

Press Release

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Isle of Man Post Office Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Apollo XIII with ‘One Giant Leap’

Isle of Man Post Office Continues the Story of NASA Human Spaceflight with Stamp Collection



Isle of Man Post Office (IOMPO) is pleased to present a set of eight stamps titled ‘One Giant Leap, Exploring the Moon and Space’ to be issued on 26th February 2020. The issue follows the release of ‘One Small Step’ in April 2019 commemorating the missions of Apollo I to Apollo XII and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Moon landings.

April 17th 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of Apollo XIII with Astronauts James (Jim) A. Lovell, John L. Swigert and Fred W. Haise on board. All of them made it to the moon and back but Apollo XIII famously failed to land on the moon when two days into the mission an oxygen tank in the service module was damaged. Astronaut Jim Lovell called it a “successful failure” and the mission has been repeatedly called “NASA’s finest hour”.

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The stamps are designed by Glazier Design, who have designed this issue to be a continuation of part one, ensuring both issues correspond to one another. The designs place focus on the technological advancements and human achievements of the past five decades.

Former NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott said: “Many missions came before and came after Apollo XI. 50 years on we are only just now beginning to take those very same steps again, but this time we stay for good and like before for the good of all.”

Maxine Cannon, Isle of Man Stamps & Coins General Manager said: “The history of human space flight remains an interesting topic to humankind and being able to share these fascinating images with the world fills us with pride. We are very grateful to George Abbey and NASA; their support was of vital importance in the creation of this captivating stamp collection. Without their input and guidance we would not be able to provide our valued customers with such detailed background information.”

We dedicate this issue to the crews of Apollo I and Space Shuttles Challenger and Columbia, who gave their lives in the quest for human space flight. Their sacrifice is part of a great leap forward for humanity, our return to the Moon and on to Mars.

The ‘One Giant Leap’ collection is available as a Set and Sheet Set, Commemorative Sheetlet, a Presentation Pack, First Day Cover and a Prestige Booklet. Additional products contain a Special Limited Edition Cover signed by Nicole Stott, a special Limited Edition Cover signed by Charles M. Duke Jr. and the “Nicole Stott: One Giant Leap” Album.

For further information, please see www.iompost.com/one-giant-leap.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue title:	One Giant Leap: Exploring the Moon and Space
Text:	Mr George Abbey, Benedict Glazier and Howard Parkin
Design:	Glazier Design
Printer:	Lowe Martin
Process:	Offset Lithography
Colours:	4 colour plus varnish
Paper:	110 gms PVA gummed
Perforations:	14 per 2cms
Stamp Size:	40 x 40mm
No. of Stamps:	8
Format:	16 stamps per sheet (2 x 8 designs)
Date of Issue:	26.02.2020

NOTES TO EDITOR

- Photo embedded of Stamp Set
- Further attachments: Stamp Set, First Day Cover, Presentation Pack & Sheet Set

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- Photo of Nicole Stott, former NASA Astronaut, mission specialist and flight engineer
- Photo of George Abbey
- Background Notes on Mr George Abbey:

Collated from Wikipedia. Mr Abbey was a US Air Force pilot before he joined NASA in 1964 as an Air Force captain assigned to the Apollo program. In December 1967 he left the Air Force and was named Technical Assistant to the Johnson Space Center Director. In January 1976, he was named Director of Flight Operations. In 1983 he became Director of the Flight Crew Operations Directorate; he was responsible for all space shuttle flight crews and put America's first woman in space when he assigned Sally Ride to the crew of 1983's STS-7. In July 1990, he was selected as Deputy for Operations and senior NASA representative to the Synthesis Group, charged with defining strategies for returning to the Moon and landing on Mars. In July 1991, Abbey was appointed Senior Director for Civil Space Policy for the National Space Council in the Executive Office of President George H. W. Bush. In 1994 Abbey was named Deputy Director of the Johnson Space Center and was subsequently selected as the JSC Director in 1996. As director of Johnson Space Center until 2001, he served as an integral part of the NASA Shuttle-Mir Program and provided crucial oversight, management, and guidance in the first phase of the International Space Station."

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