

Dear Space Cover Collector:

The Space City Cover Society can't walk in space, but we are going to do the next best thing -- take to the air.

We are going to have some sheets of the "twin" Astronaut stamps flown to Houston -- home of the Astronauts and NASA -- from Orlando, Florida, so we can have an "unofficial" First Day Cover on Sept. 29th, the same day the Post Office Department will be issuing the space commemorative.

How will it be done? By split second timing, with a courier making it from the Orlando Post Office to the Airport in time to meet the Delta Airline flight to Houston! Our courier will be waiting at the Orlando Post Office, and the moment the stamps go on sale will purchase the necessary supply of sheets and rush to the Airport for the waiting plane, and be flown to Houston. At the other end of the flight, in Houston, one of our members will be waiting anxiously at the Airport for the arrival of the "twin" Astronaut stamps.

The "twin" Astronaut stamps honor the Astronauts in general, with no one specific in mind. However, from the design of the stamp, and the equipment shown, it is obvious that it is based on a photograph of Edward H. White II, who became the first American to leave his Space Craft in orbit. Astronaut White was one of the three men who perished in the Apollo I flash fire last January.

In his memory, the Space City Cover Society -- in conjunction with the "twin" Astronaut stamps -- will issue a NASA Local Commemorative Stamp featuring Astronaut White. The Local NASA Stamp will be applied to the unofficial First Day Cover and cancelled Sept. 29th, with the Special Local Cancel. After the Local stamp and cancel have been applied, the covers will be brought to the Houston Post Office for the Sept. 29th cancel of the "twin" Astronaut stamp, thus providing the unofficial First Day Cover with an official NASA Commemorative Local. An appropriate cachet will also be applied.

The "unofficial" First Day Cover with a single U. S. stamp, and the NASA Local will be 50¢ each. If a cover with a pair of the "twin" stamps and a NASA Local is wanted, the price will be 60¢ each.

The Edward H. White II NASA Local Stamp is being printed in sheets of nine (9) stamps, and will sell for 45¢ a sheet, or 5¢ for each Local Stamp.

ALL ORDERS WILL BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER. THEREFORE, EACH ORDER FOR COVERS AND/OR LOCAL SHEETS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY 5¢ EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING --- ALONG WITH ADDRESSED LABELS.

Because a limited number of the "twin" stamps will be flown in from Orlando to Houston, your order NOW will insure delivery of your covers.

For continued bulletins regarding the activities of the Space City Cover Society, please send four (4) large self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

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