



SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY

CATALOG OF ALL COVERS ISSUED BY THE SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY

Is there a catalog available for the covers produced by the Space City Cover Society? That question has been asked many times over the past few years and at long last it is good to say that just such a catalog is now being printed. And this is an introduction to it.

The first cover produced by SCCS was on January 27, 1967 when three astronauts died in a tragic fire in their spacecraft. It was a training session with the craft on the launch pad at Cape Kennedy, Florida. The three were Lt Col Virgil I. Grissom, Lt Col Edward H. White and Lt Cmdr Roger B. Chaffee.

For the next 25 years or so the SCCS serviced covers from Houston and all of the other NSSA locations. Many of these covers were postmarked Houston, home of the astronauts and site of the Mission Control for all of the U. S. manned missions...then and now.

This catalog will detail every cover issued by the SCCS and most of them will be illustrated. A fair market price is given for each, based on how many of each were produced, the popularity of the event commemorated, and the determination of how many might still be around these many years later.

Some of the topics of the catalog are:

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| *Apollo 1-17 | *Space anniversaries |
| *Skylab | *Shuttle training flights |
| *Apollo Soyuz | *Shuttle Enterprise |
| *Space events in Houston | *Jet Star series |
| *Space shuttle missions | *SPACEPEX pictorial cancels |
| *First day covers of U. S.
space stamps | *Unmanned planetary
Voyager, Mariner, etc. |
| *Astronaut selections and other events | |

The SCCS took part in several events sponsored by the Houston Post Office. One of those was on May 15, 1968 for the 50th anniversary of U. S. Air Mail Service. The SCCS, in cooperation with Granville Elder, Houston postmaster at the time, flew in mail by helicopter from NASA Mission Control to the Downtown Houston Post Office. Landing was at the post office large parking lot, which had been cleared of vehicles for the event. A huge crowd was on hand from the business community and postal employees for the landing at "high noon." The event was covered by all of the Houston TV stations and other news media. The covers, postmarked after the bags of mail were carried into the post office cancelling area, were sold out in two days.

The SCCS also took part in the first day of issue ceremony of the Apollo 8 six-cent commemorative issued in Houston on May 5, 1969. It was the multi-color cacheted cover of SCCS that was included in the ceremony program given to the 23 astronauts in attendance. The crowd at the special luncheon at the Rice Hotel numbered about 1000 paid guests. The first day programs were printed by the Houston Post Office in their print shop and the SCCS donated the paper stock for the programs.

NASA LOCAL POST ISSUES

After the tragic death of Grissom, White and Chaffee, the SCCS tried to get a NASA postmark for that area. However, the regulations at that time prevented any first class mail being postmarked at any Houston-supervised post office except at the Main post office in downtown Houston.

It was at this point that the SCCS decided that the best and proper way to fill this philatelic void was to create a NASA Local Post and cancel, which is permissible under postal regulations. It was decided to do this for any events with a space tie-in and most of these were done for Houston events only, but in some cases, for events outside of the Houston area.

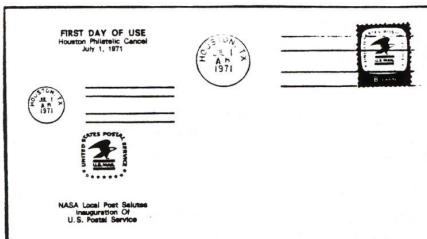
It should be pointed out that the NASA Local Post was in no way connected with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It should also be pointed out that the NASA Locals are not U. S. postage, but a local post issue, and are used on cover only when there is the regular first class rate of U. S. postage used and properly cancelled at a U. S. post office.

The very first cover bearing a NASA Local Post and cancel was for the fifth anniversary of Glenn's Mercury flight (Feb 20, 1967.) And the NASA Local Post ended with the beginning of the Space Shuttle orbital missions. By then some first class mail was being postmarked at the post office located near the Johnson Space Center. The cancelling rules had not been changed but just relaxed.

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HEAR THAT KNOCKING?

No matter what kind of space covers you collect, there will be something to whet your interest with SCCS covers. Now is the time to take a look at them. Opportunity never bangs on a person's door. It usually knocks only once, and then moves on. We are knocking lightly to let you know that there are some beautiful space covers just waiting to have a home with YOU.

