

Dear Space Collector:

We thought you might like to know a bit about the background of the Space City Cover Society, as well as its aims and purposes.

Because of the importance of Houston, Texas, as a Space Center -- it's the headquarters for the Manned Space Flight Control -- it was inevitable that philatelic space enthusiasts would get together and form a society. We were organized shortly before the untimely deaths of Astronauts Grissom, White and Chaffee. We organized under the name of the Space City Philatelic Society but ultimately changed it to Space City Cover Society due to a chain of events.

When word was received of the tragic death of our first Apollo team, our Society wrestled with itself as to whether we should have some covers cancelled and we decided that in the interest of other and future space collectors that we do so. However, when we attempted to get a "NASA" station cancel we learned that none was available because all mail in the Houston area -- and this includes NASA -- is cancelled at the main Houston Post Office.

It was at this point that our Society 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, for space events with a Houston tie-in. We also decided to change our name to the more appropriate one of Space City Cover Society. From time to time, as the event has required, our Society has issued a NASA Local stamp and cancel. However, it is well to point out that our Society has no connection with NASA. The NASA Local Post stamps are printed in bi-color, offset, and perforated. The stamps are printed in the form of a souvenir sheet, with marginal inscriptions on each sheet. We might add that these are not U. S. Postage, but a Local Post stamp.

Since we have received requests for our covers and NASA Local Post stamps and cancel from all over the world, and because we cancel a limited number of covers, we have asked those interested in Houston based Space events to furnish our Society with four (4) legal size (4 1/8 x 9 1/2"), stamped, addressed envelopes. In this way we can keep you posted on events in which our Society will participate. Also, there are no dues to anyone.

So, if you are interested in Space events with a NASA Local Post stamp and cancel, we will be glad to keep you posted. Just send the four required stamped, addressed envelopes to the Space City Cover Society, P. O. Box 53545, Houston, Texas 77052 and we will see that future bulletins are sent to you.

Yours very truly,

SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY