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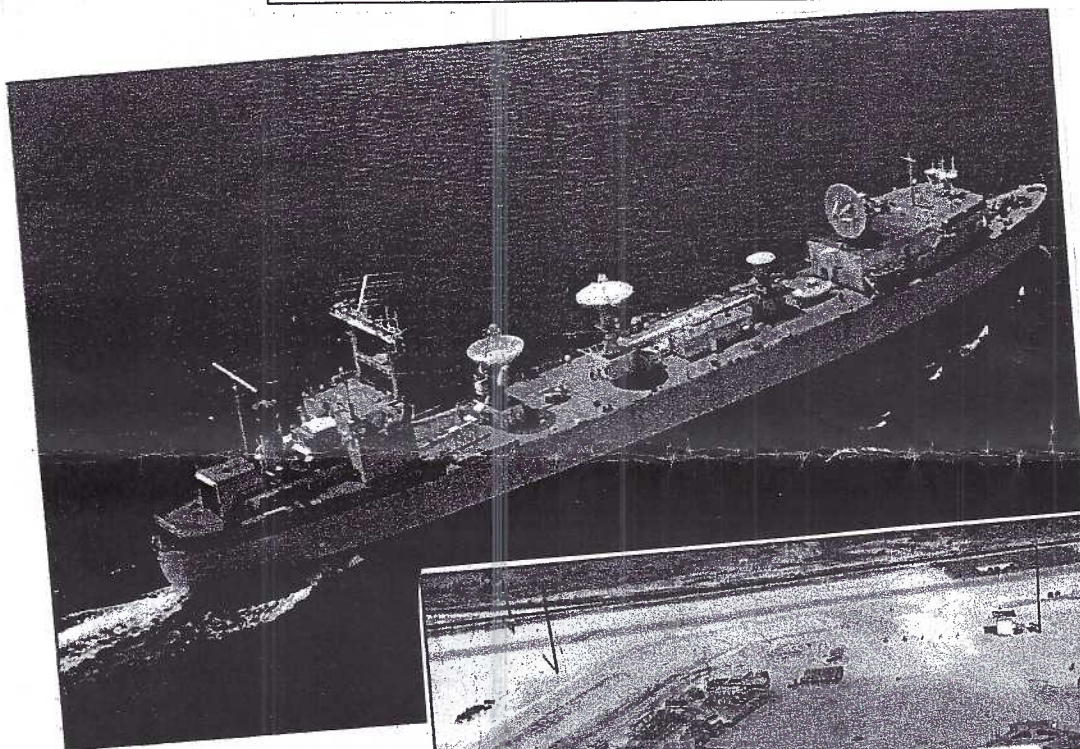
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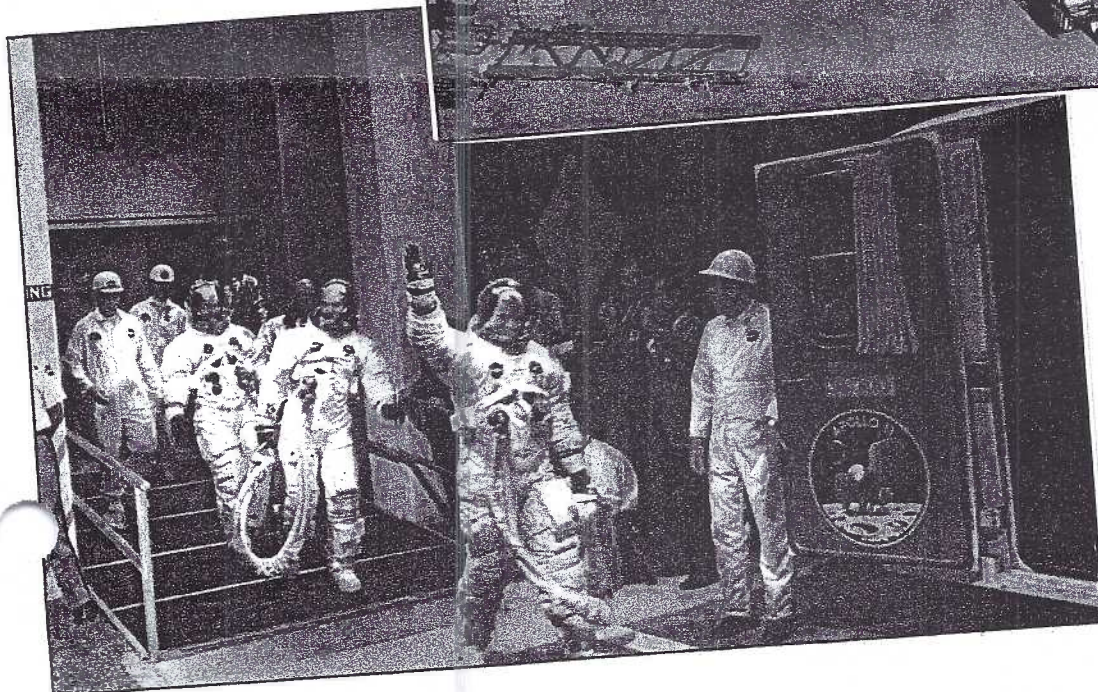
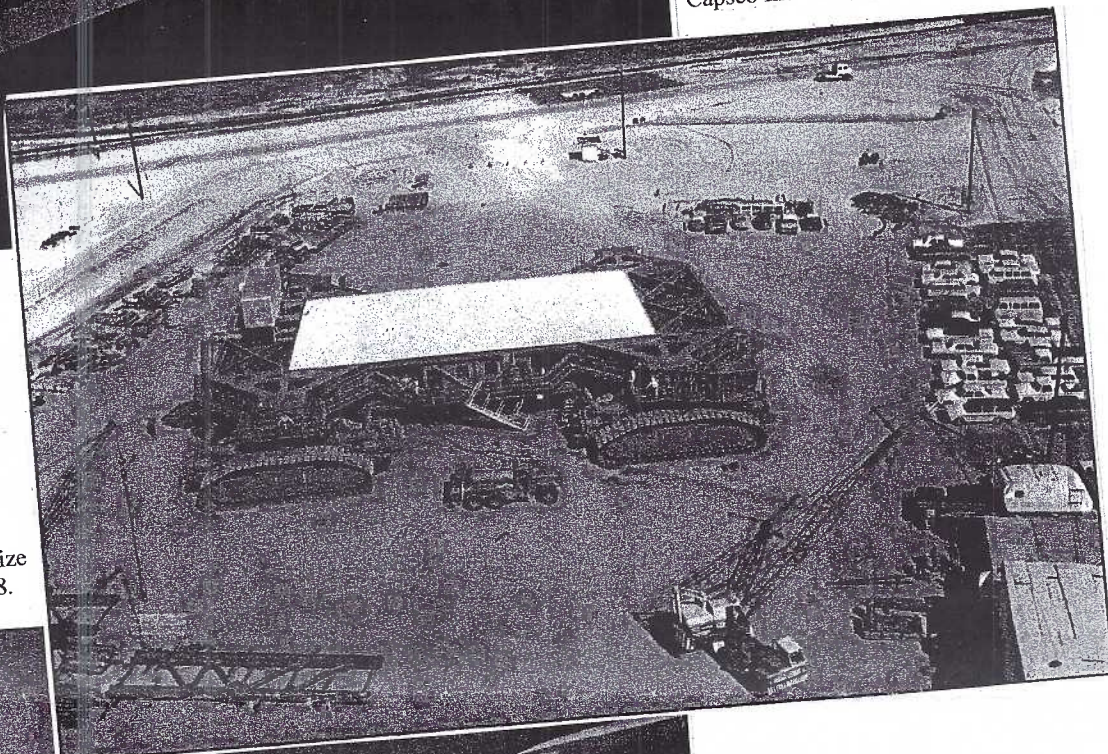
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Postcards Record The History of Space Travel