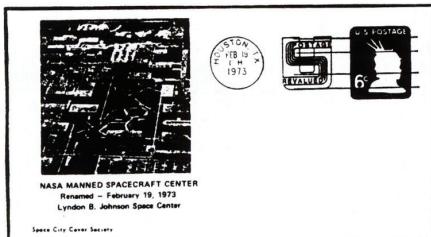


INTRO-1 \$1.50

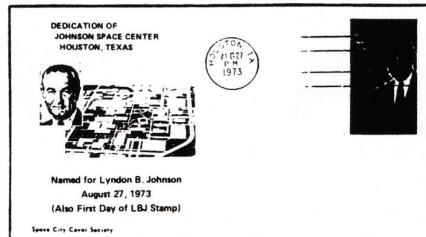
HOUSTON PHILATELIC CANCEL FIRST DAY OF USE

The U. S. Postal Service was inaugurated on July 1, 1971. A special 8¢ stamp was issued that day all over the country. Each city became a first day city.

Philatelic mail in Houston had been cancelled by high-volume equipment and was not of best quality. The manager found an old "First Day of Issue" cancelling die that had been used for the Sam Houston stamp. He filed off the "First Day of Issue" and used this die in the smaller floor model machine known as a "Flyer." The first day of use of this new cancelling die was on July 1, 1971. The SCCS produced the only cachet with that information in it.



INTRO-2 \$2.00

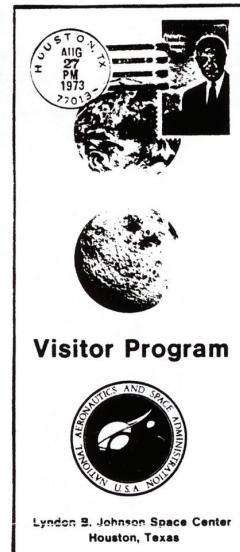


INTRO-3 \$2.00

LYNDON B. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

From the beginning it was named the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center. It is home to the astronauts and mission control for all U. S. manned flights. On February 19, 1973 it was renamed the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center and the official dedication was held on August 27, 1973, the birthday of LBJ and the first day of issue of the LBJ 8¢ U. S. stamp. The official first day event was in Austin, Texas. The SCCS flew in stamps from Austin to Houston in time for the afternoon dedication ceremony.

The SCCS cover was double barrelled. It was a dedication cover plus an unofficial first day city cover for the LBJ stamp. In addition the SCCS had a small quantity of the Visitor Programs canceled on that same day.

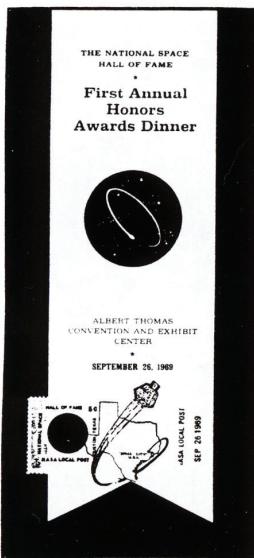


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Visitor Program



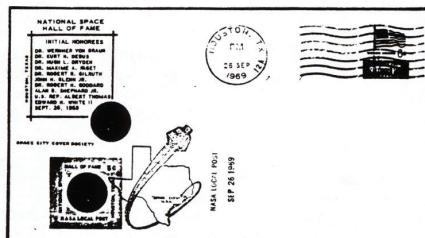
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
Houston, Texas



INTRO-5 \$2.00

NATIONAL SPACE HALL OF FAME

The ceremony was on September 26, 1969 and included ten initial honorees. The SCCS issued a NASA Local Post sou sheet and cover for the event. The sou sheet was given to those in attendance.



INTRO-6 \$2.00



INTRO-7 \$3.50

GERMANY HONORS THE SCCS

This German postmark includes the NASA Local Post cancel. Only one other U.S. philatelic club was so honored. That was the KSC Stamp Club in Florida.

HOW TO ORDER SCCS COVERS

Send your list indicating the individual stock number, quantity, your name and shipping address, along with your check or money order to:

SPACE CITY P O Box 36192 Houston TX 77236

Salute To The Moon Landing

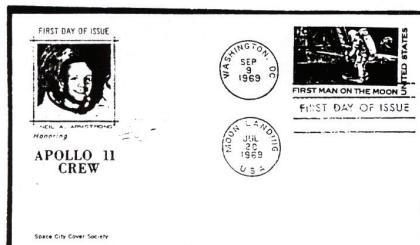
Thirty years after it was issued it is still called just "the Moon Landing stamp" and collectors know which stamp you mean. Scott number C-76 is nearly as famous a phrase. And both reasons are because this stamp is still sought out by collectors. And first day covers are beginning to rise higher in value.

