

# Apollo Launch Day VIP Postcards Mailed from KSC

with special focus on those that are  
postally used, hand-addressed,  
and include messages

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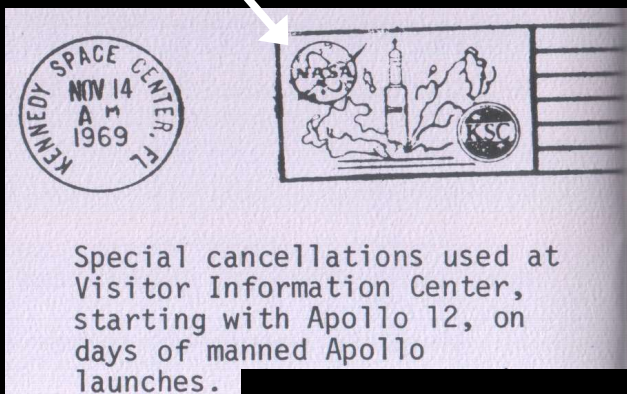
### KSC Machine Cancel Overview

Closed Globe



Excerpts from Kennedy Space Center  
Philatelic History by Ralph Yorio, 1971

Open Globe

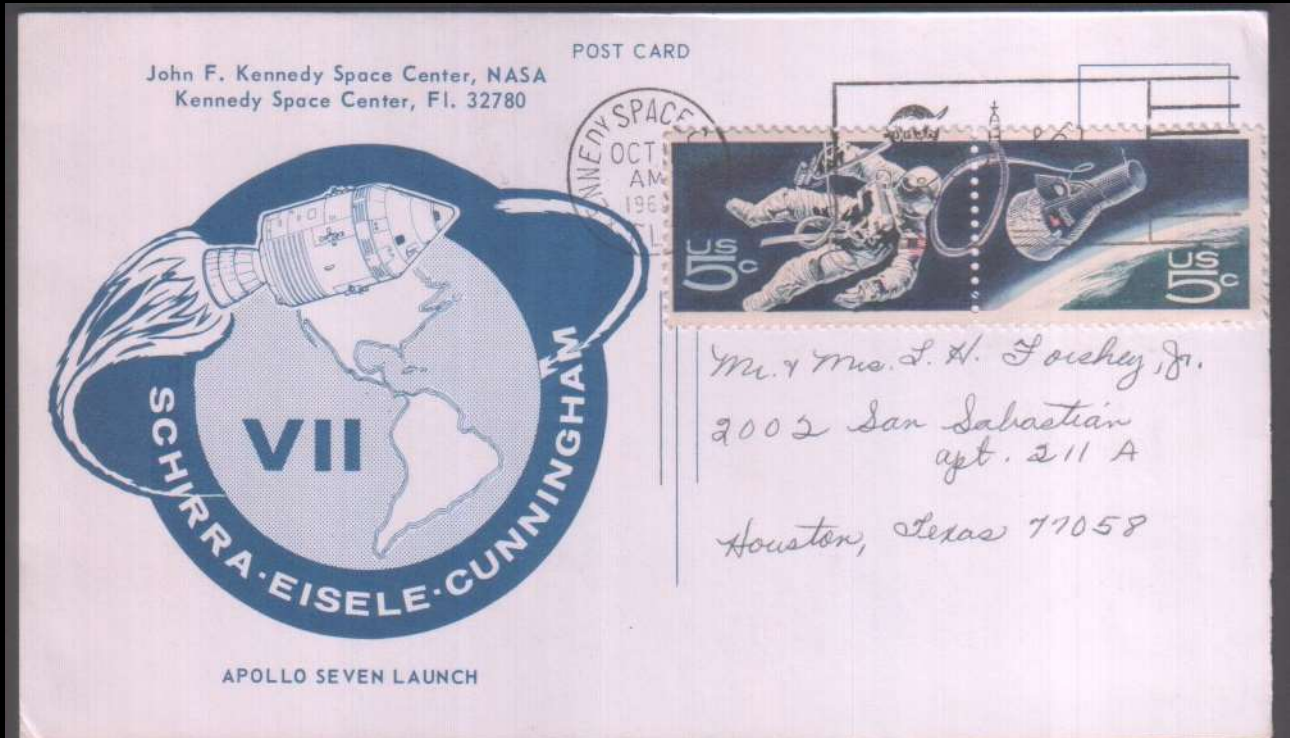


#### NASA POSTAL CARDS FOR APOLLO LAUNCHES

Starting with Apollo 7 and continuing through Apollo series, a special postal card was issued by KSC and distributed to NASA invited guests. These cards are relatively scarce and are philatelic prizes.