NASA employs ocean-going instrumental vessels to provide links with orbiting space craft where land base facilities cannot provide coverage.
Capsco Inc. card #K101473.

Aerial view of Crawler-Transporter #1 used to move spacecraft from Vehicle Assembly Building to launch pads. (Note cars on right for size comparison.) Koppel #106488.



Astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins leave for van which will take them to Pad 39A and Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969.
Koppel PC #115152.

Our Cover Cards and More

by Jim Ward

More than once *The Card's* readers have been reminded of how important postcards are in recording a growing piece of our world's history. And more often than not, those same readers brushed aside Space PCs as simply "trivia." But for future generations, these colorful chromes will be the history that your grandchildren will appreciate. They'll be the tangible relics they can enjoy when their computers, their TVs and their iPods aren't turned on – and you didn't take the time to collect a few for them – shame on you!

Air and Space postcards are a little older than you think. (Check the time frames in the chart.) It seems like yesterday that John Glenn walked on the moon. Think again – and looking over our examples, you'll see how much has happened since then. A and S cards were once 10¢ and 25¢ (and you can still find a few for those prices), but at 50¢, \$1, and \$2, they're still great bargains. Think of your grandchildren – they know more about space than Grandma does!

Highlights of Space Travel*

90 years ago -

Mar. 3, 1915 National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) is founded. Its goal - to catch up to Europe in airplane technology.

60 years ago -

Oct. 14, 1947 Chuck Yeager - first human to break the sound barrier.

50 years ago -

Oct. 4, 1957 Soviets launch Sputnik 1, world's first artificial satellite

Oct. 1, 1958 National Aeronautics and Space Admin. (NASA) absorbs NACA.

Jan. 31, 1958 Explorer-1, first US satellite launched.

Oct. 7, 1958 Project Mercury begins.

45 years ago -

April 12, 1961 Yuri Gagarin - first human in space.

Feb. 20, 1962 John Glenn - first Am. to orbit the Earth

Jan. 27, 1967 Flash fire on launch pad kills Grissom, White and Chaffee on Apollo 1.

Jul. 20, 1969 Armstrong, Aldrin - first humans to walk on the moon.

35 years ago -

March 2, 1972 Pioneer 10 - Earth's first space probe to outer planets

July 17-19 1975 Russia and the USA united in space on the Apollo-Soyuz flight mission.

25 years ago -

Apr. 12, 1981 First Space Shuttle mission in orbit.

Jan. 28, 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger explodes on launch pad. Crew of seven is lost.

*history.nasa.gov. for in-depth data on the Internet.



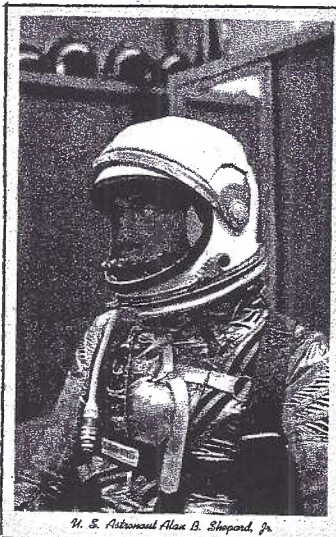
U. S. Astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr.

U. S. Marine Corps. Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr., born July 18, 1921, Cambridge, OH. Curteich card #2DK-1506. (1962)



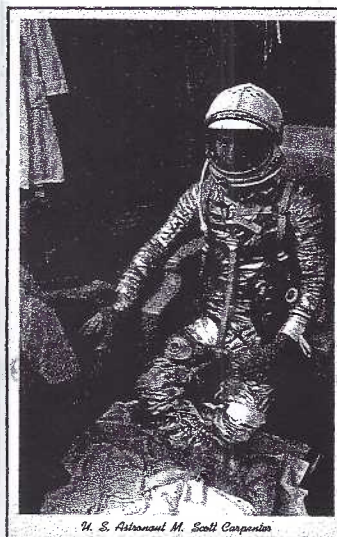
U. S. Astronaut Virgil I. Grissom

U. S. Air Force Maj. Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, born April 3, 1926, Mitchell, IN. Curteich card #2DK-1507. (1962)



U. S. Astronaut Alan B. Shepard, Jr.

U. S. Navy Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr., born Nov. 18, 1923, East Derry, NH. Curteich card #2DK-1508 (1962)