What a legacy for a stamp that produced an astronomical 8,743,070 first day covers with the official September 9, 1969 cancel. That total surpassed the previous high point of three million. That record had been set in 1962 for a stamp that commemorated Colonel John H. Glenn Jr.'s orbital flight of the Mercury capsule Friendship 7.

Not only did the SCCS service covers with the official Washington D. C. cancel but they serviced covers that afternoon at the Houston Main Post Office. That made Houston an "unofficial first day city." The stamps were purchased early morning of September 9, 1969, flown to Houston by special courier who was met at the airport. Several volunteers were on hand to apply the stamps to the three different SCCS cacheted envelopes. The covers were then carried to the post office for cancelling in batches of a box or two at a time. By five o'clock that afternoon all of the covers had been cancelled with the Houston September 9, 1969 p.m. machine cancel.

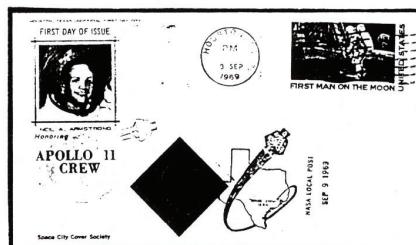
The Houston covers also contained a NASA Local Post stamp and hand cancel. Since there was a fee paid to the two people getting the covers to the Main Post Office, this was a legitimate use of the NASA Local Post.

If you collect Apollo 11, these six covers need to be in your collection. You won't find another six like this anywhere else!



FD(A-11)-1

\$4.00



FD(A-11)-4

\$4.50



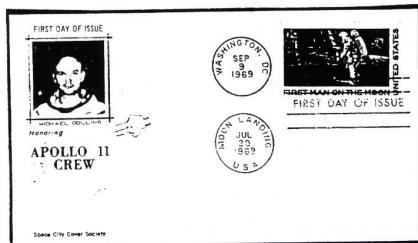
FD(A-11)-2

\$4.00



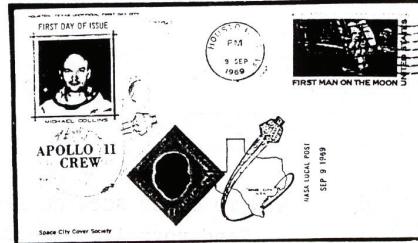
FD(A-11)-5

\$4.50



FD(A-11)-3

\$4.00



FD(A-11)-6

\$4.50

SCOTT #2419 Issued July 20, 1989 20th ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 LANDING ON THE MOON

This was the first-ever Priority Mail stamp issued by the U. S. Postal Service. Its value was \$2.40, minimum price of a Priority Mail piece. First day of issue was July 20, 1989 with the official first day city being Washington D. C.

Special mail bearing this new stamp was also cancelled at the Johnson Space Center Station in Houston with a pictorial hand cancel of July 20, 1989.

The SCCS prepared four different covers for this celebrated event and in very small quantities. With a long-time following of space cover collectors these items went fast. From time to time, a few of these SCCS covers are available and usually at full SCCS catalog prices. Remember, these prices are for SCCS first day covers only.

This event was only the second U. S. stamp issue commemorating Apollo 11. (The first was C-76 airmail stamp issued September 9, 1969.)

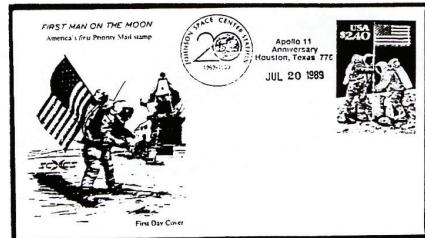
SCCS produced following quantities for this issue:

*Washington D. C. machine cancel 115 issued
*JSC Station single hand cancel 100 issued
*Double cancelled (Houston July 20, 1969)
 with Washington D. C. hand cancel July 20, 1989 50 issued
*Double cancelled (Houston July 20, 1969)
 with JSC Station hand cancel July 20, 1989 50 issued



FD(A-11)-7

\$15.00



FD(A-11)-8

\$17.50



FD(A-11)-9

\$25.00



FD(A-11)-10

\$25.00

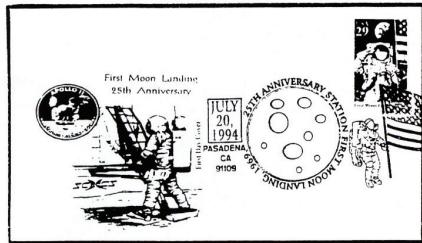
The 25th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first manned lunar landing, was not missed by the U. S. Postal Service. It issued a \$9.95 stamp for Express Mail plus a souvenir sheet of twelve 29¢ stamps in a souvenir sheet format. To attest to the popularity of space stamps the USPS went all out for collectors. Or maybe they just tried to "head problems off at the pass." The stamps were released on the first day to all NASA locations cities. And each location had their own pictorial hand cancel.

