

# Restored Star Trek ship Galileo arrives in Houston

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The restored space shuttle Galileo from the 1960's television show Star Trek is unveiled at Space Center Houston Wednesday, July 31, 2013, in Houston. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

Star Trek enthusiasts of all kinds arrived in Houston on Wednesday for the momentous unveiling of the shuttlecraft that crash-landed on a hostile planet in the 1967 "Star Trek" episode called "The Galileo Seven."

Adam Schneider paid \$61,000 for the battered shuttlecraft in an auction and spent about a year restoring the fiberglass ship and making it look nearly as it did on that episode. He flew in from New York to mark the unveiling at the Space Center Houston, where it will be permanently displayed not far from NASA's Mission Control.

"Unbelievably proud," he said, beaming alongside the white [shuttle](#). "Like sending your kid to college and having them get a job to build a successful life, because this was under our care for a year and we grew very attached.

Some who came to see the unveiling wore Scotty's Repair Shop T-shirts, others full-blown spandex outfits worn by Mr. Spock and his peers in the famous TV show and movies that have garnered a following so large and so devoted it is almost cult-like.

When the smoke cleared and the music died down, Candy Torres could no longer contain herself. Looking at the shiny, restored Star Trek Galileo shuttlecraft in all its TV glory, she broke down.

"All of a sudden I was just crying. I was in tears. I couldn't believe it," Torres said, donning a brown tourist engineer hat and a NASA mission operations shirt. "It meant something."



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Jeff Langston, 45, drove more than 160 miles (260 kilometers) from Austin with his two sons to see the moment. He and his 12-year-old son, Pearce, wore matching red Scotty's Repair Shop T-shirts. His 10-year-old son, Neo, couldn't find his shirt, but that didn't put a damper on the moment.

"It was very exciting," Neo said, bouncing on his feet. "When they filmed Star Trek the Galileo was cool and now that they remade it, it's cool to see a new version of the Galileo. And it's beautiful."



People gather around the restored space shuttle Galileo from the 1960's television show Star Trek is unveiled at Space Center Houston Wednesday, July 31, 2013, in Houston. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

Richard Allen, the space center's 63-year-old CEO and president, hopes that just as the Star Trek movies and others like it inspired Torres to pursue a career in science and engineering, that today's generation will be similarly inspired when they see the Galileo.



Candy Torres is photographed standing in front of the restored space shuttle Galileo from the 1960's television show Star Trek holding her plastic toy version of the vehicle at Space Center Houston Wednesday, July 31, 2013, in Houston. The restored shuttlecraft that crash-landed on a hostile planet in the 1967 episode "The Galileo Seven" was officially unveiled at the Space Center Houston before a crowd of die-hard Star Trek fans. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

"It's fantastic," he said of the shuttlecraft. "We're all about exciting and educating ... and I'm convinced that space is one of the best, if not the best, way of creating inquiry in young minds."

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