

**Mars Global Surveyor  
Radio Science Team Meeting**

**June 21-22  
Toulouse, France**

**PLANS AND OPERATIONS**

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- **Current**
  - Solar Conjunction
    - Last Measurement On DOY 174 / June 22 (Sequence MM051)
    - Resume Operations On DOY 195 / July 13 (Sequence MM053)
  - No Ranging
- **Near Future**
  - Egress Measurements
    - Next Opportunity ON DOY 252 and 253 (September 8-9)
  - Upgrade MMRS Operating System

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- **Egress Measurements - “Pitchover”**
  - Fixed-HGA mode caused the MOLA temperature to drop too low
  - The new “pitchover” technique was approved
    - The spacecraft pitches such that the HGA is Earth-pointed for egress.
    - The pitchover is held until the NADIR deck is once again NADIR pointed.
    - At that time the spacecraft returns the HGA to autotracking for the remainder of the orbit.
  - This significantly decreases the data loss for the other instruments.
  - The MCR was approved for up to two sets of 12 egress measurements per month. The two sets would be within a week of one another.
  - The 12 measurements provide a good longitude sampling.

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- **Gravity Statistics**
  - Hours Tracked To Date: 8930 Hrs
    - Does not account for
      - Occultation and/or HGA Rewind Time
      - DSN Lockup Time
      - Signal Outage For Mode Changes

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