All cards basically contain a picture of the KSC cachet and names of the astronauts involved in the launch.

# Apollo 7 – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1968



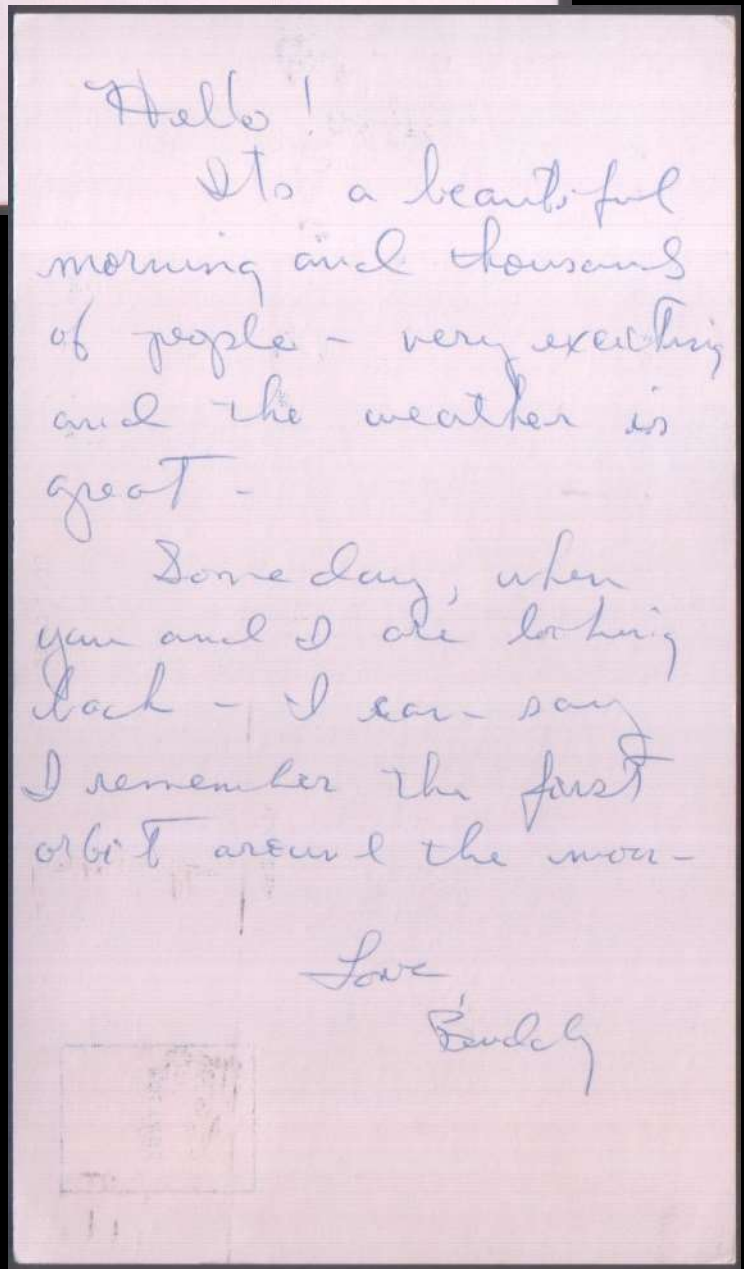
Dearest Sherrie & Rocky,  
History plus! How beautiful and exciting!  
It would have been complete if our loved ones  
could have been here with us.  
We will tell you all about it when we  
arrive home.  
We love you dearly.  
your ever-loving parents,  
Daddy & mama

