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A newsletter for non-scientists (and scientists) interested in MAGIC

We're now official! Yesterday a press release announced that MAGIC has begun (<http://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=11455>, <http://www.arm.gov/news/features/post/19047>), and an article on MAGIC published by the website ClimateWire (www.eenews.net/cw) was picked up by Scientific American magazine (<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=mobile-lab-set-to-study-clouds-influence-on-weather-and-climate>) and placed on their homepage. We are, of course, very glad to have this kind of recognition.

I am flying to Los Angeles (again!) tomorrow. The *Spirit* will arrive in port Thursday and we will meet the people who have been setting up and turning on the instruments. From what I hear things are continuing to go well and many of the instruments are up and running. Saturday when the *Spirit* disembarks I will be riding it to Hawaii and back. Needless to say I'm very excited about this, but I've heard some rumors that the ride back from Hawaii on the current leg has been a bit rough. I certainly hope these are unfounded, as being seasick is definitely not fun (it happened far too often when I was an oceanographer). I asked Mike Reynolds, who had been on the previous leg back from Hawaii, how his ride was and he said it was fine. Of course, Mike sailed on the *Around the Americas* and circumnavigated most of the North and South American continents (including around the notorious Cape Horn at the tip of South America) in a 50-foot sailboat, so he's probably not the most reliable indicator of what I might find unpleasant.

As I'm trying to get things finished up and errands run before I take off, this will necessarily be a short update, but I plan on sending one from Hawaii. I copied all the email addresses for this distribution list onto the computer I'll be taking (which is different from this one), but if you don't receive an update next Thursday, please let me know and when I return I'll make sure I have your email correct. Until then, I'm looking forward to happy sailing.

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All updates and other MAGIC information are at <http://www.bnl.gov/envsci/ARM/MAGIC/>.