this course that we are on for 21 hours is (rather precisely) one of the few headings where our satellite internet dish is pointed right at part of the structure of the ship ☹).



Last rose of summer from Mom

Well that's about if for today out here ☺ And that's about it for the Blarg!! This has been a blast to write! Thanks



Shopping cart (and finger) from Danielle

to everyone who has been reading it. It's been a great chance to get in touch with people that I haven't talked to in a long time, and a great chance to get in better touch with everyone that I see all the time, but.. well with this job there really isn't anyone that I *do* get to see all the time, which is a bummer.

It's been something else actually making myself sit down and do this every day, in so many ways. I once read that one of the habits of successful people is scrapbooking, and I can kind of see why. Going back through the time that I've spent makes me see it in a different light, not better or worse, but different. I just went



Something....important that I forgot the name of from Jeff



This is dreaming up some more great stuff:

And who could forget the Epic Epicality of Joe's Blarg!

back through a few of my entries from a month ago and it's interesting to see my days again. It's been a lot of fun taking all the pictures too. I think that out of the 15.6GB of photos, I've only got about thirty shots that were taken by other people, other than that I've gotten pretty good at the ten second rush ☺ (side note, in all those pictures, as much as some were semi-staged, I've



My friend Marco made me promise to put this picture in before I'd seen it... I gather he's about to undergo a medical procedure...

reading this is thinking about doing the same then I would *highly* recommend that they do so. There's not a one of you reading this that I wouldn't want to hear from 😊

That's about all I've got here, I'll be doing more in the future, but on a less regular basis. It really has been great getting in touch with everyone, you guys all rock!

tried to actually be doing what I say I'm doing when I take the picture, so although I do take the time to get the camera all set up and timed, I'm also at the start of doing a set of push ups when the camera gets a shot of me doing push ups and so on). This has been a lot of fun to do, and if anyone



One last ticket to the gun show 😊

Have a great Sunday! – Dave

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