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Astrophilately — Telling the story of the
conquest of space through stamps



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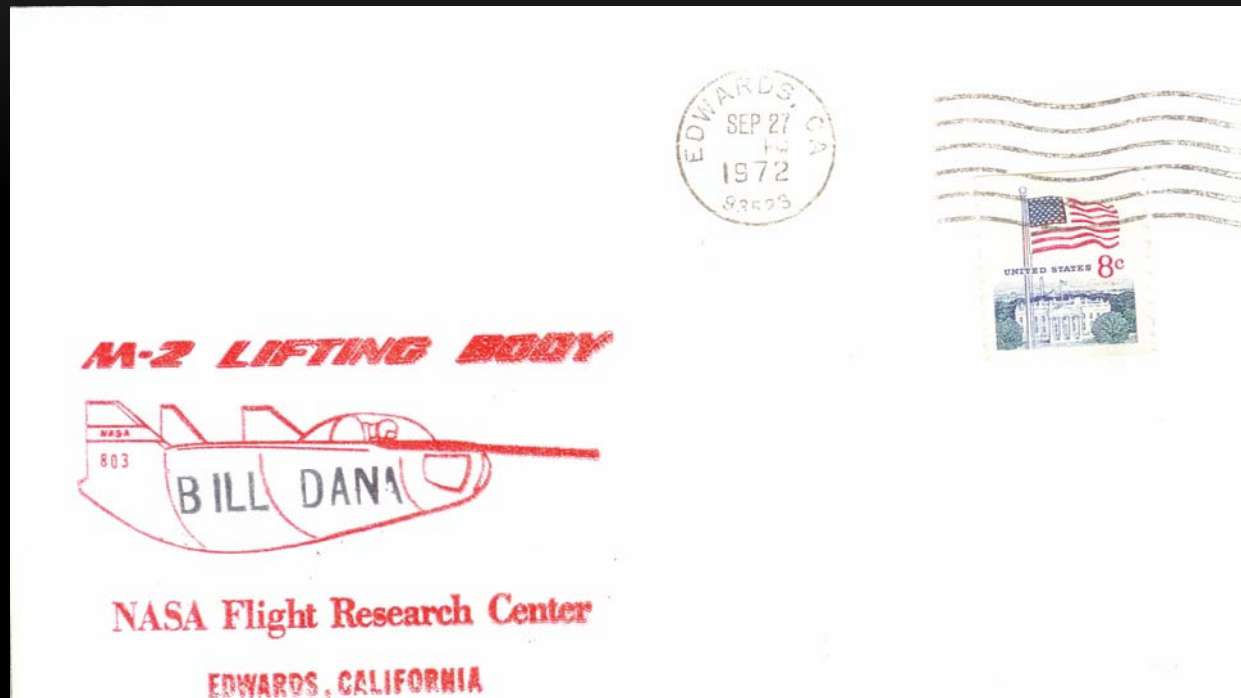
A sample story

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History of the space plane

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Proof of concept

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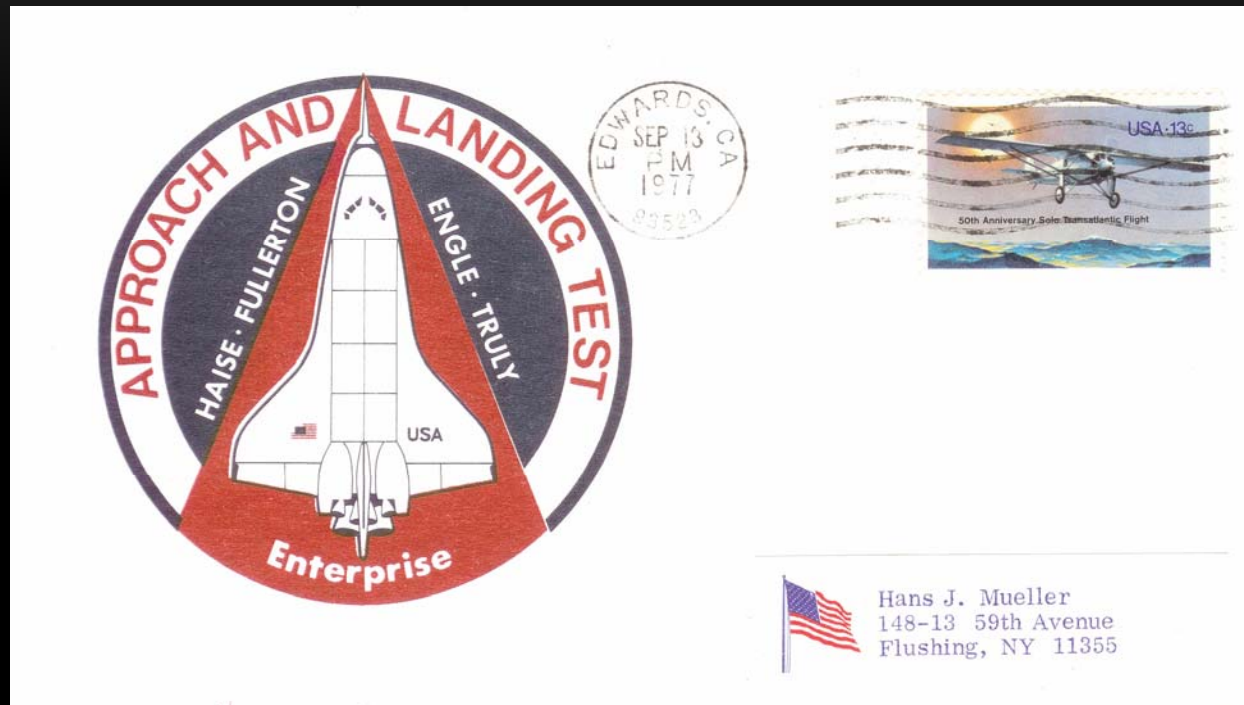
Component testing