SCCS issued first day covers bearing a single 29¢ commemorative with this large pictorial hand cancel from the following NASA sites: (1) Houston TX, (2) Kennedy Space Center FL, (3) Huntsville AL, (4) Edwards CA, (5) Pasadena CA, and (6) Mountain View CA.

Houston, home of the astronauts, and Mission Control for manned flights, had two additional smaller pictorial hand cancels. One for "Apollo 11 Moonlanding Station" and one for "Mission Control Station."

(Rather than to try to load the collectors down with a multitude of different covers of the \$9.95 Express Mail stamp, SCCS left it up to the individual collector. A one-design cacheted envelope was printed up and passed along free to those that ordered the 29¢ first day covers. The U.S.P.S. addresses were given and that way each collector could tailor their own individual needs.)

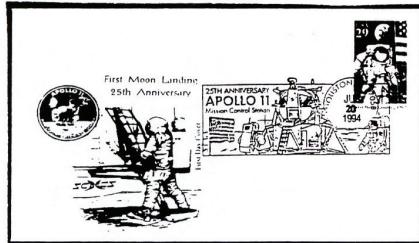
There were "horror stories aplenty" from collectors at various cancelling locations. It was mainly about "no 29¢ stamps on hand" to "refusal for special cancellations" from USPS people because they were not aware of what cancelling devices were supposed to be used.



LARGE CANCEL FROM FOLLOWING NASA LOCATIONS

FD(A-11)-11	Houston TX	\$10.00
FD(A-11)-12	KSC FL	\$10.00
FD(A-11)-13	Huntsville AL	\$10.00
FD(A-11)-14	Edwards CA	\$10.00
FD(A-11)-15	Pasadena CA	\$10.00
FD(A-11)-16	Mountain View CA	\$10.00

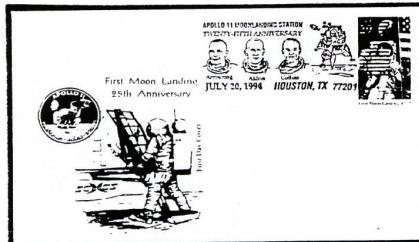
Only 50 from each location serviced by
SCCS



FD(A-11)-17 \$2.50



FD(A-11)-19 \$10.50



FD(A-11)-18 \$2.50

APOLLO 11 LANDING
FIRST MEN ON THE MOON

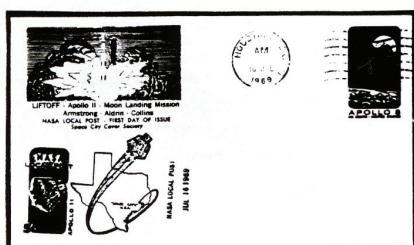
"Man's greatest adventure." That is how the New York Times described the U. S. Apollo mission that enabled Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. to become the first two people in history to walk on the moon's "forbidding surface." And orbiting above them, about 65 miles, was Lunar Module Pilot Michael Collins.

The time was 4:17 p.m.E.D.T. when the Eagle touched down on the surface of the moon. The date was July 20, 1969. Then Armstrong beamed back to Mission Control, "Houston, Tranquillity base here. The Eagle has landed." The event that the world was waiting for took place at 10:56 p.m.E.D.T. July 20, 1969. Neil A. Armstrong "stepped into history." Reaching the bottom rung of the ladder leading down from Apollo 11's landing craft, he reached out his booted left foot and planted the first human footprint on the moon.

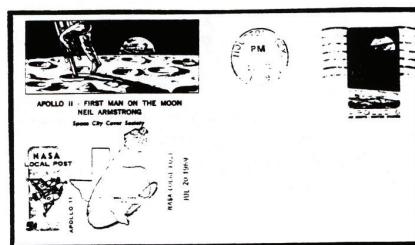
As his foot set itself on the moon, Armstrong let Mission Control and the world hear words now immortalized: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Apollo 11 was not just another space flight. This one was being called the "big one" worldwide. It was the climax of a "decade of work and a score of preparatory missions."

It was July 16, 1969 at 9:32 a.m.E.D.T. when the Apollo 11 spacecraft aboard a Saturn 5 rocket, blasted off Pad 39-A at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The crew was on its way to the moon on an eight day, 500,000 mile journey.



