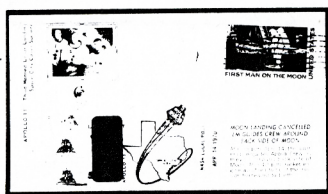
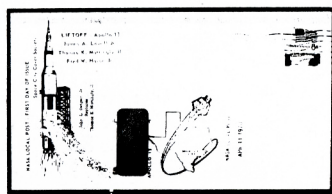


## HOUSTON....WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM

With those words, the world was alerted to the fact that things can go wrong in space and that astronauts always face the possibility of death while on a space mission.

Apollo 13 captured the attention of the world. To most, space had become routine. Apollo 11 had been exciting because it was the mission that first put men on the Moon. Apollo 12 went about its business in such a way that observers were already calling spaceflight "old stuff."

But with those words "Houston, we've got a problem" from the Apollo 13 crew on their way to the Moon, the world came to attention. It was Friday the 13th (April 13, 1970). Superstition had reared its head with some people saying that the number 13 should have been skipped in the Apollo numbering of the missions. And as the world got the news of an explosion aboard the spacecraft, superstition became reinforced.



Splashdown cover is green ink and did not photograph too well.

The Space City Cover Society may be the only servicer of space covers that "completely" covered the Apollo 13 events. Before the launch, the SCCS covers were printed with four different cachets; one for Launch, Moon Landing, Moon Liftoff, and Splashdown. Featured in the cachet of each was the original crew picture and/or designation of the crew...James A. Lovell, Jr., Thomas K. Mattingly II, and Fred W. Haise, Jr. However, before launch, Mattingly was exposed to the measles and was replaced as a crew member by John L. Swigert, Jr. All of the SCCS cacheted covers were then overprinted in three lines with the information of the replacement.

Then, on April 14 a.m., the Moon Landing was cancelled at 2:43 a.m. The Lunar Module became a "Space Lifeboat" and the covers, after being cancelled on April 14 a.m., were then taken to a printer and overprinted in 10 lines with the complete details. Then in the p.m. of the same day, the Lunar Module guided the spacecraft around the back side of the Moon and headed it back to Earth. Those covers were also overprinted in nine lines with all of the details of that event.

In addition to the set of four covers containing a Houston machine cancel, the covers also contain a single of the NASA Local Post stamp especially printed for the Apollo 13 mission. The NLP stamps are then cancelled on the correct dates with the NLP commemorative pictorial cancel. This set of four covers "tells it all." The set normally sells for \$7.50 but it is being made special at this time for only \$3.25 for the set. This is only about 80¢ per cover and is a bargain any way you look at it. This set will make a great "conversation piece" in your space cover collection.

Apollo 13 did not make its Moon Landing but the crew did make it back safely to Earth. For that, the whole world rejoiced. It showed not only the calmness of the crew and their ability to improvise during a space mission, but it showed how all of the members of the support team at mission control in Houston were able to come up with answers as to how to get the men back safely to Earth.

After Apollo 11, the first landing of men on the Moon, the United States did make five more successful Moon Landing missions. These were Apollo 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The Space City Cover Society produced a set of four covers for each of these five missions. Each of the four covers has its individual cachet and all four covers are franked with single of the mission NASA Local Post and cancel in addition to the U.S. stamp and Houston post office machine cancel.

Again, these sets are retail-listed at about \$7.00 per set of four. On this offering, we have them at \$2.95 per set. This is less than 75¢ each. Prices for all six sets are listed, in addition to the individual sets.