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Crew simulation

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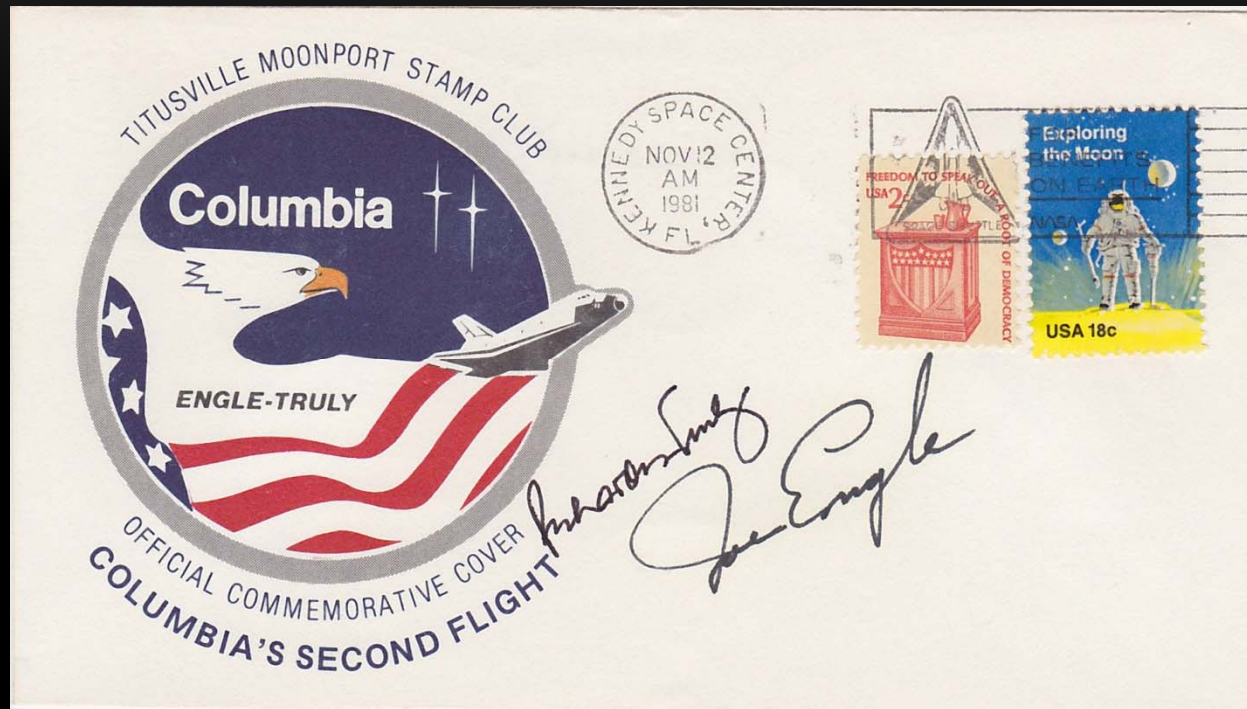
Flight test

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First flight

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Launch

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Landing

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Operational

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SRB Recovery

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JOHNSON SEA-LINK

Dive # 1313

Date 16 APRIL 86

Depth 246

Pilot Tim Askeew

Observer SP Jensen

Divers Steven B. Nelson
David Lamb

Location OFF CANAVERAL, FL.