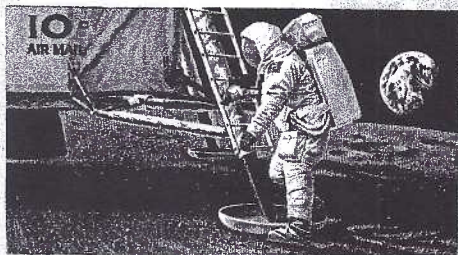
U. S. Astronaut M. Scott Carpenter

U. S. Navy Lt. Commander M. Scott Carpenter, born May 1, 1925, Boulder, CO. Curteich card #2DK-1509. (1962)

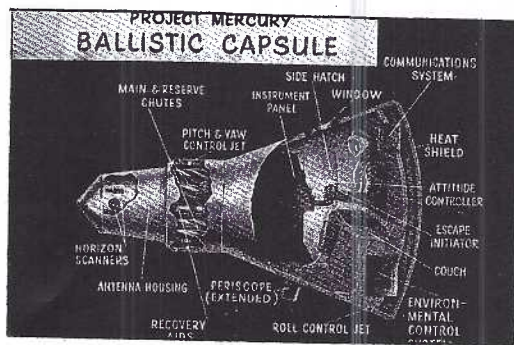
Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, Commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Mission. "That's one step for man, one giant step for mankind" was his quote as he placed first one, then the other foot on the moon's surface at 10:56:20 PM (EDT) July 20, 1969. Mike Roberts cc postcard #CC25910.



Neil A. Armstrong, First Man On The Moon



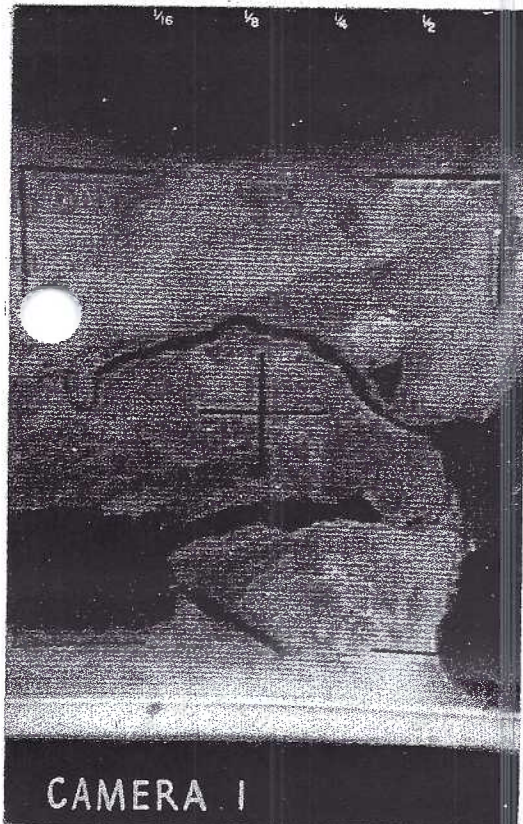
The "First Man on the Moon" stamp from a master die carried to the surface of the moon and back by the Apollo 11 Crew. Dexter continental size (cc) postcard #54857-C.



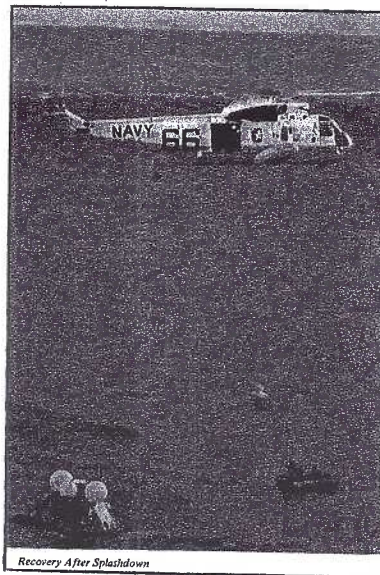
Basic design of the Project Mercury capsule which was used by America's astronauts in their suborbital and orbital flights. B/W photo courtesy of NASA. Card #5 by Exhibit Supply Co.



