



One Small Step

ISLE OF MAN POST OFFICE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST MOON LANDING WITH A UNIQUE SET OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS.



THE ISSUE TEXT PT I

The Isle of Man Post Office presents this landmark issue in the 50th anniversary year of the first manned flight to land on the Moon.

In 1957 the USSR startled the world by launching a manmade satellite, Sputnik, starting the Great Space Race. In 1958 President Eisenhower and the Congress established the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), to further America's exploration of space. NASA soon announced the Mercury Program with the intent to send a human into space.

On May 5, 1961, four months after John F. Kennedy became president, Alan Shephard became the first American in space, however this was three weeks after cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to orbit the Earth. Kennedy needed to be bold and in a speech to Congress stated "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth." The Apollo Program was born and the "Great Adventure" began.

In January 1967, tragedy struck the Apollo Program when three astronauts, Grissom, White and Chafee died during a count-down test. The next manned flight, Apollo 7 was a great success; Apollo 8 took a live TV camera into space and as the astronauts orbited the Moon on Christmas Eve 1968, the world saw a close-up view of the Moon as the three astronauts read from the Bible. Apollo 9 was the first mission to include both the command and lunar modules and Apollo 10 was the dress rehearsal for the Moon landing. Both were a complete success.

Two months later, on July 16 1969, Apollo 11 lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center with a crew consisting of Commander Neil Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin. Four days later, on July 20, 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin successfully landed on the Moon - the rest is history. The United States had achieved Kennedy's goal of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth before the end of the decade. Apollo 12 in November 1969 was planned to prove the capability to perform precision landings on the surface of the Moon and our beloved Alan Bean, who passed away recently, was the fourth man to walk on the Moon's surface.

Our stamp issue commemorates the anniversary of the Moon landing, but also all the missions that led up to that one small step. In our stamps we have sought to show you the beauty of space, the Moon and the vehicles that took humanity to the Moon. Through subtle references and codes on the stamps (and within NASA guidelines) we have included those incredible NASA staff in Mission Control, the astronauts, the programs directors and those who gave their lives.

THE ISSUE TEXT PT 2

Our Eight Stamps



Stamp One

Our first stamp features the Moon, the target of the Apollo missions, as well as the names Kennedy, Webb and Gilruth and the famous quote from President Kennedy: “We choose to go to the moon in this decade.”



Stamp Two

Our second stamp features the Apollo Mission Control Room, the names Phillips, Low, Kraft and Faget and the quote: “Roger, Tranquility. We copy you on the ground.”



Stamp Three

Our third stamp features a view of Florida from Apollo 7, the crew names Schirra, Eisele and Cunningham and the quote: “Look at the sunrise. There you go. That’s the thrill of this business.”



Stamp Four

Our fourth stamp features a view from Apollo 8 of the first ‘Earthrise’ seen by humanity, the crew names Borman, Lovell and Anders and the quote from Genesis: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth.”



Stamp Five

Our fifth stamp features a view from Apollo 9 of first manned flight of the lunar module in space, the crew names McDivitt, Scott and Schweickart and the quote: “There’s that horizon. Boy, is that pretty!”



Stamp Six

Our sixth stamp features a view from Apollo 10 of the lunar module descending on the dry run rehearsal, the crew names Stafford, Young and Cernan and the quote: “Looking great here. You’re looking beautiful.”



Stamp Seven

Our seventh stamp features the first footprint made by humanity on a body other than Earth, the crew names Armstrong, Aldrin, Collins and the quote: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”



Stamp Eight

Our eighth stamp features a view on the surface of the Moon of equipment from Apollo 12 with survey equipment from a previous unmanned Moon mission, the crew names Conrad, Gordon, Bean and the quote: “We knew it was going to be difficult. We didn’t know how difficult.”

THE ISSUE TEXT PT3

Acknowledgements

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We dedicate this issue to Alan Bean, fourth man to walk on the Moon, whose paintings were to grace the stamps. We spoke to him at length, but he sadly passed away before the issue could be laid out. The issue was conceived, planned and designed by Glazier Design. Owner Ben Glazier was born during the Apollo 11 mission; his sister Elizabeth was born during the Apollo 12 mission. Advance planning indeed.

Technical Specifications

Text: Mr George Abbey, Benedict Glazier
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: 24 stamps per sheet (12 x 2 designs)
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THE STAMPS

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THE CODING ON THE STAMPS

Names of crew members

Bespoke type treatment for title

Significant date

Quote from mission

Image from NASA Image Archive

Titling

GPS coordinates of significant locations

KENNEDY • WEBB • GILRUTH

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GLAZIER DESIGN 2019

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50 Years of Lunar Exploration