Mission RECOVER SRB WRECKAGE

KENNEDY SPACE CTR. FL.
APR 18
AM
1986
32815


HARBOR BRANCH
FOUNDATION

JOHNSON - SEA - LINK 2

USA 18c
Benefiting Mankind

FOR
US BENEFITS
22
ON EARTH

SPACE SHUTTLE
NASA



Challenger wreckage

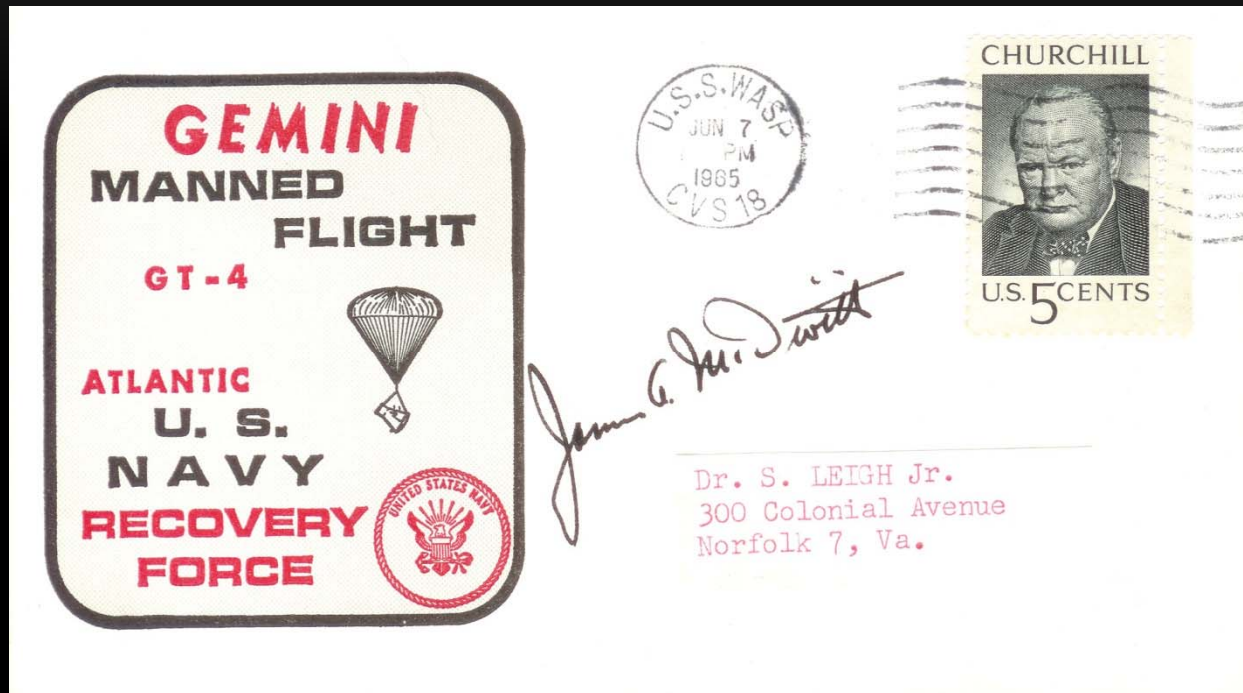
Astrophilatelic basics

Right date – local time or next business day

Right place – closest post office to controlling entity



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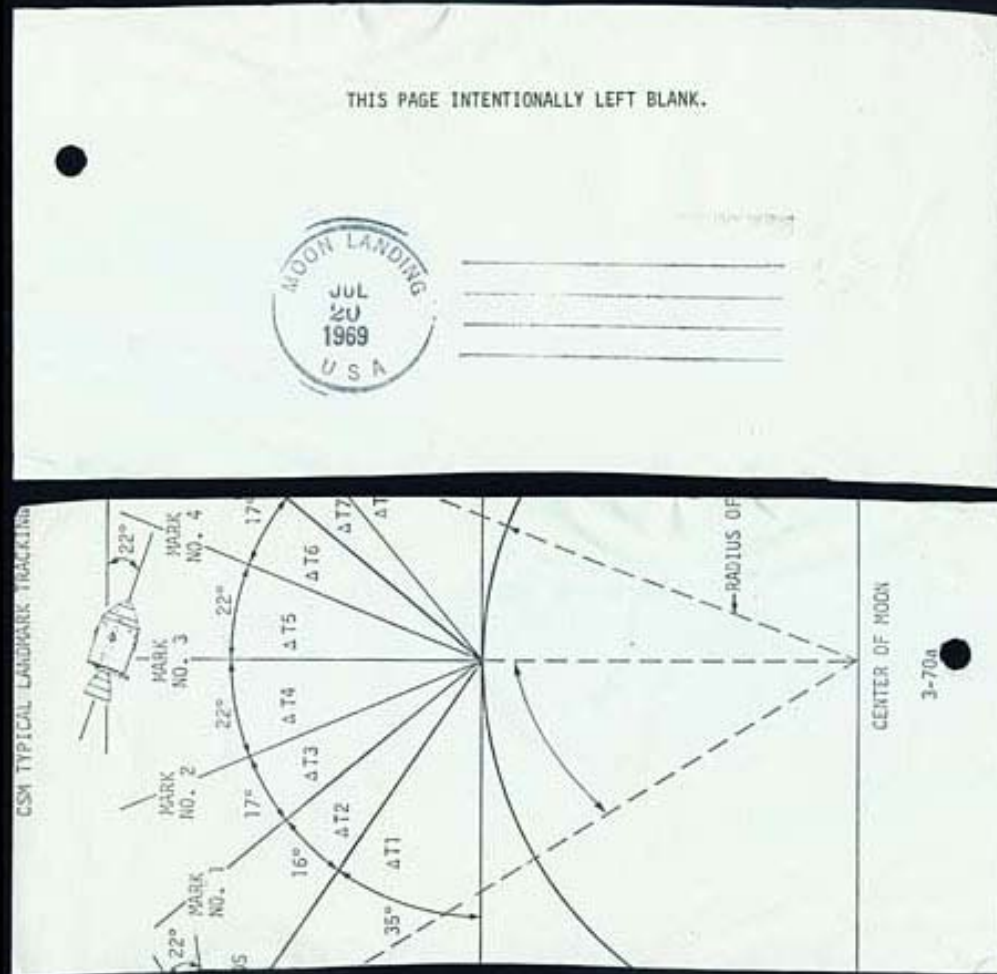
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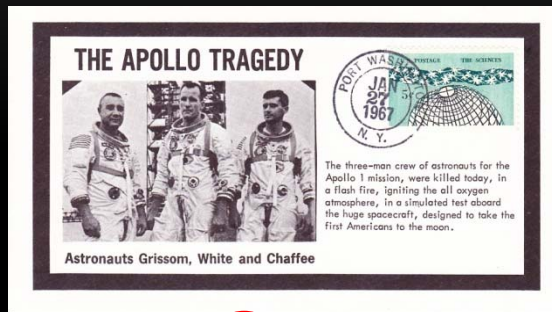
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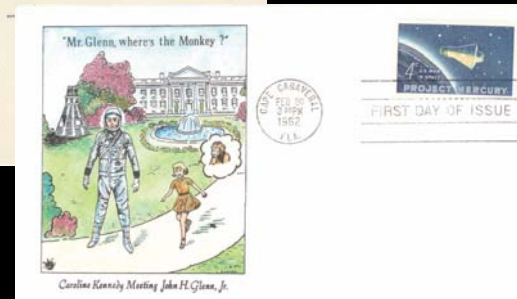
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Space event collecting