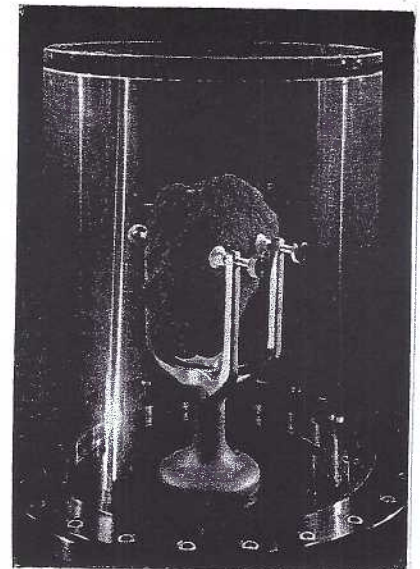
An artist's conception of the lunar landing mission on an early Plastichrome #P49555.



"This striking view of the Red Sea, Nile River and Delta, the Suez Canal and a portion of the Mediterranean Sea, was taken from the Tiros V satellite which was launched into orbit June 19, 1962 from Cape Canaveral, FL. The satellite completes one orbit every 100.5 minutes with a maximum altitude of 604 miles and a minimum altitude of 367 miles. B/W photo courtesy of NASA. Card #9 by Exhibit Supply Co..



Apollo 11 astronauts prepare to be hoisted aboard recovery helicopter following their splashdown July 24, 1969. They then entered the Mobile Quarantine Facility aboard the USS Hornet. Mike Roberts cc #CC25926.

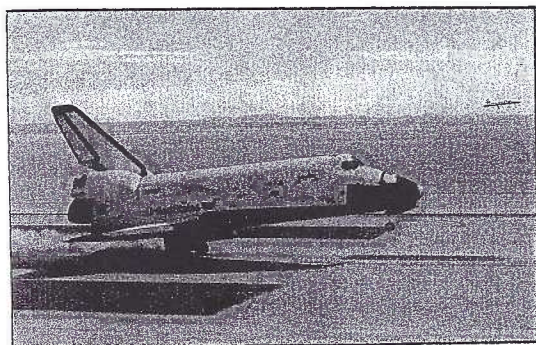


Specimen of lunar rock collected by Armstrong and Aldrin. Fist-sized and weighing about a pound, its composition is called micro-breccia, a loosely compacted mix of powdered glass, crystalline rock and debris. Dexter cc #60022-C.

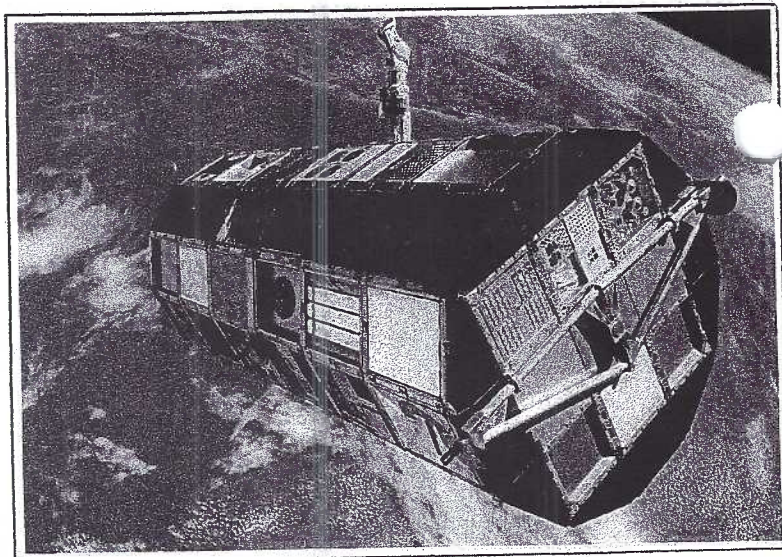


By contrast to the b/w Suez Canal aerial, below is a color photo of Earth as seen by Apollo 17 crewmen during their journey toward the moon in Dec. 1972. You can see the entire continent of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. #F001 cc by Kimball.