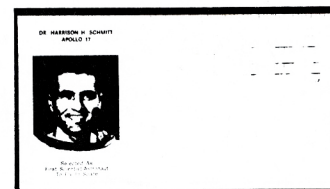
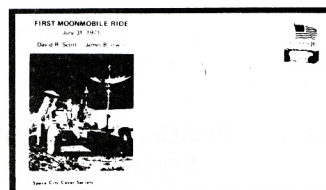
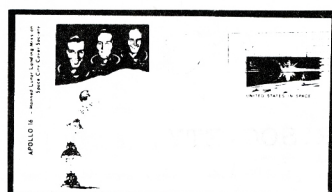
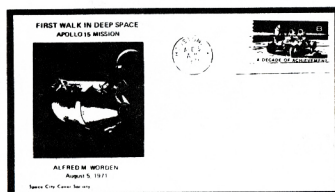
Lot #1	Apollo 13	Set of 4 Houston cancel with NLP stamp and cancel. . . .	\$3.25
Lot #2	Apollo 12	Set of 4 Houston cancel with NLP stamp and cancel. . . .	2.95
Lot #3	Apollo 14	Set of 4 Houston cancel with NLP stamp and cancel. . . .	2.95
Lot #4	Apollo 15	Set of 4 Houston cancel with NLP stamp and cancel. . . .	2.95
Lot #5	Apollo 16	Set of 4 Houston cancel with NLP stamp and cancel. . . .	2.95
Lot #6	Apollo 17	Set of 4 Houston cancel with NLP stamp and cancel. . . .	2.95
Lot #7	One each of all six sets as above (total 24 covers). . . . .		16.50

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## MISSION EVENT COVERS

The Space City Cover Society is noted for their mission event covers and during the Apollo spaceflights, collectors depended on these for their all-mission coverage. Each cover has its own individual cachet and not an all-purpose design. The SCCS cover lets you know exactly what the cachet pertains to. These presently sell for \$1.25 to \$1.50 each but the special price is listed below. All are Houston machine cancels unless otherwise indicated. Illustrated here are four different SCCS event covers and will give you an idea of the cachets that are used.



Lot #8	Apollo 12	Welcome Home by Houston (Dec 14, 1969)	.75
Lot #9	Apollo 13	Welcome Home by Houston (May 16, 1970)	.75
Lot #10	Apollo 14	Moonlanding (KSC cancel) (Feb 5, 1971)	.85
Lot #11	Apollo 14	Shepherd Walks on Moon (Feb 5, 1971)	.75
Lot #12	Apollo 14	Crew Arrives Home (Ellington AFB) (Feb 12, 1971)	.75
Lot #13	Apollo 14	Crew Out of Quarantine (Feb 25, 1971)	.75
Lot #14	Apollo 14	Crew at NASA Awards Ceremony (Feb 27, 1971)	.75
Lot #15	Apollo 15	First Moonmobile Ride (Jul 31, 1971)	.75
Lot #16	Apollo 15	First Sub-satellite Launch in Space (Aug 4, 1971)	.75
Lot #17	Apollo 15	First Apollo Walk in Deep Space (Aug 5, 1971)	.75
Lot #18	Apollo 15	Crew Welcome Home at Honolulu (Aug 8, 1971) (Honolulu machine cancel)	1.00
Lot #19	Apollo 15	Crew Welcome Home to Houston (Ellington AFB) (Aug 8, 1971)	.75
Lot #20	Apollo 15	First Day of Use Slogan Cancel Honoring Alfred Worden (Jackson MI) machine cancel Aug 26, 1971	1.00
Lot #21	Apollo 15	Homecoming Day for Worden (slogan machine cancel at Jackson MI Sep 5, 1971)	1.00
Lot #22	Apollo 16	Launch (KSC machine pictorial cancel) (Apr 16, 1972)	.75
Lot #23	Apollo 16	Moonlanding (KSC machine pictorial cancel) (Apr 20, 72)	.75
Lot #24	Apollo 16	John Young Becomes First Moon-based Astronomer (Apr 21, 72)	.75
Lot #25	Apollo 16	Launch of Sub-satellite in Deep Space (Apr 24, 1972)	.75
Lot #26	Apollo 16	Walk in Deep Space by Mattingly (Apr 25, 1972)	.75
Lot #27	Apollo 16	Crew Arrives Home (Ellington AFB) (Apr 29, 1972)	.75
Lot #28	Apollo 16	Crew Press Conference (May 3, 1972)	.75
Lot #29	Apollo 17	Schmitt Selected as First Scientist-Astronaut to Fly In Space (Aug 13, 1971)	.75
Lot #30	Apollo 17	Apollo 17 Roll-Back to VAB (KSC Aug 28, 1972) (Scarce!)	1.00
Lot #31	Apollo 17	Apollo 17 Craft Named (Nov 10, 1972)	.75
Lot #32	Apollo 17	Launch (KSC machine) (Dec 7, 1972)	.75
Lot #33	Apollo 17	Moonlanding (KSC machine) (Dec 11, 1972)	.75
Lot #34	Apollo 17	Commemorative Plaque Left on Moon (Last Apollo Crew to Land on Moon) (Dec 13, 1972)	.75
Lot #35	Apollo 17	Walk in Deep Space by Evans (Dec 17, 1972)	.75
Lot #36	Apollo 17	Crew Arrives Home (Ellington AFB) (Dec 21, 1972)	.75
Lot #37	Apollo 17	First Day of Use Slogan Cancel for Cernan (Bellwood IL) (Dec 6, 1972)	1.00
Lot #38	Apollo 17	Moon Landing Day (Dec 11, 1972) Cernan Slogan Cancel (Bellwood IL)	1.00
Lot #39	One cover from each of lots #8 through #38. Total of 31 covers with retail price of about \$50.00 Yours for only \$19.75 POSTPAID You won't find a selection like this anywhere else!		19.75

