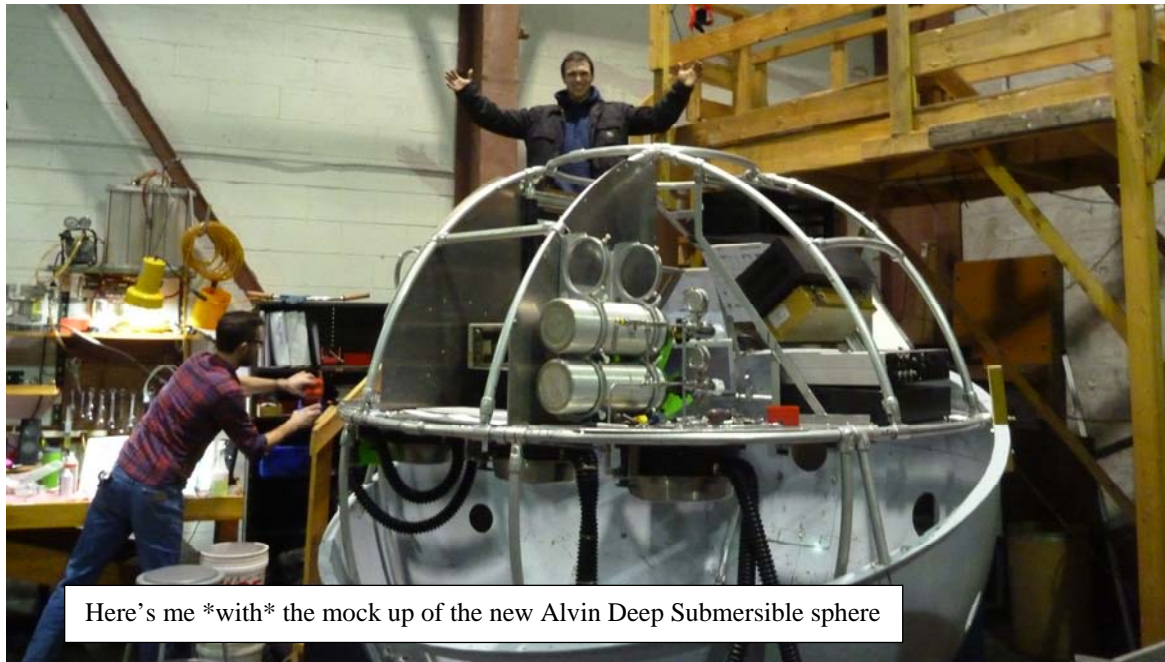


Dave's Blarg!

2012-Jan-20 though 2012-Jan-27

Hey everybody!! I'm going to apologize now for skipping over the first part, but the second part is definitely the part that I'm more excited about :D (Haha, I dare you not to skip ahead now :))



Here's me *with* the mock up of the new Alvin Deep Submersible sphere

The last few days have been pretty busy, we ran around 3000' of cable throughout the ship and we got everything squared away so it would fall all over when we got out

to sea. They even had a cool going away thing for us at WHOI. Speaking of WHOI, they have a *lot* of cool things 'lying around'...



And here's me *in* the mock up of the Alvin Deep Submersible sphere :D



And here's me sweeping the snow off of the old sphere so me and some of my friends from the crew could get out picture with it :D

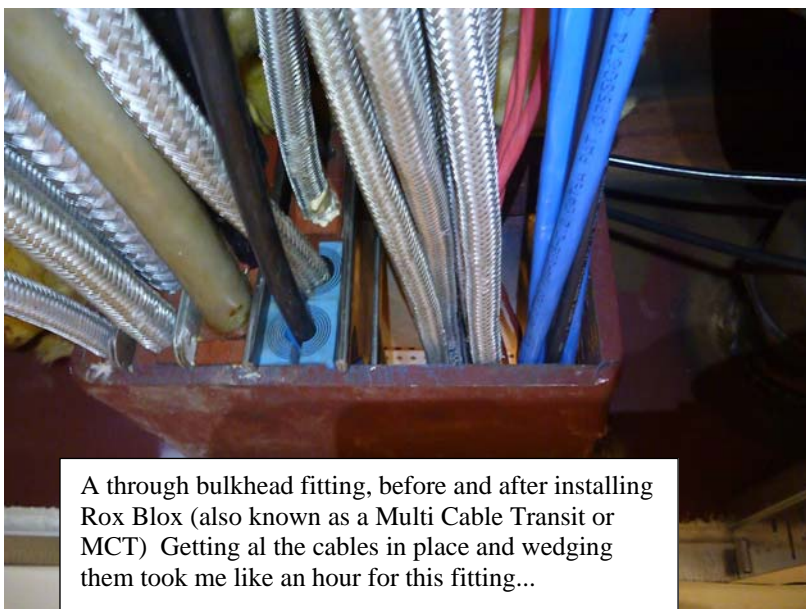


And me shaking hands with the Alvin manipulator :D (I approve of this picture :D)