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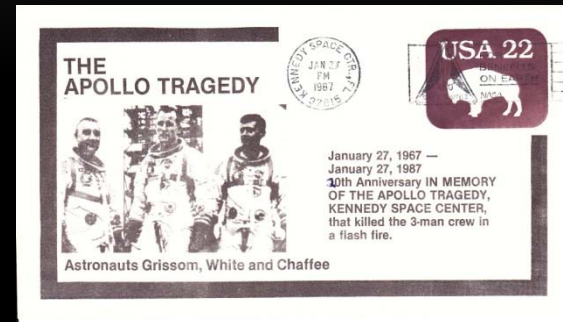


First Day Cover

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Unrelated place



Anniversary

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Machine Cancel



Hand Cancel

Precursors

Balloon



German V2



X - Planes

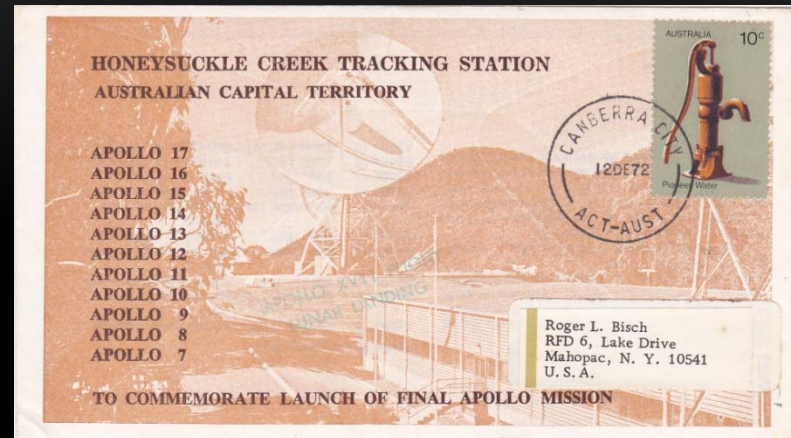


Missile mail



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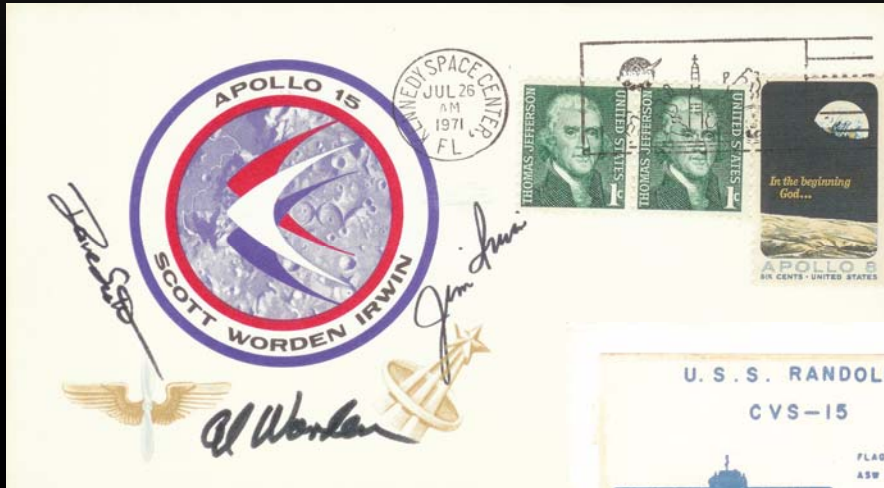
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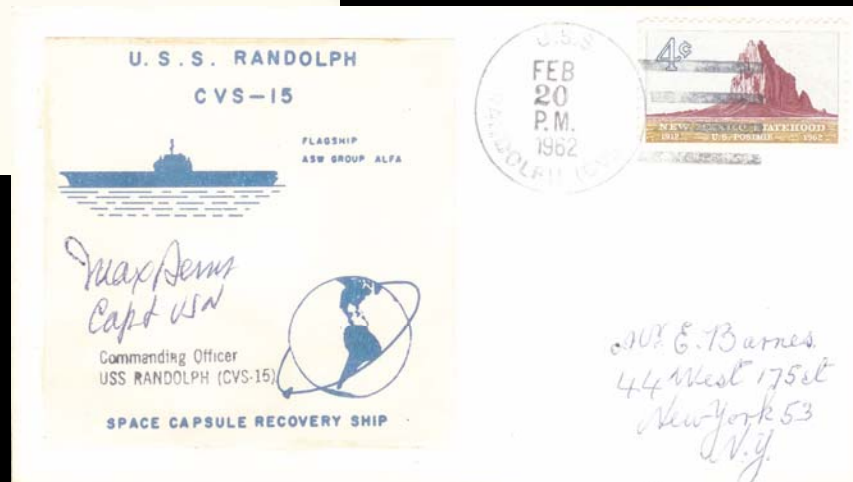
VIP card

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Insurance



Captain's cover



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Your quiz – Are you ready?