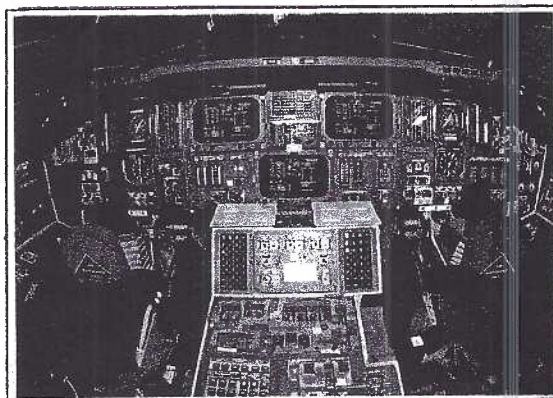
Misc. Space Postcards #2



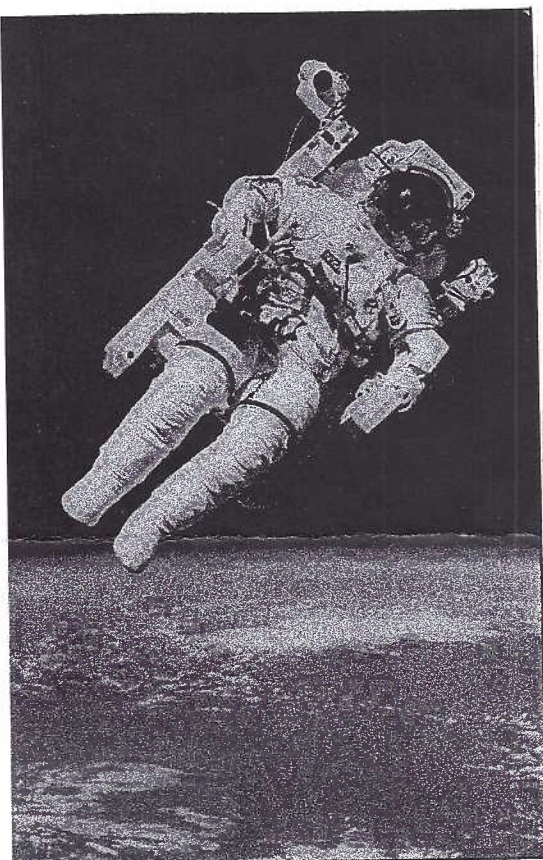
Columbia returns to Earth, completing the first full test of the Space Transportation System (STS). It touched down on Rogers Drylake at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Facility, Edward's Air Force Base, CA. #17085B distributed by Action Packets, Inc. of Ocala, FL.



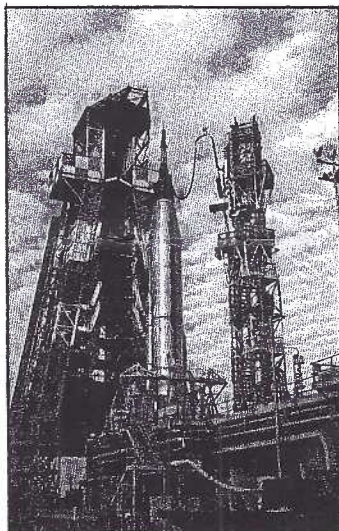
A Long Duration Exposure Facility (LDEF) high above the Gulf of Mexico with Florida in the upper background. The LDEF's home is the Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX. #4627-IF, a 1984 cc by Impact, Inc., Longwood, FL.



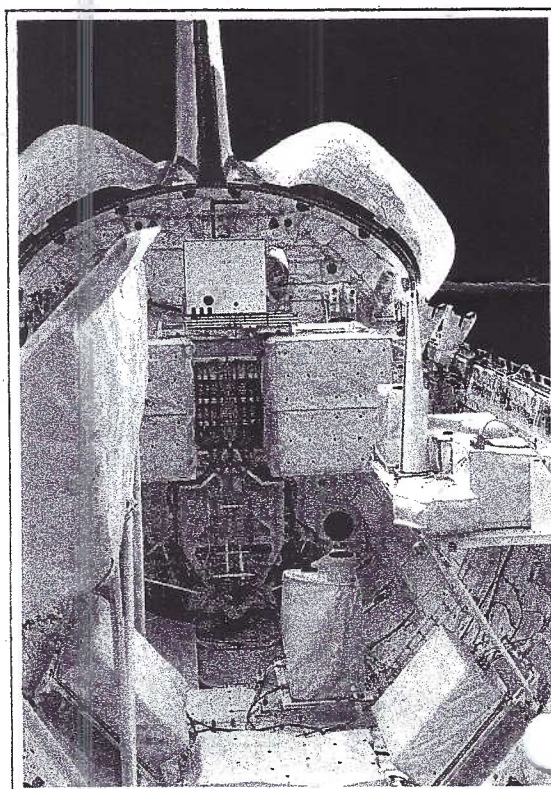
Interior of the Space Shuttle's flight deck. #F037 cc by Kimball Concepts, AZ.