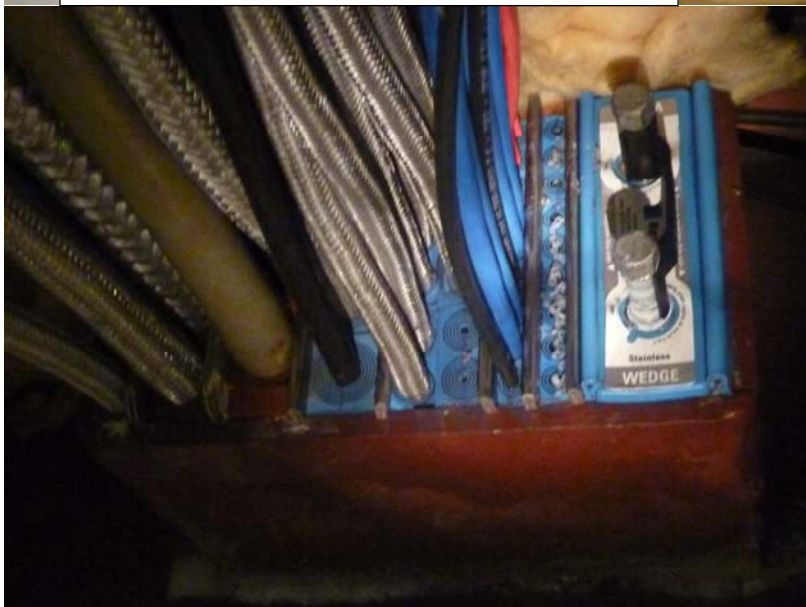


The Alvin sign with Dave :D

We spent Saturday and Sunday running a *ton* of cable through the vessel. Running cable on ships is extra a pain because you can't just run it through a hole in the wall, everywhere you go through a 'wall' (a.k.a. 'bulkhead') you have to have a water/fire tight fitting.



A through bulkhead fitting, before and after installing Rox Blox (also known as a Multi Cable Transit or MCT) Getting all the cables in place and wedging them took me like an hour for this fitting...