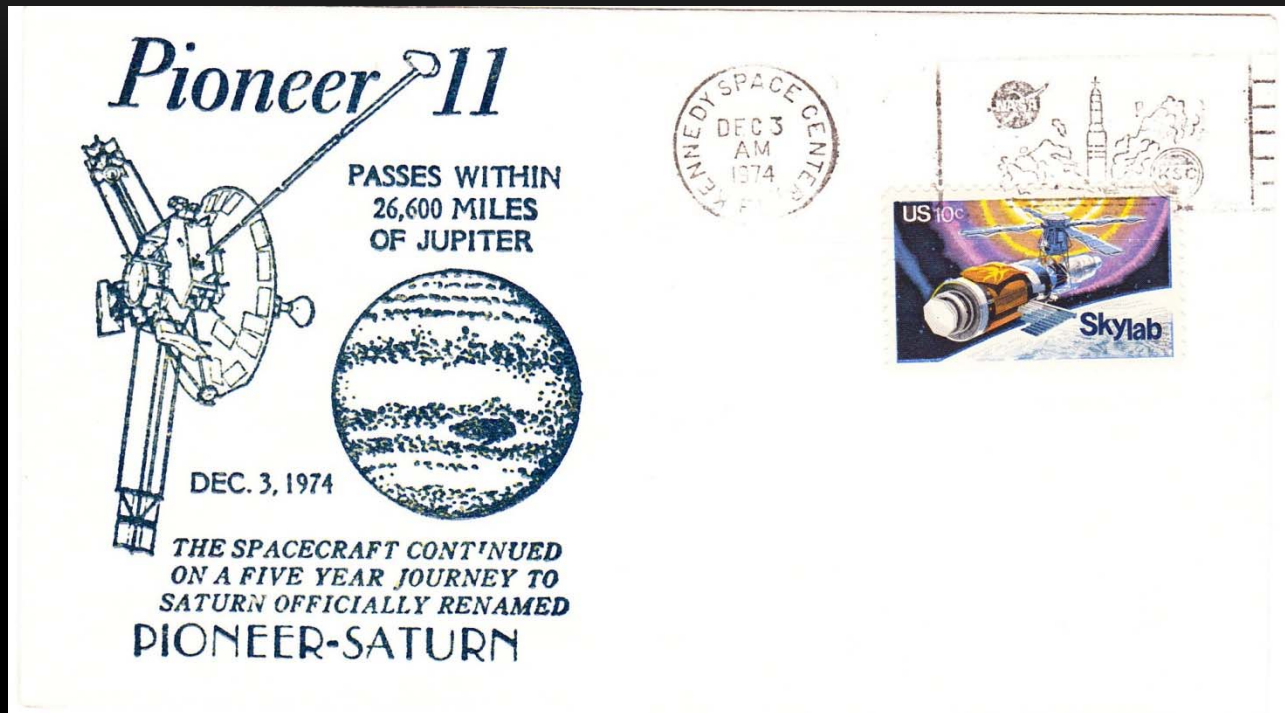


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John Glenn MA-6

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Pioneer 11 fly by Jupiter

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Apollo 8 launch

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APOLLO 12 SPLASHDOWN
November 24th, 1969 - Blasting off the moon - Astronauts Conrad and Bean took with them 90 pounds of moon rocks and the T.V. from the Surveyor 3 satellite. After meeting and docking with the command module "Yankee Clipper" the three US Astronauts were on their way home and with the same accuracy as when it started they ended the 10 day flight in the Pacific Ocean just 3.1 miles from the recovery ship the U.S.S. Hornet.