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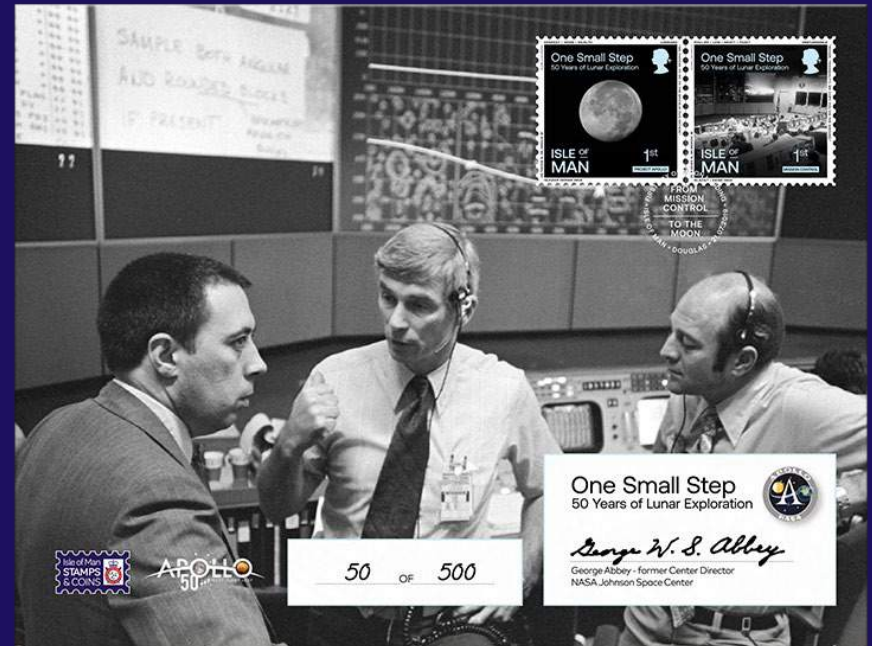
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PROJECT APOLLO

"WE CHOOSE TO GO TO THE MOON IN THIS DECADE"

AVAILABLE PRODUCTS

- Stamp Set
- Sheet Set
- Commemorative Sheetlet
- First Day Cover
- Presentation Pack
- Prestige Booklet
- Limited Edition First Day Cover signed by George Abbey



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50 Years of Lunar Exploration

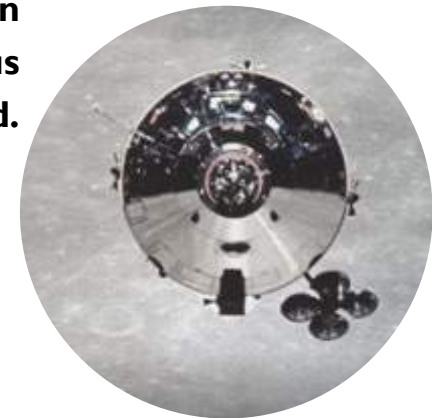
George W. S. Abbey
George Abbey - former Center Director
NASA Johnson Space Center



50 Years of Lunar Exploration



With designs showcasing the beauty of space, the Moon and the vehicles that took humanity to its surface, the set was launched at a special occasion at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston and previewed at the Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland.



Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



Buzz Aldrin
(Apollo 11 Astronaut and second
man to walk on the Moon)

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



Rusty Schweickart
Apollo 9 Astronaut



Rusty Schweickart (Apollo 9) & Ben Glazier (Designer)



Walt Cunningham
Apollo 7 Astronaut

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



**AI Worden
(Apollo 15 Astronaut)**



**AI Worden (Apollo 15) &
Ben Glazier (Designer)**



**AI Worden (Apollo 15) &
Vix Southgate (Author)**

AI Worden talking to Designer Ben Glazier about Moon, the Earth, Space Camps and Stamps (10:24):

<https://youtu.be/zj8NNfD2vul>

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



Charlie Duke
Apollo 16 Astronaut



Ben Glazier (Designer) &
Gerald Griffin (Apollo Flight
Director)



Tim Peake
(ESA Astronaut)

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



**Nicole Stott (former NASA Astronaut)
& Peter Gabriel (Musician)**



**Nicole Stott, Peter Gabriel
& Ben Glazier**



**Ben Glazier (Designer) &
Kip Thorne (Nobel Prize
Winner)**

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



Bob Smith (CEO Blue Origin Space Company) & Partner



Todd Martin (Film Director) & Ben Glazier (Designer)



Ben Glazier (Designer) & Garrett Reisman (former NASA Astronaut & Director of Space Operations SpaceX)

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



**Garrett Reisman (former
NASA Astronaut & Director
of Space Operations
SpaceX)**



**John Logsdon
(Space Historian of the
Apollo Programme)**



**Rick Armstrong
(Son of Apollo 11 Astronaut
Neil Armstrong)**

Starmus Festival in Zürich, Switzerland



Roman Stott (son of former NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott) & Chris Calle (son of 1969 Apollo 11 stamp designer)



Chris Hadfield (Shuttle Astronaut) & Ben Glazier (Designer)



Nick Howes (Space R and D for BMT) & Ben Glazier (Designer)

NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, USA



George Abbey
(former director of the Johnson Space Center)



George Abbey (former director of the Johnson Space Center) & **Ben Glazier** (Designer)



George Abbey (former director of the Johnson Space Center) & **Chris Stott** (Space Entrepreneur and co-founder ManSat, Odyssey Moon and the international Institute of Space Commerce)

NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, USA

George Abbey (former director of the Johnson Space Center) & Dr. Bonnie Dunbar (former NASA Astronaut)



George Abbey (former director of the Johnson Space Center) in front of Apollo 18

The Mission Control Stamp in Johnson Space Center Mission Control



The Stamp Set & Apollo 18

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Hi-res imagery of the stamps and photography from the launch event are available.

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