King 'spare mooring gear' Neptune also likes to hang out in the WHOI yard

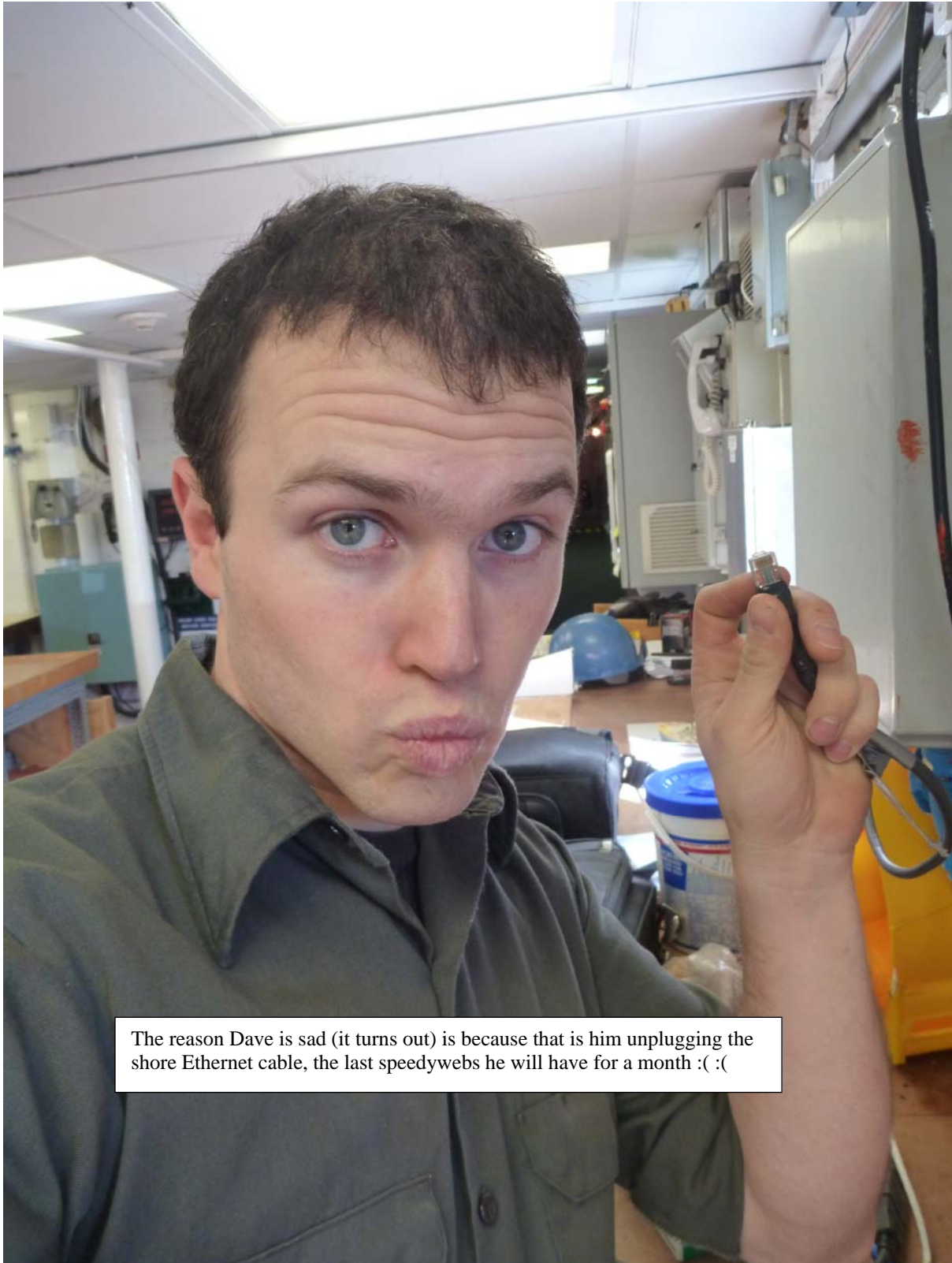


Daryl adds laser pipes going to the bow thruster room :D

I couldn't not put this in, I saw this magazine rack at a gas station that I stopped by.....



So when I blarg I take pictures *all the time*, then when I go to write the blarg I go through the pictures and try to remember what in the heck I was thinking when I took them, like here.... It seriously took me ten minutes to try to figure out *why on earth* I would be giving an Ethernet plug my *absolute* *best* male model face (and it *is* a good one at that :)