Apollo 12 splashdown

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Nike-Apache launch

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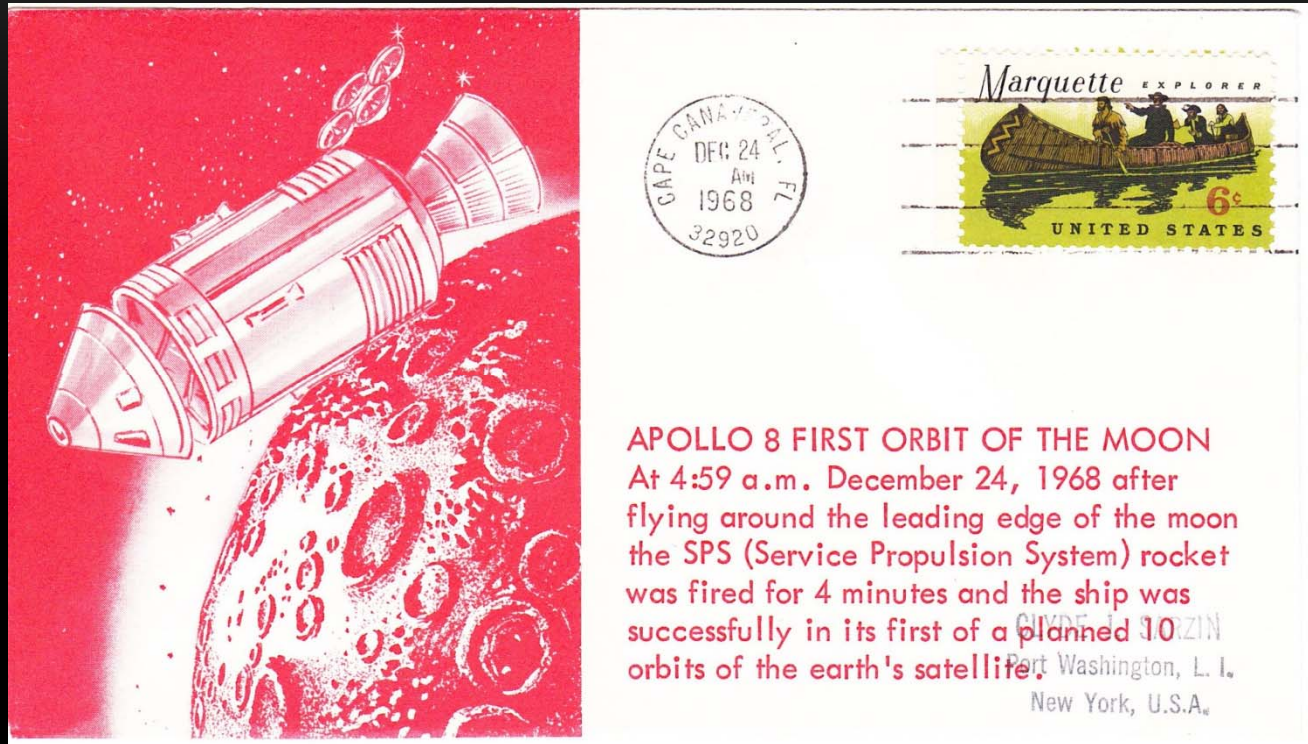


Alan B. Shepard, Jr.

July 21, 1998. Astronaut Alan B. Shepard, Jr., the first American to be lofted into space, died today in California. He was 74. Shepard, a U.S. Navy test pilot, was selected in 1959 as one of the nation's first seven astronauts. His first foray into space came on May 5, 1961, atop a Redstone rocket in a space capsule named *Freedom 7*, when he flew outside the Earth's atmosphere for just five minutes — a mission he described to the world as "A-OK."

Alan Shepard dies

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APOLLO 8 FIRST ORBIT OF THE MOON
At 4:59 a.m. December 24, 1968 after
flying around the leading edge of the moon
the SPS (Service Propulsion System) rocket
was fired for 4 minutes and the ship was
successfully in its first of a planned 10
orbits of the earth's satellite.

Port Washington, L. I.
New York, U.S.A.

Apollo 8 orbits the Moon

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Secretarial Shepard



Vintage Grissom & Glenn



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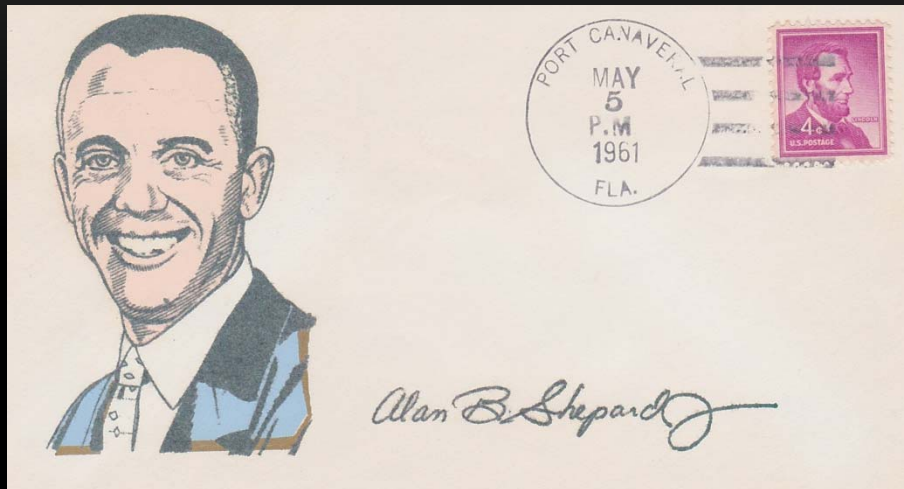
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Grissom autopen



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Alan B. Shepard

Printed signature

First U. S. Orbital Flight
Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., USMC
SPACE CRAFT "FRIENDSHIP 7"

February 20th, 1962
Lift Off Time 9:47 - Splash 14:43
Pickup by U.S.S. "NOA" at 15:01



John H. Glenn, Jr.

