

APF Judging Seminar Astrophilately

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Astrophilatelic Basics

Definition

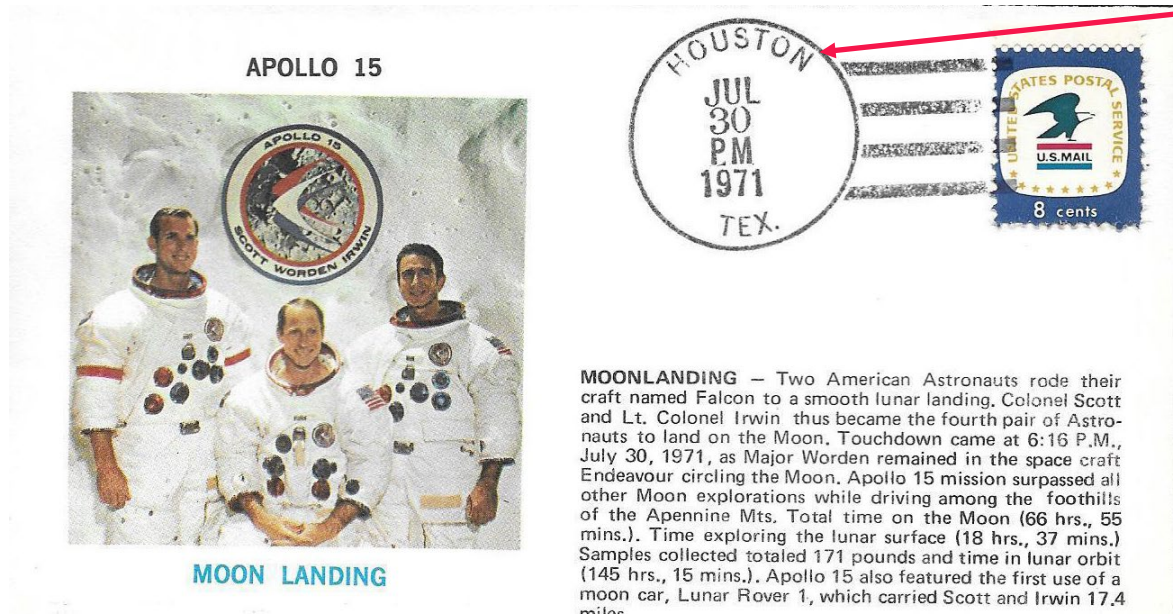
Astrophilately is a philatelic study of:

- space flights and space-related events and
- illustrates historical, scientific and technical progress achieved in the exploration of space