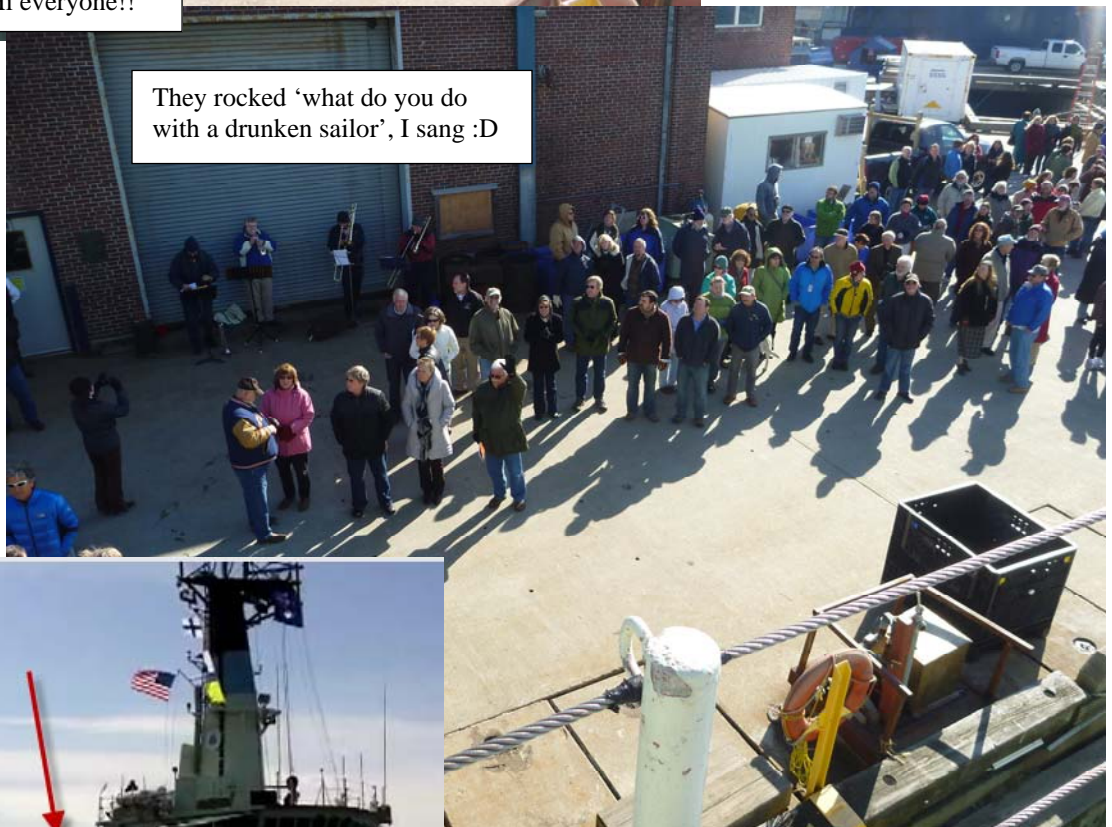


The reason Dave is sad (it turns out) is because that is him unplugging the shore Ethernet cable, the last speedywebs he will have for a month :(:(



Hi everyone!!

A *ton* of folks from WHOI stopped by to see us off, including a 4 piece band no less!!



They rocked 'what do you do with a drunken sailor', I sang :D



OMg!! I'm in a youtube video posted by Someone Else!! I'm Famous!!

Someone even posted a video of our departure here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRV1IG3rs1o>



Some folks on the Knorr (one of the other WHOI research ships) even set off a few fireworks for us :)

There were also forklifts on the dock honking their horns, but they weren't as visually engaging..



Goodbye old home!

And we were outta here!! Here's me staving off the rocky stomach by keeping it full :D



Hint: When eating to stave seasickness, avoid the turkey sammich with extra mayo that has been gently aged in the fridge... almost didn't work....

Wooooooot!!!! Now we're on to the AWESOME part!!!!

My Boss!! (of all people) told me about this awesome job opening! I searched around to check it out:

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Yep, true story :D



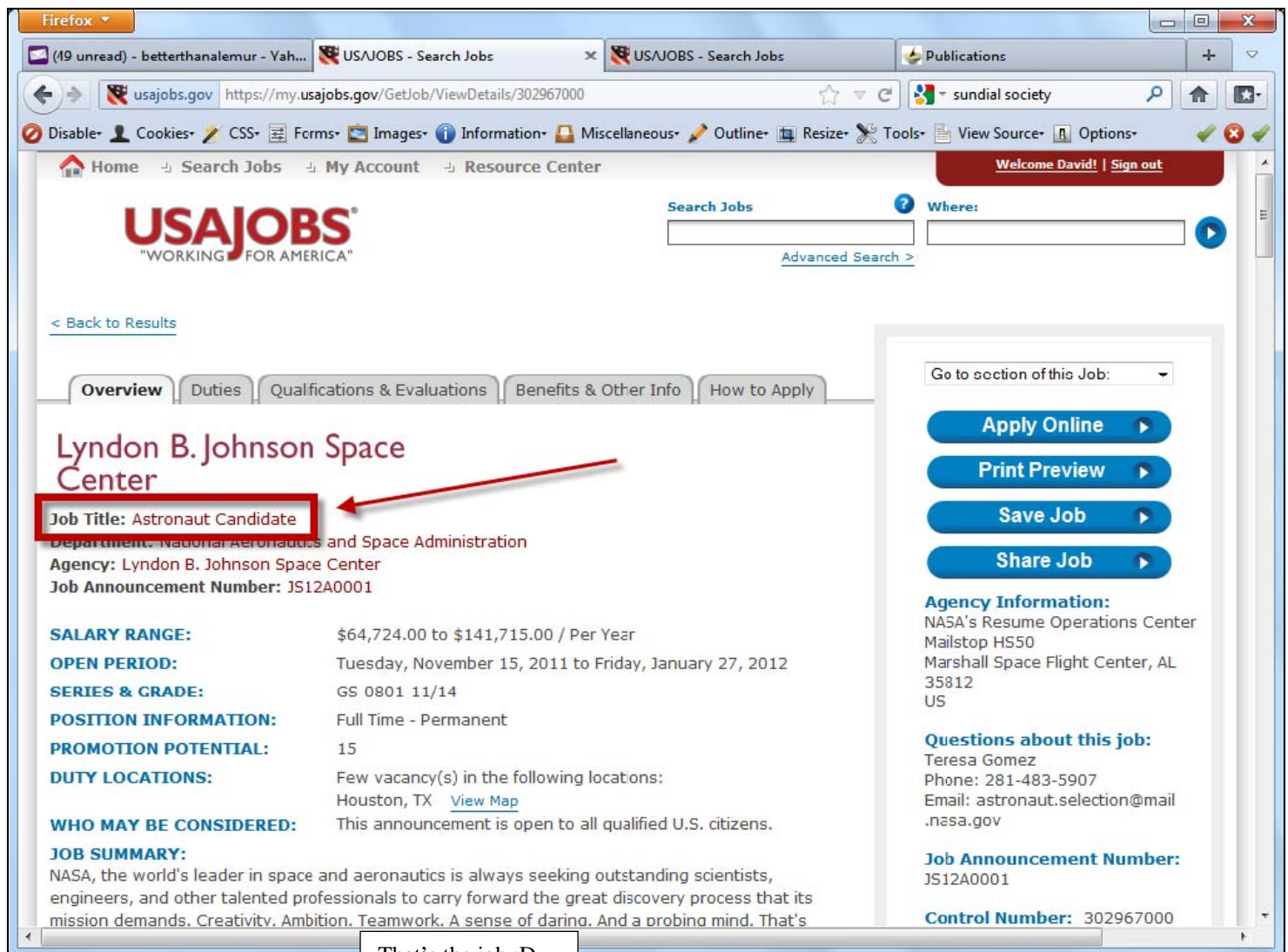
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Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center