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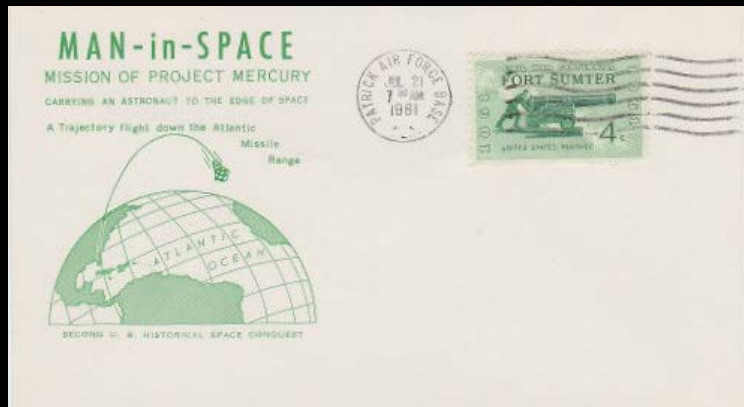
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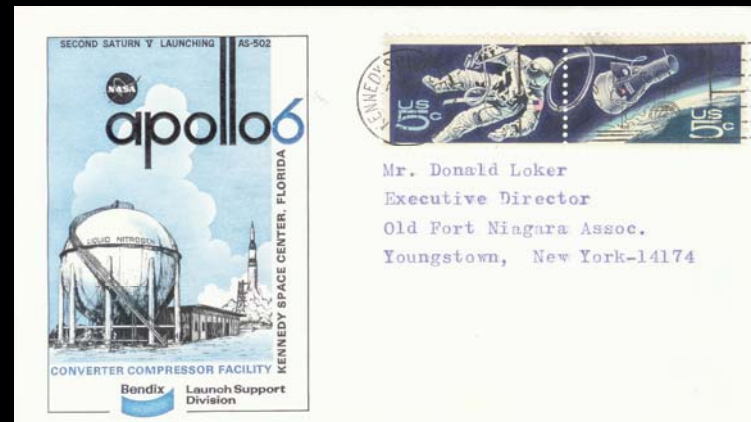
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Cachets