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## WHY HOUSTON CANCELLED COVERS ARE IMPORTANT

Just a few seconds after any manned space launch, Mission Control takes over the control of the spaceflight. It is located at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. That is why the astronauts, in spaceflight or on the Moon, comment..."Houston, we've got a problem." or...."Houston, the Eagle has landed." The Space City Cover Society has been servicing space covers from Houston since 1967. The SCCS specialty is covers with Houston cancels. No one else has ever given such coverage in Houston as the SCCS has done or is doing. You can depend on us. And our service to space collectors for over 18 years is our number one reference.

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## **SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY**

P. O. BOX 53545

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77052

Apollo covers today at prices of nearly 15 years ago!

And with the cover and stamp market finally breaking out of its bottoming-out period (according to Linn's Stamp News), this may be the best opportunity you will ever have of buying these Apollo space covers.

The American Topical Association, the American First Day Cover Society, and the American Philatelic Society have all been helpful in disposing of member's estates and we at SCCS have tried to do the same. One of our most loyal supporters of our SCCS cover program was with us since our beginning in 1967. About the time the Apollo missions started, he had plans on being a dealer "sometime in the future." For his help to us in several different projects at that time, we traded 25 cachets of just about every cover we produced. And upon his passing, those covers were still neatly packaged in cover boxes awaiting that day to become a part of an active dealer's stock.

As our help at this time, we have detailed all of those Apollo covers and enclosed is a sheet listing them by lots. Lots #7 and #39 will get you all of them...a total of 55 covers...a collection in itself. And the prices are close to those of 1972. This assures you not only of a "complete coverage" collection but a collection at a bargain price. We look forward to being of service to you.

These are ready to go and we promise to send them out to those ordering within two days after getting your order. Due to the distance, we go to our post office box only three times a week, so this is almost the same as sending them out by return mail. Many thanks to you.



TO: SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY, P O Box 53545  
Houston, Texas 77052

Please send me the following Apollo covers:

\_\_\_ Lot #1 @ 3.25      \_\_\_ Lot #2 @ 2.95      \_\_\_ Lot #3 @ 2.95  
\_\_\_ Lot #4 @ 2.95      \_\_\_ Lot #5 @ 2.95      \_\_\_ Lot #6 @ 2.95  
\_\_\_ Lot #7 (1 ea above total 24 covers) @ \$16.50

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Enclosed is my remittance for the above lot(s).  
Please send the covers to my address below. I  
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