Postmarks are the most important element of each astrophilatelic cover

Astrophilatelic Basics

Cancellation from the Correct Location

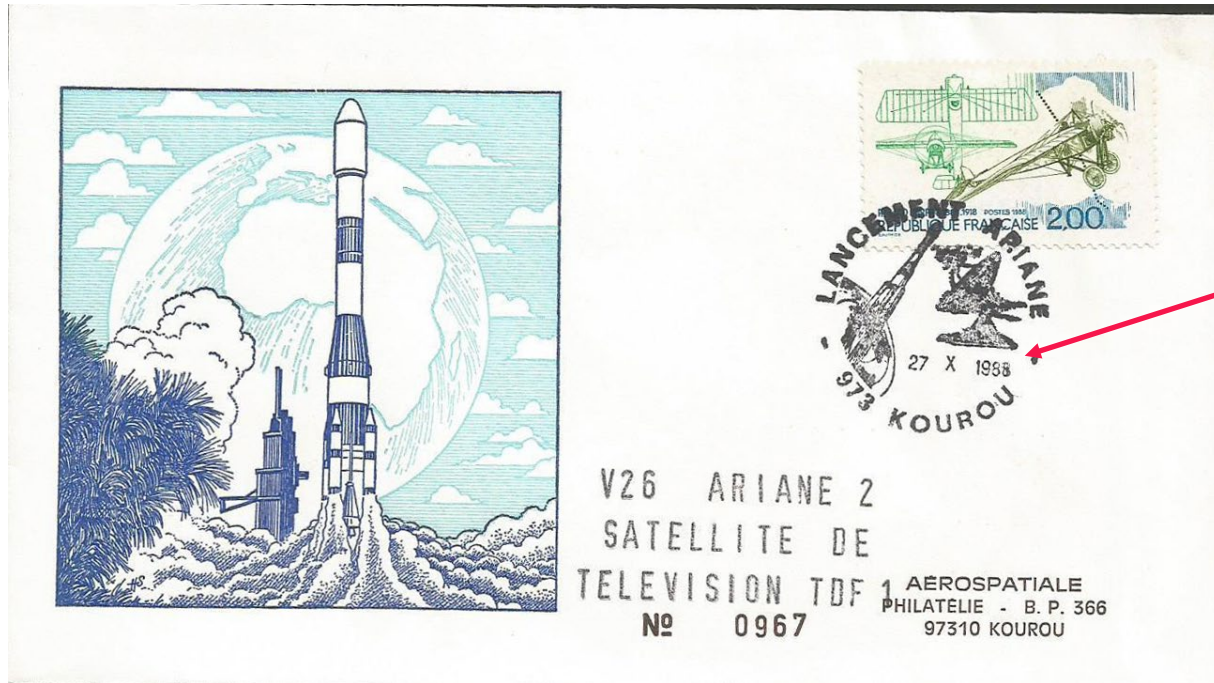


Apollo 15 Moon landing - **Houston, TX** – 30 July 1971

- Post office **nearest** to event
- Prime **recovery ship**
- Close to Mission Control Centre or on-board for events **in space**
- **Supporting facilities** - tracking stations, support aircraft, etc
- Cancellations from other locations not suitable

Astrophilatelic Basics

Cancellation must have Correct Date



- The **exact date**
- When post office is closed the postmark of the **next working day** is acceptable

Arian V26 launch - Kourou – 27 October 1988

Astrophilatelic Basics

The **write up** should cover:

- Dates, location, purpose of event
- Key aspects of technical data
- Special activities on board
- Extra-vehicular activities (EVAs)
- Payloads, and scientific experiments



Appropriate Material

Philatelic Items in Astrophilately

Most philatelic items can be shown:

Event Covers

Space Mail

Postal Stationery

Telegrams

Military Post

Maritime Mail

Rocket Mail

Stratosphere Mail

Letters to & from Space

Electronic Mail

Stamps

QUESTIONS ?

Appropriate Material

Event Covers

Launch, docking, undocking, EVA, landing, launch aborts, test launches, launch failures

Cancellations:

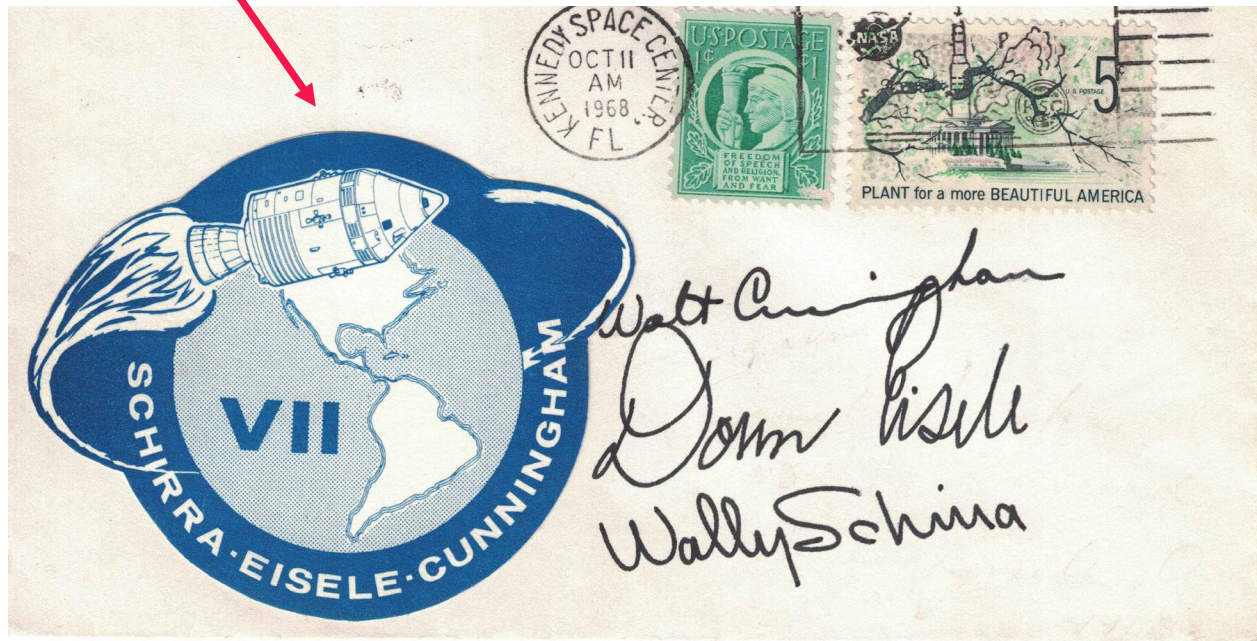
- Post office nearby launch or landing with exact date of event
- Close to Mission Control Centre or on-board post office for EVAs
- Vicinity of mission control centre or crash area where spacecraft burned up or crashed