Job Title: Astronaut Candidate

Department: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Agency: Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
Job Announcement Number: JS12A0001

SALARY RANGE: \$64,724.00 to \$141,715.00 / Per Year
OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 to Friday, January 27, 2012
SERIES & GRADE: GS 0801 11/14
POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent
PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 15
DUTY LOCATIONS: Few vacancy(s) in the following locations:
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WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: This announcement is open to all qualified U.S. citizens.

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That's the job :D

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* First Name: David
 Middle Name: Patrick
 * Last Name: O'Gorman
 * Telephone Numbers:

- Mobile: 616-406-7460
- Mobile: 011-870-773-150-521
- SELECT -

* Email:

They asked for a mobile number, so I (in full honesty) put down the satellite telephone number for the ship... That's about as 'mobile' as it gets :)

So yeah, I totally applied, I only had like two days left before the close of the application, which was just enough time to figure out how to get my transcripts from my old college :D

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North American Sundial Society

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There was a section in the application that asked for groups and memberships, so I figured that this was the perfect time to finally join the North American Sundial Society, not just to make my IEEE (electrical engineering society)

I totally broke one of my rules for myself on this application too, I put down some of the stuff that I'd always said I was going to leave off when I applied for another job. At first I thought that it really wasn't pertinent, but on second thought I realized that they could probably use someone who could also turn a wrench, or at least not [drop one.](#) (they had to move the ISS for that if I remember correctly...

Job Related Training ?

List the titles and completion dates of training courses that are relevant to the position you are seeking.

I have completed multiple safety and first aid courses prior to and as part of my job. These include sea survival and wilderness survival training.
I have also attended multiple online seminars focusing on electronic

I have received training and certification as a rigger, forklift operator, and crane operator (up to 50 Ton).

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I *did* leave off the bit about wildland fire-fighting training...

Interestingly enough, all those skills may not count against me as much as I'd thought, apparently this test of suitability is being administered by an artificial clever....

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Since 2001, NASA has been using an automated staffing and recruiting process called NASA STARS that has proved to be a major improvement over the previous manual process. By the use of [patented artificial intelligence](#) and information technology, it eliminated the old system of manually processing your application and replaced the old forms – SF-171s and O

This completely derails my plan to buy someone a drink to try and talk them into hiring me, unless anyone out there knows which hard drive ‘bill the hiring AI’ lives on these days... Oh man, this is going to be all 2001 a space odyssey “I’m sorry dave, I can’t let you in to the command module” maybe I should have changed my name before applying....