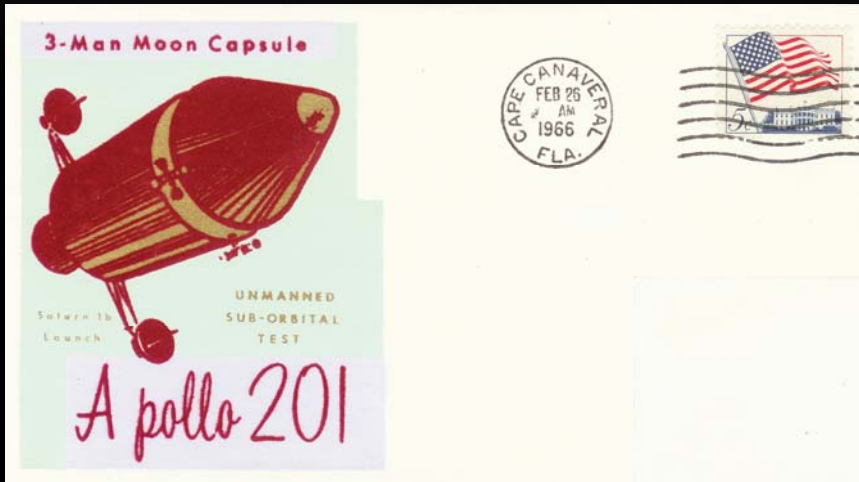


Space Craft



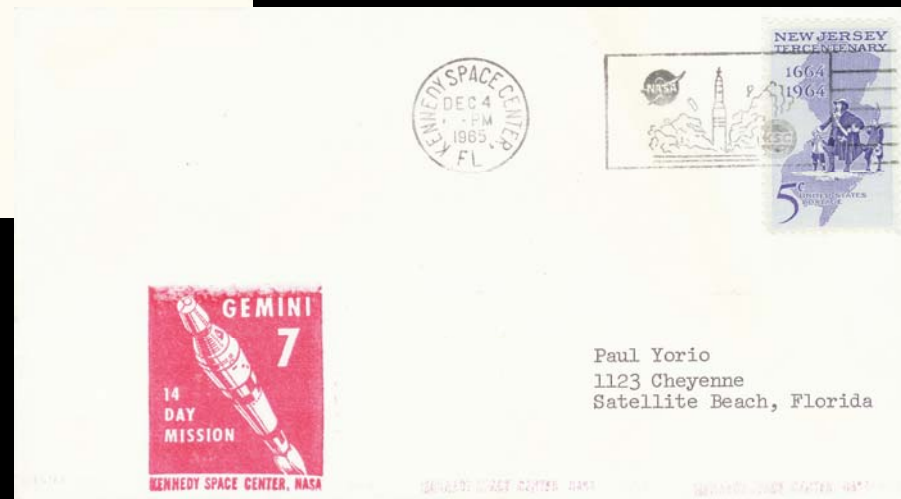
Bendix

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Velvetone

KSC Official



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Goldey

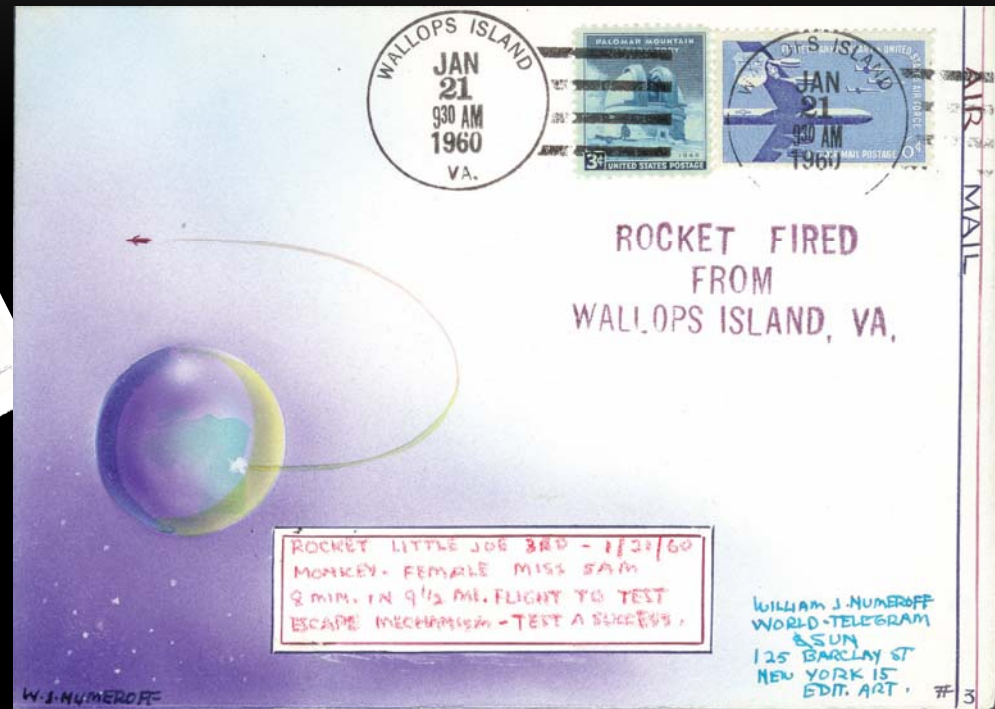


Flick

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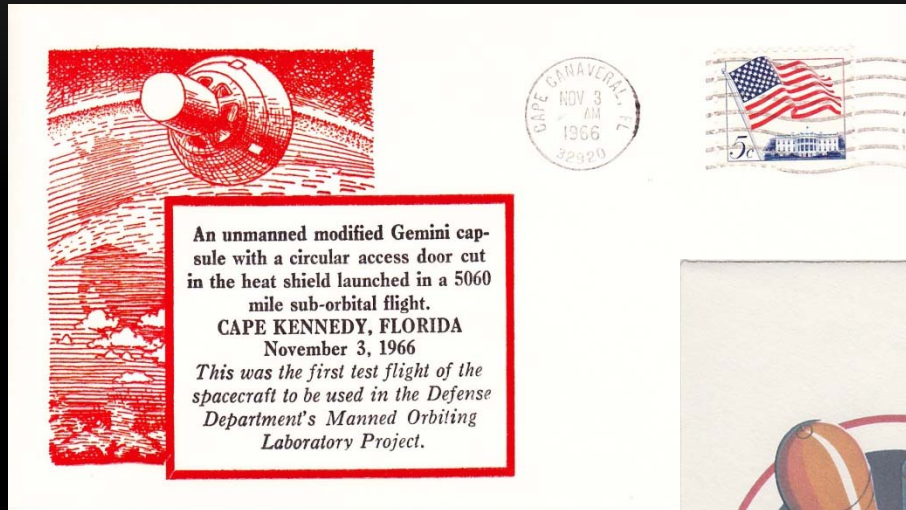
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Numeroff airbrush

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Centennial



United States Postal Service

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Hand painted Add-on



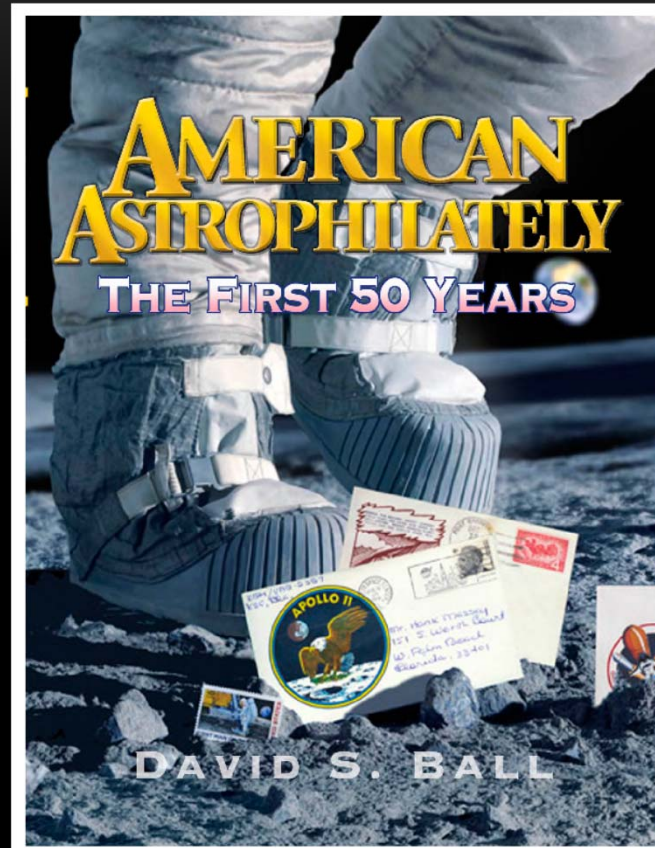


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