Special cancellations only if no event cancellation exists

Anniversary cancellations are not suitable

Appropriate Material Event Covers - Launch

KSC cachet
KSC Postmark

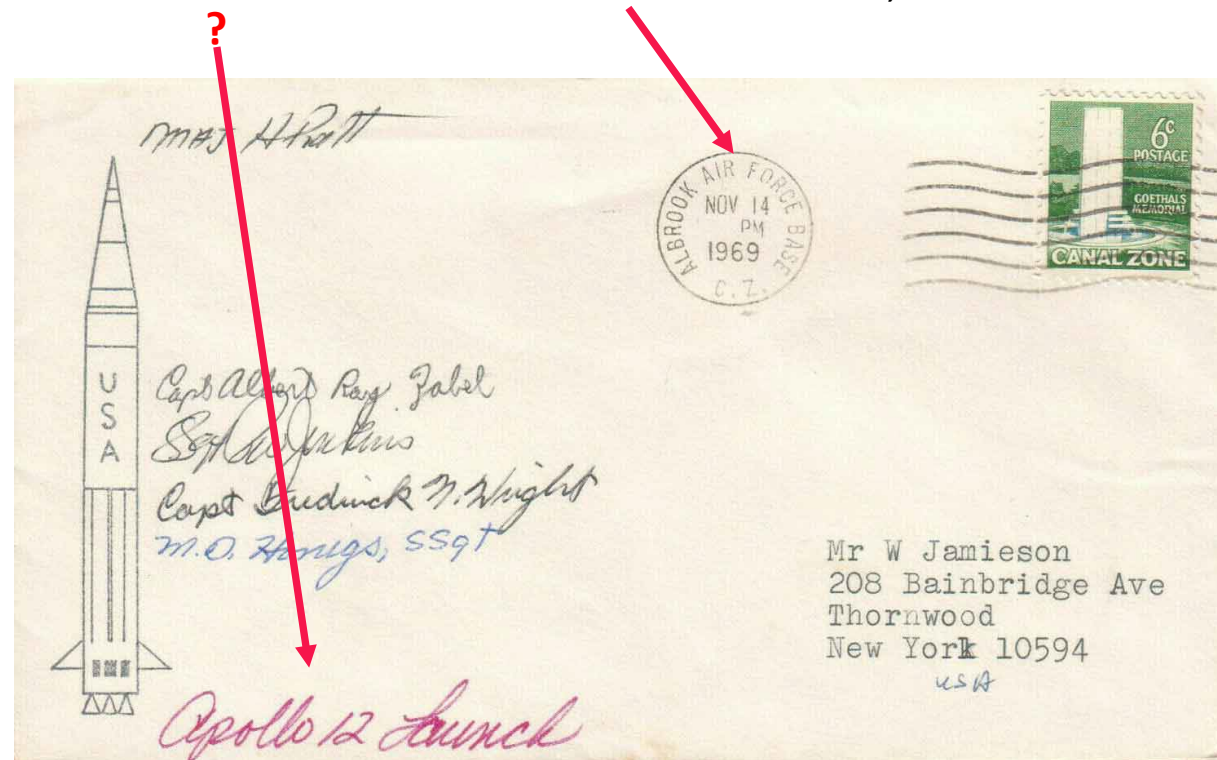


Apollo VII Launch – KSC 11 Oct 1968



Correct location, date, KSC cachet

Albrook A.F.B., Panama



Apollo XII Launch – Albrook Air Force Base 14 Nov 1969



Wrong location & correct date

Appropriate Material

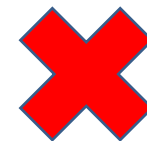
Event Covers - Launch

Khmelnytskyi



ELDO launch - Woomera - 4 August 1967

Correct location & date



15th Anniversary Gagarin Flight

Wrong location & wrong year

Appropriate Material

Event Covers - Landing

USS Lake Champlain

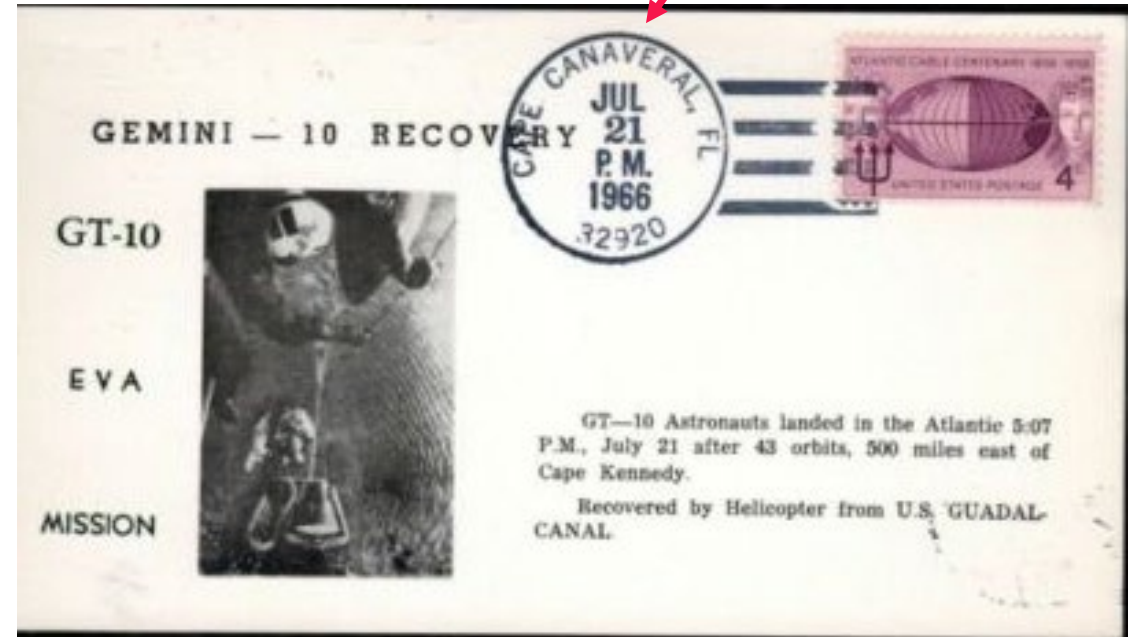


Gemini II Splash down - Lake Champlain 19 January 1965

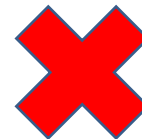


Correct primary recovery ship & date

Cape Canaveral



GT 10 Splash down – Cape Canaveral 21 July 1966



Wrong location & correct date

Appropriate Material

Event Covers - Docking / EVA



✓ Progress M-56 docking – Korolev - 26 April 2006

✓ Skylab EVA - Houston, TX - 22 November 1973

Appropriate Material

Event Covers - Support Facilities