Well come what may, I'm in :D

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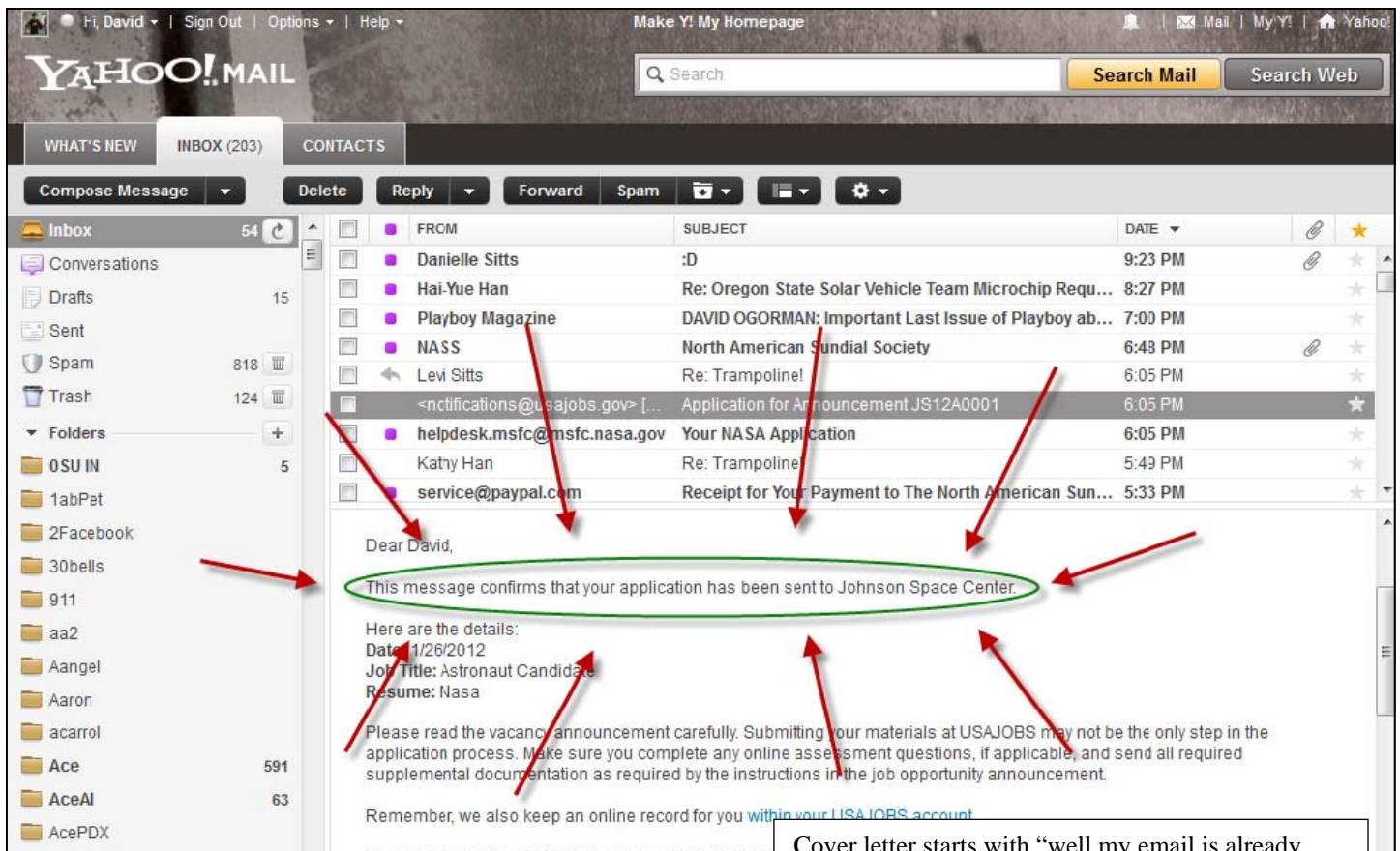
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Notification

WooHooo!!! I did it!! I once didn't apply to CalTech because I was afraid that I wouldn't get in, and I've always regretted it. Not so much with this one :D

status.

Wooot!! I even got a confirmation email :D I'm so in :D
I put up a poll, what do you think my chances are!
<http://www.doodle.com/hhnqve4gdwwyqmr#table>



Cover letter starts with "well my email is already there, so how about the rest of me" :D And I hope I remembered to leave emoticons out of my resume...

Have a great Day!! And reach for your dreams, whatever they are!!

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