A-11-1 Launch \$7.00



A-11-2 Moonlanding \$10.00

While on the moon, President Nixon marked this momentous occasion by a telephone-radio hook-up from the oval office in the White House to the astronauts standing in front of their spacecraft on the moon. In part Nixon congratulated them with, "For one priceless moment in the whole history of man, all the people on this earth are truly one--one in their pride in what you have done and one in our prayers that you will return safely to earth."

Armstrong replied, "Thank you Mr. President. It's an honor and privilege for us to be here representing not only the United States but men of peace of all nations, men with interests and a curiosity and men with a vision for the future."

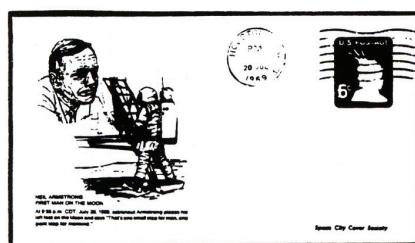
Before ending man's first walk on the moon, which lasted two hours and 21 minutes, astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin left a plaque on the moon. It read in part, "We Came in Peace For All Mankind." Total time on the moon by the pair was 21 hours and 38 minutes.



A-11-3 Nixon \$7.50



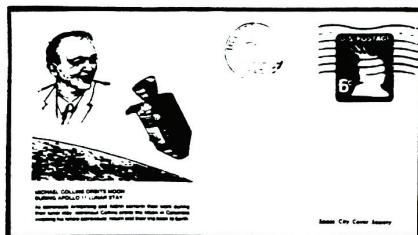
A-11-4 Plaque on Moon \$7.50



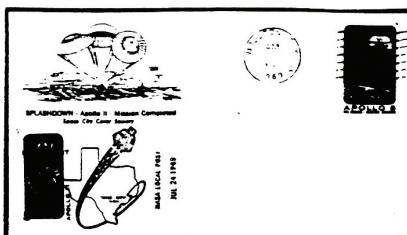
A-11-5 Armstrong on Moon \$7.50



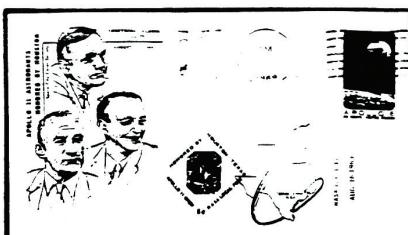
A-11-6 Aldrin on Moon \$7.50



A-11-7 Collins Moon Orbit \$7.50



A-11-8 Splashdown \$6.00

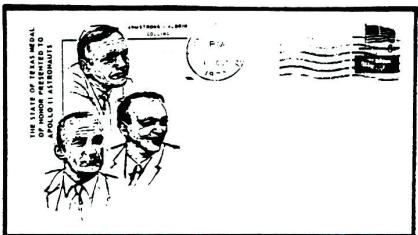


A-11-9 Houston Honors \$3.50

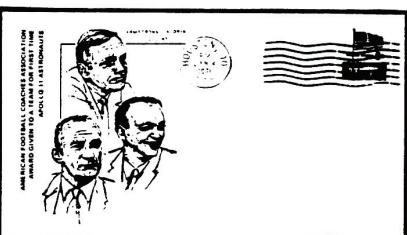
On July 24, 1969, after a mission of 195 hours and 18 minutes, the three crew members of Apollo 11 splashed down in the Pacific Ocean about 950 miles southeast of Hawaii. Waiting to welcome them aboard the recovery aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Hornet, 11 miles away, was President Nixon. He was in the Pacific area en route to a tour of Asian countries.

Apollo 11 was the culmination of 12 years of effort since man discovered he could fly in space, and eight years of the Apollo program since President John F. Kennedy, concerned about Soviet space successes, committed the nation in 1961 to landing a man on the moon "before this decade is out." Men would be walking on the moon and it was the United States that led the way. And as this twentieth century ends its stay, no other country has been able to put anyone else there.