Covers from tracking stations, secondary recovery ships, aeroplanes, rescue helicopters and other supporting aircraft, if they are postmarked during the mission

Official cachets are preferred.

Appropriate Material Spacemail

Philatelic material **flown** onboard at least one spacecraft

Must be cancelled on-board showing the appropriate markings

- on-board postmarks
- on-board cachets
- authenticating signatures

Often signed by the crew in space

Appropriate Material

Spacemail



Salyut-5 – Soyuz 21 - 6 July 1986



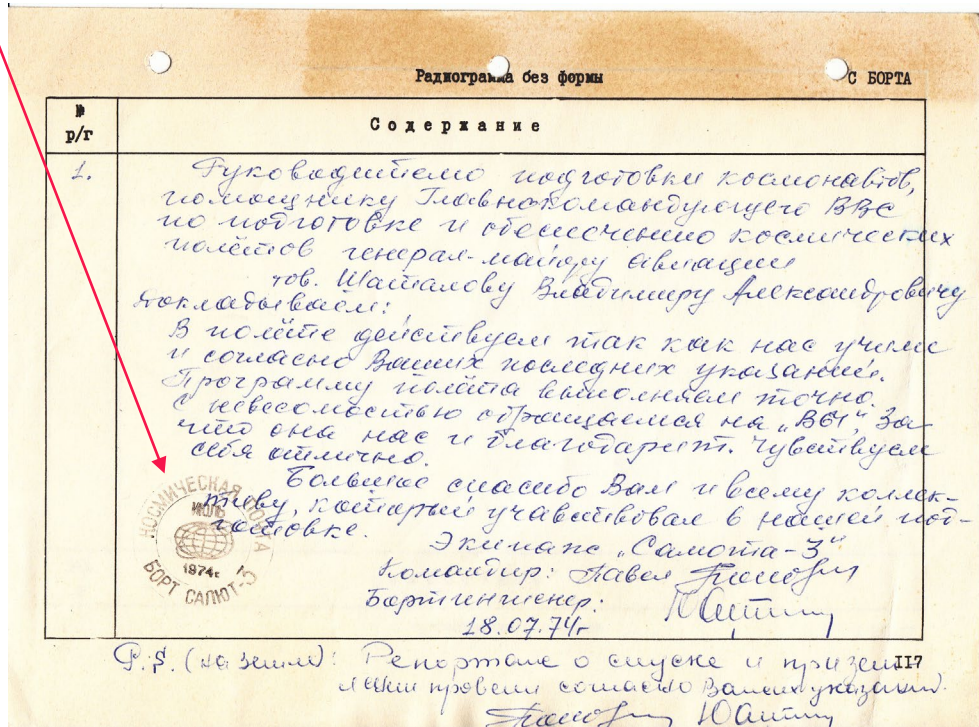
Shenzhou-5 – 6 September 2003

Appropriate Material

Spacemail

Board cachet

Official post marks



Salyut-3 - Telegram to Shatalov – 18 July 1974

Shenzhou-10 – 1-28 June 2013

Other Appropriate Material

Stamps, Postal Stationery & Special Cancellations

Stamps or postal stationery issued by the country involved in the depicted space event, within 12 months of the event

They should **not** bear a wording highlighting an anniversary

Special cancellations only where no event covers exist

First day of issue postmarks should not be shown unless the date coincides with the event

This kind of material should not dominate.