Astronaut Bruce McCandless II participates in an historical extravehicular activity (EVA) a few meters away from the cabin of the Earth-orbiting Space Shuttle Challenger. He was demonstrating the first use of a nitrogen-propelled hand-controlled device called the manned maneuvering unit (MMU). Dexter #10-5980.



Atlas-Mercury – the vehicle that carried American astronauts to orbit – being readied for launch at Cape Kennedy, FL. Koppel #54331.



Orbiter Columbia opens its bay doors to undergo a series of tests while in outer space. #1346-IF, 1982, by Impact, Inc.

Gnomes and Frogs by Jim Ward*

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**Bryan expected to be working overtime this month and ask for some fill-in help.*

Spending time searching for a proper definition of a Gnome is time surely lost. Hearing someone's explanation of how elves, gnomes, trolls and dwarves differ is also lost time and painful for those who must listen! We can better spend our time enjoying our idea of Gnomes as we find them on postcards.

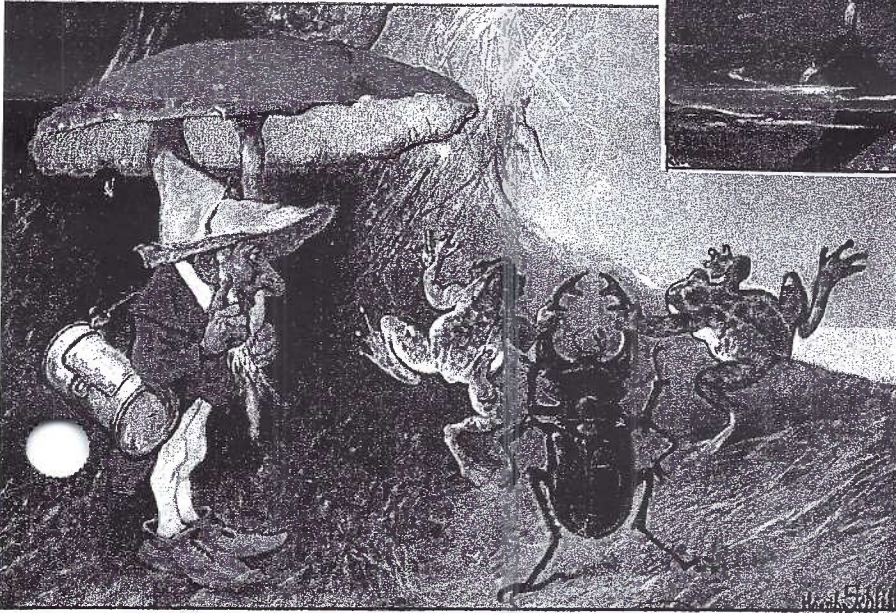
An animal that frequently creeps into collections of Gnomes is the Frog. Do Gnomes and Frogs frequent the same places or do they "just get along?"

Finding Frogs on postcards isn't as easy as it used to be. The same is true of Gnomes! Both have become very popular PC subjects and unfortunately, the demand continues to over-power the supply.

Here are a few Gnomes and Frogs to enjoy.