POST MISSION APOLLO 11 EVENTS CELEBRATION



A-11-10 Texas Honors \$2.00

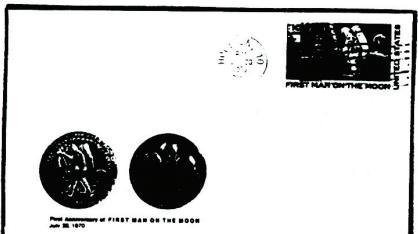


A-11-11 A.F.C.A. Honors \$2.00

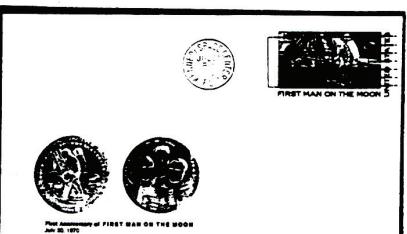


A-11-12 Pad 39-A \$3.00

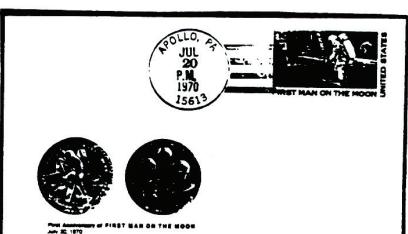
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11.....One year after the "event of the decade" the three astronauts of Apollo 11 got together for a reunion and many special activities. Those included a celebration with Thomas C. Paine, NASA administrator, and a meeting at the United Nations, with U.N. Secretary General U Thant. Philatelically, the trio was honored at Houston, the Kennedy Space Center, Apollo PA, Moon KY and Wapakoneta OH, home of Neil Armstrong.



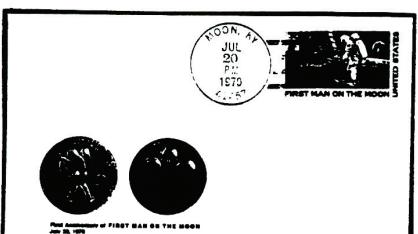
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A-11-14 1st Anniv KSC \$5.00



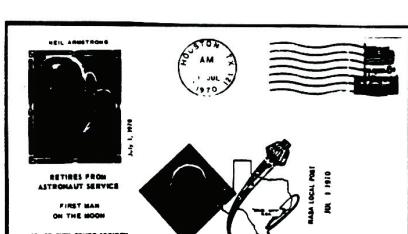
A-11-15 Apollo PA \$5.00



A-11-16 Moon KY \$5.00



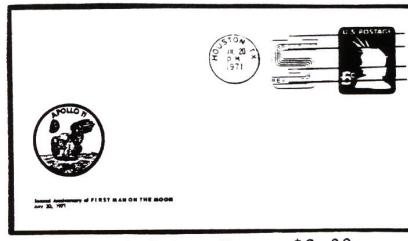
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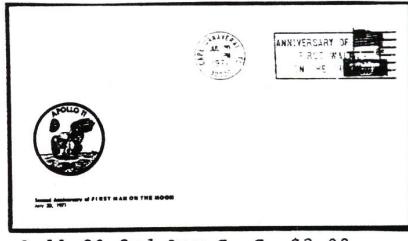
A-11-18 Armstrong Retires \$2.00

SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH
APOLLO 11 ANNIVERSARIES

SCCS covers: two each for second, two for third and Houston only for the fourth anniversary.



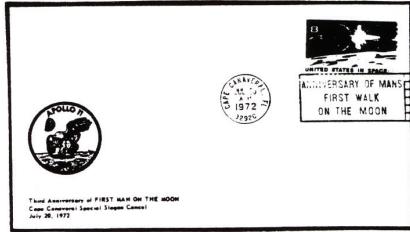
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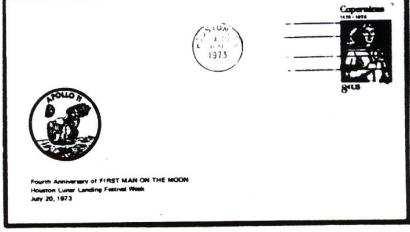
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A-11-21 3rd Anv Hou \$2.00



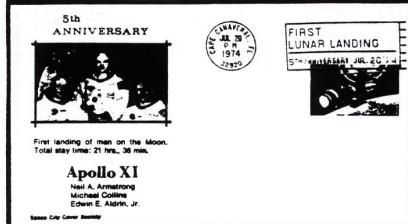
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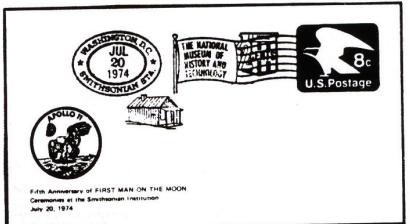
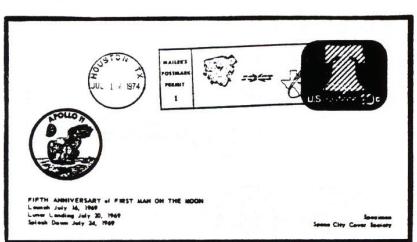
A-11-23 4th Anv Hou \$2.00



A-11-24 Houston \$2.00



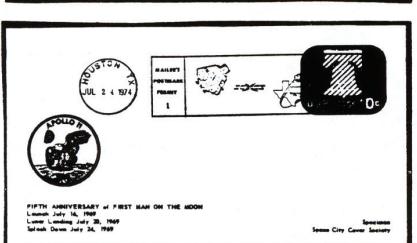
A-11-25 Canaveral \$2.00



A-11-26 Smithsonian \$3.00



A-11-27 Four-Color \$1.50



SPECIAL HOUSTON SLOGAN CANCEL

A-11-31 First Day of Use
A-11-32 Last Day of Use

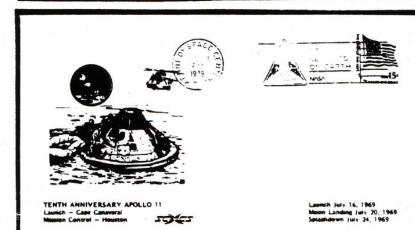
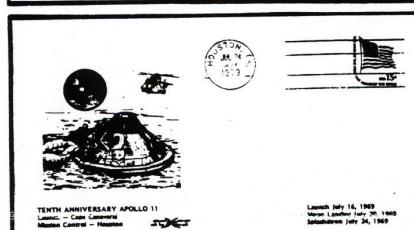
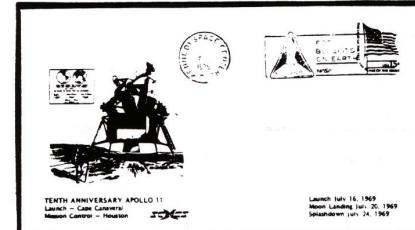
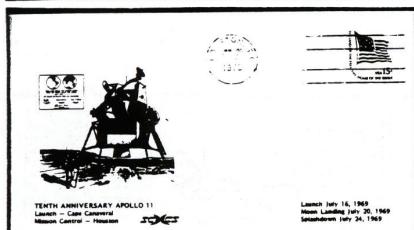
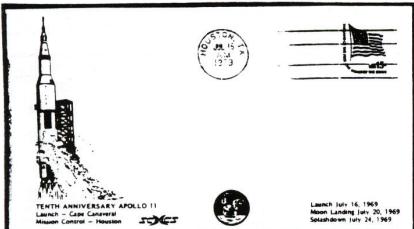
Set of 2 \$3.00

MAILER'S PERMIT POSTMARK
SCCS Houston #1
A-11-28, A-11-29, A-11-30
Set of 3 \$5.00



The tenth anniversary of Apollo 11 was filled with crowd-pleasing activities. In Houston, it was double-barrelled. At the Johnson Space Center, about 30 miles from downtown Houston, it was the JSC-SPACEPEX stamp show, with their distinctive pictorial hand cancel. In downtown Houston, at noon on July 20, it was the dedication of Tranquillity Park adjacent to the City Hall. On hand were many NASA exhibits and the crowd was treated to music by the 539th Air Force Band and cannon firings by several other military groups.

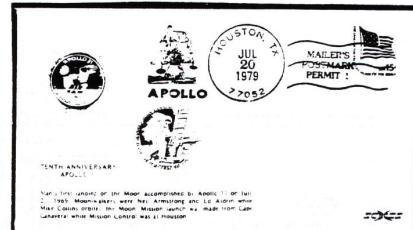
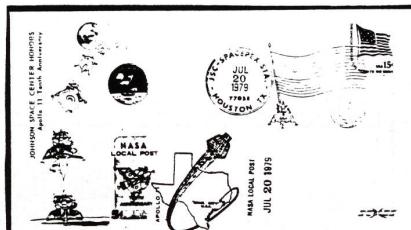
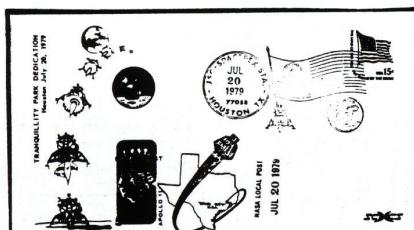
The SCCS contributed a large carton of space covers and the kids were able to take their pick. And for you, the collector, here are the SCCS space covers prepared for this many-faceted anniversary.