Appropriate Material Stamps



Stratosphere Balloon Disaster - 1934



Ariane 5 - Liberia



Non participating country - Anniversary

Appropriate Material

Special Cancellations & Club Cachets

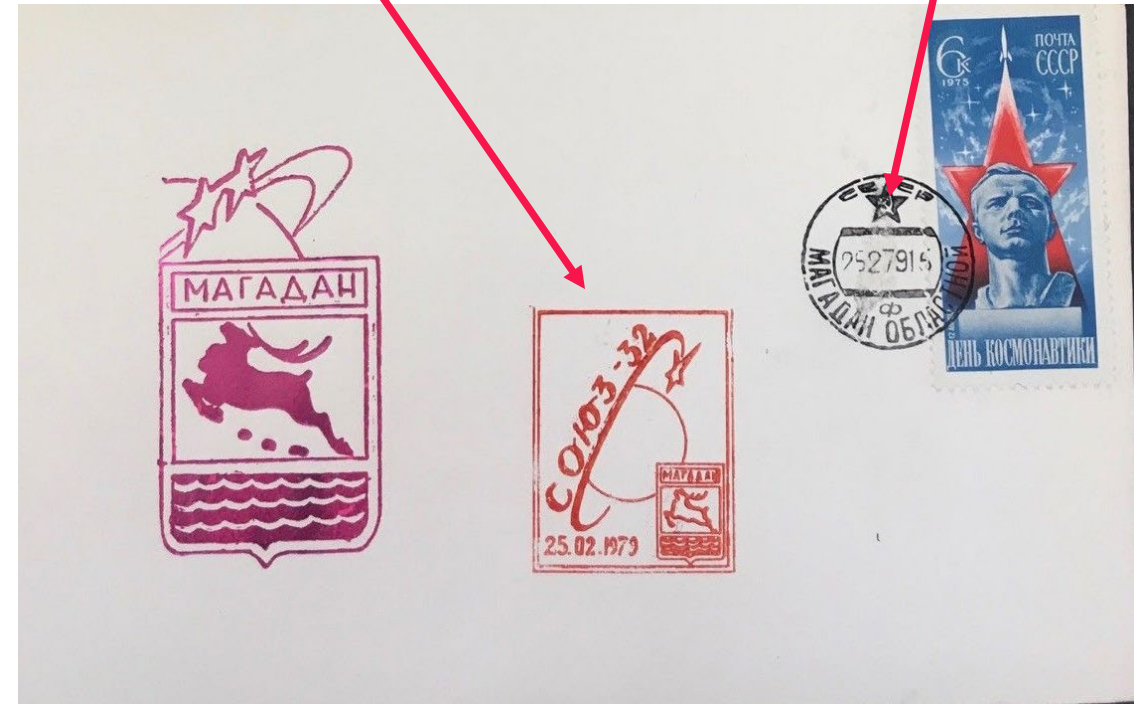
Kiev, 12 April 1961



Gagarin launch 12 April 1961- Kiev

Club cachet

Magadan, 25 Feb 1979

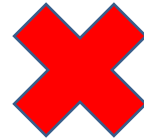
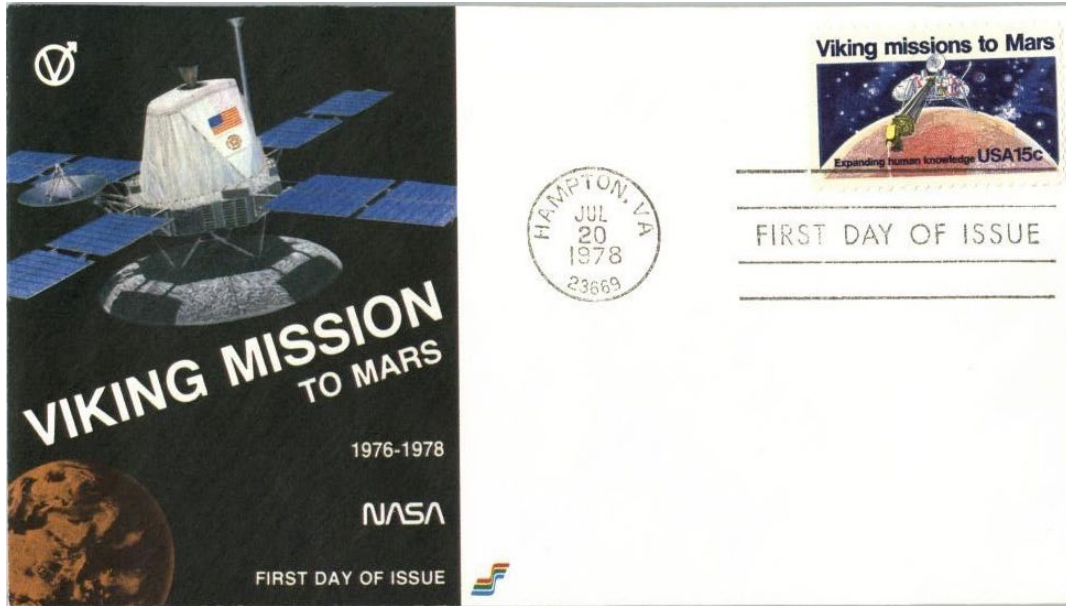


Soyuz 3-32 -25 Feb 1979 - Magadan club cachet



Appropriate Material

First Day Covers



Viking Mission to Mars – Hampton, VA – 20 July 1978

Intercosmos – Moscow – 12 April 1979

QUESTIONS ?

Astrophilatelic Exhibiting Subjects

Precursors to rocket flight

Rocket mail, stratosphere balloons,
rocket development

Unmanned space programmes

Interplanetary probes,
Communication, Weather Satellites

Manned space programmes

One country or one programme

- USSR, USA, China, Europe
- Soyuz, Apollo, Shenzhou, Ariane

History of space exploration

Complete history of space travel
Precursors to space stations

Judging Astrophilately

Criteria

Treatment	20
Philatelic Importance	10
Philatelic & related knowledge, personal study & research	35
Condition	10
Rarity	20
Presentation	5

Judging Astrophilately

Treatment

- Title Page has a plan; purpose, scope, rarity, references
- Content reflects Title, Purpose, Scope & Plan
- Balanced, logical , easy to follow , clear, concise write-up
- Completeness of material shown in relation to the scope
- Text at each item covers key aspects of event
- Primary focus on event covers
- Precursors where applicable
- Token showing of common material
- Better material shown in depth

Judging Astrophilately

Importance

Significance of **actual exhibit** & **overall significance of that subject**

- Significance of topic in world astrophilately
- Significance of topic relative to space exploration
- Significance of exhibit (material) relative to selected area
- How much key material is present

Judging Astrophilately

Philatelic & related knowledge, personal study & research

- Full & accurate understanding of subject
- Items chosen & their explanations
- Accuracy & appropriateness of write-up
- Knowledge of precursors, technical evolution & chronology
- Appropriate use of literature

Judging Astrophilately

Condition

- Material is in overall good condition
- Fine & clear cancellations
- Repaired or manipulated items described as such
- Condition of common material in perfect condition
- Only unique or very rare material is not in fine condition

Judging Astrophilately

Rarity

- Difficulty of acquisition
- Most appropriate rare items present
- Common material does not dominate
- How hard would it be to duplicate

Judging Astrophilately

Presentation

- Balance in frame
- Good use of page with not too much white space
- Careful mounting
- Write-up is clear, concise & relevant

QUESTIONS ?

Astrophilately Website

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Welcome to the Astrophilately Commission of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie

The aim of this website is to be the first port of call for exhibitors, judges and all who are interested in Astrophilately.

The website contains the contact information for the members of the Bureau and the national delegates to the FIP Astrophilately Commission and various handy details about exhibiting, exhibitions, references and links to other useful sites.

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Any questions