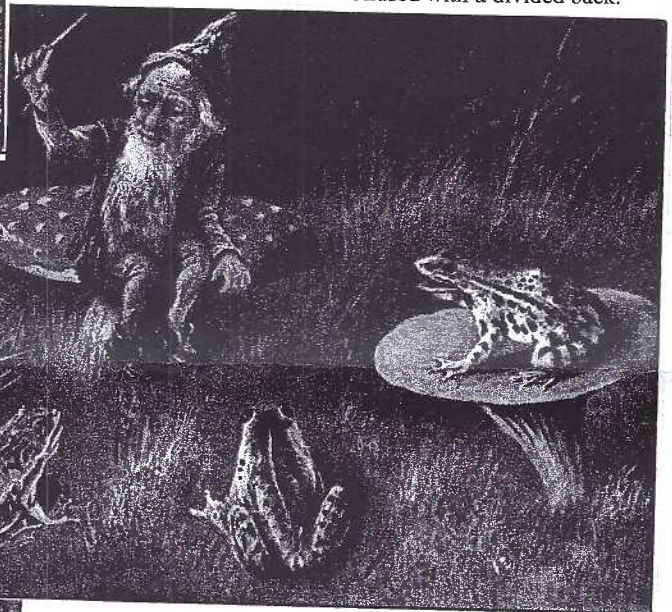


Art is by E. Dorno of Munich. The angler and friend were mailed June 27, 1908. Series 197; no publ. I.D.



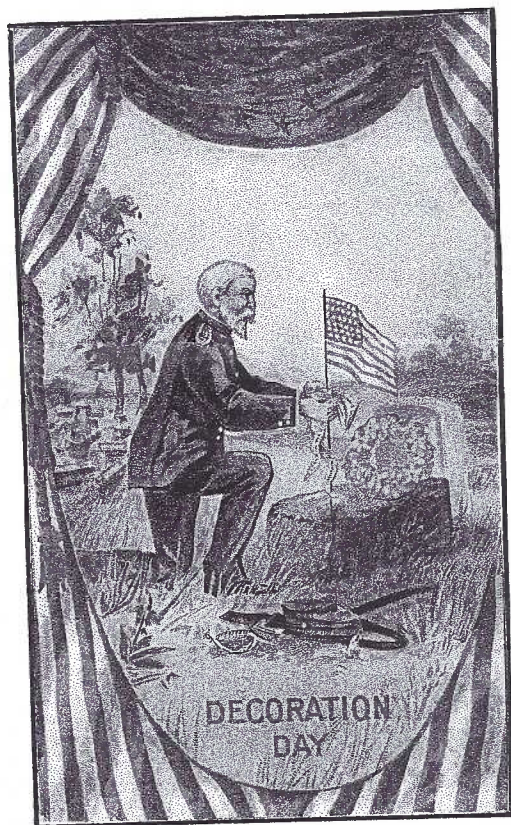
The artist is Heinrich Schlitt.* Our hiker, with his mushroom sunshade and vasculum hanging from his shoulder, has stopped long enough to watch a jig. Series 215, unused, u/b; no publ. I.D. *Dede Schaeffer reminds us Schlitt is best known for his gnomes that appear in the art on many old German beer steins.

A bag game hunter returns home in a second scene from Series 215 by Heinrich Schlitt of Munich.



CLUB PAGE

By Dick Pendergrast



APRIL MEETING

The program subject for the April meeting was the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 and was given by Dick Pendergrast. It was timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of that event.

The competitive exhibit subject was "Umbrellas", a single card

Winners of the competition were:

1st Place – Sandra Shaub – "Chicks under Umbrella"

2nd Place – Dede Schaeffer – "Chicken Family"

3rd Place – Barbara Heim – "A Friendly Approach"

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated in the exhibit. They were Doug Milliken, Walt Mowrer, Carl & Dorothy Haffly, Ruth & Harold Moyer, Dick Pendergrast, Carol Giona, Bob Kramer, Maria Schurz, Jim Ward, Don Tribit, Betty Weaver, Gisela Withers and Don & Theresa Jumper.

Doorprizes were won by Al Shaub and Ruth Yohe
Winner of the 50/50 was Don Tribit

MAY MEETING

The program for May will be "Political Postcards" by Leon Rowe.

The competitive exhibit this month will be a board, subject "Potpourri". This means the subject is up to you. Anything is acceptable. We will conduct the competition as we have the last few months with voting occurring before the second half of the meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Save the date for these upcoming shows in the local area:

Hagerstown, Maryland – May 19 and 20

York, Pa. – July 8

Lancaster, Pa. – August 19. THIS IS OUR CLUB SHOW!

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

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