Houston Machine Cancel
A-11-33, A-11-34 & A-11-35
Set of 3 \$5.00

KSC Machine Cancel
A-11-36, A-11-37 & A-11-38
Set of 3 \$5.00

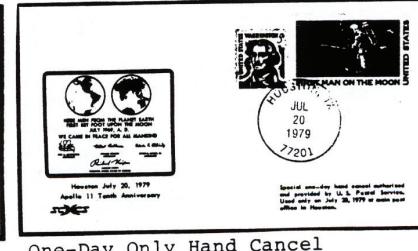
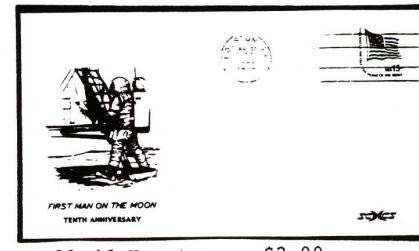
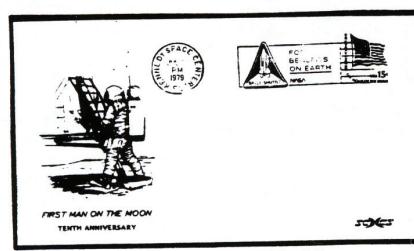
JSC SPACEPEX Hand Cancel
A-11-39, A-11-40 & A-11-41
Set of 3 \$5.00



JSC SPACEPEX & NASA Local Post
A-11-42 Tranquillity Park \$2.00

JSC SPACEPEX & NASA Local Post
A-11-43 JSC Honors \$2.00

Houston MPP #1 Hand Cancel
A-11-44 \$2.00

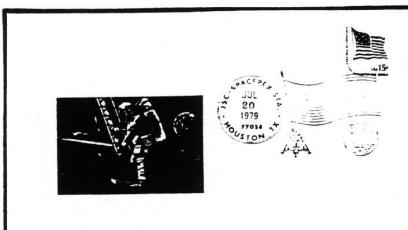


A-11-45 KSC \$2.00

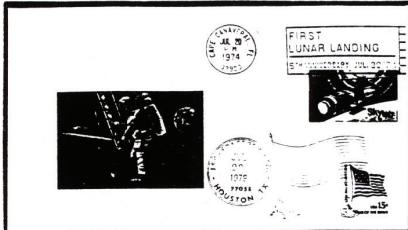
A-11-46 Houston \$2.00

One-Day Only Hand Cancel
A-11-47 Houston \$2.00

TENTH ANNIVERSARY COVERS CONT'D



A-11-48 4-Color Cachet \$2.00



A-11-49 Double Cancels \$2.50



A-11-50 20 Jul 69 & 1979 \$12.50

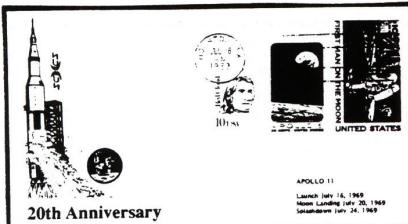


FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY APOLLO 11
Double cancelled cover Houston
cancels. (Jul 20, 1969 & 1984)
A-11-51 \$10.00



A-11-58 JSC Hand \$2.00

20th Anniversary



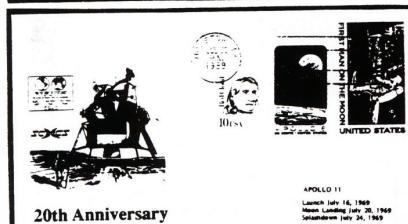
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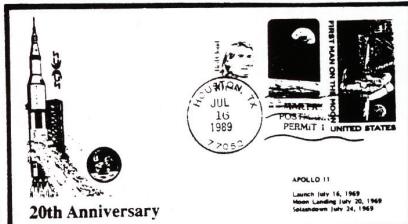
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A-11-59 Houston \$2.00



20th Anniversary



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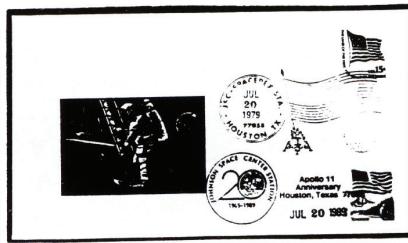
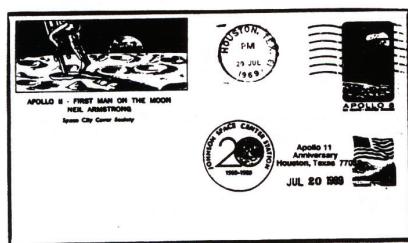


A-11-60 MPP Hand \$2.00

Set of 3 Houston Machine Cancel
A-11-52, A-11-53 & A-11-54 \$5.00

Set of 3 MPP Hand Cancel
A-11-55, A-11-56 & A-11-57 \$5.00

Double Cancels
A-11-61 \$12.50



Double Cancels
A-11-62 \$4.00