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Your ever-loving parents,

# Apollo 8 – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1968



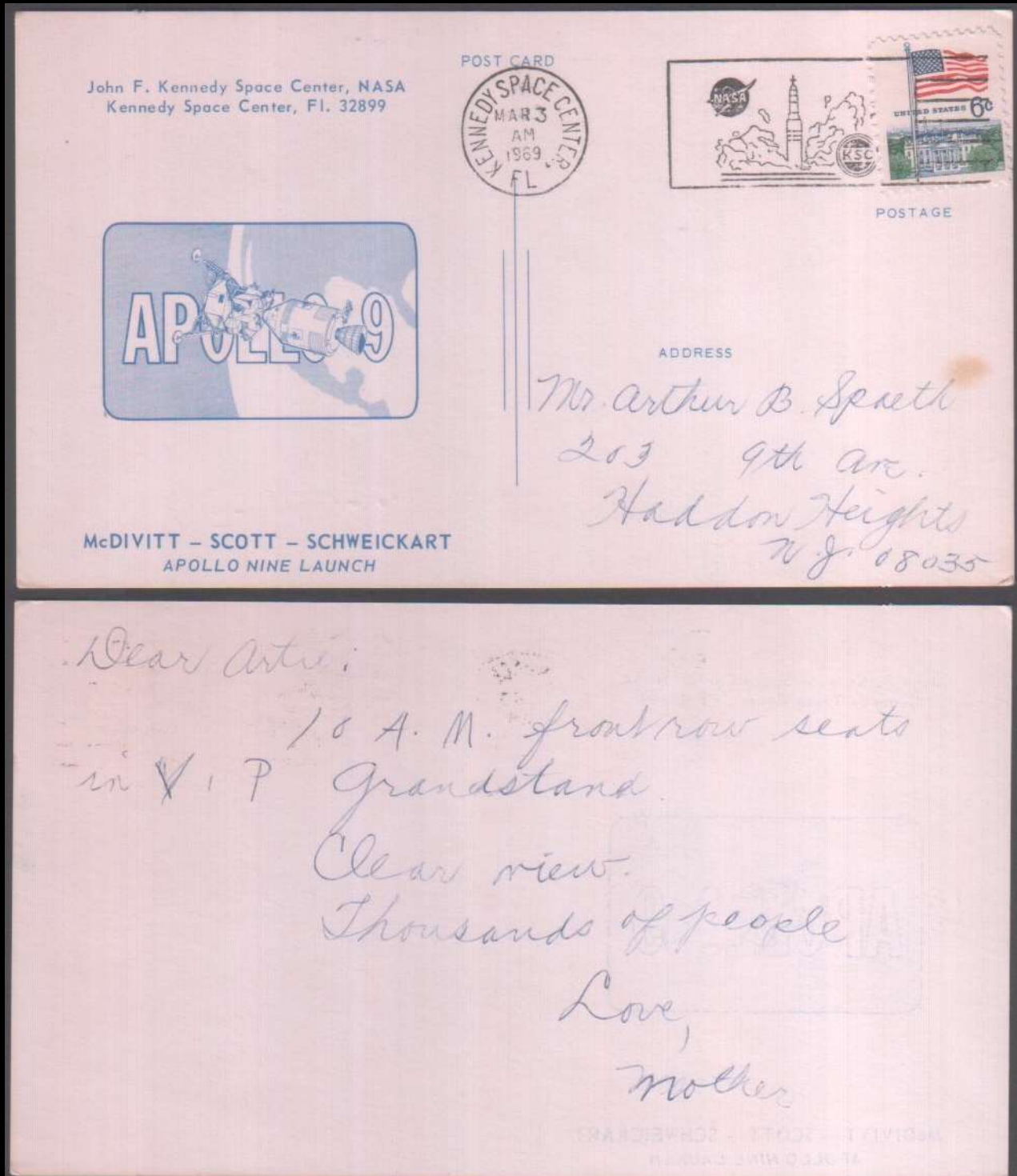
**Hello!**

**It's a beautiful morning and thousands of people – very exciting and the weather is great.**

**Some day, when you and I are looking back – I can say I remember the first orbit around the moon.**

**Love,**

# Apollo 9 – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1969



10 A.M. front row seats in VIP grandstand.

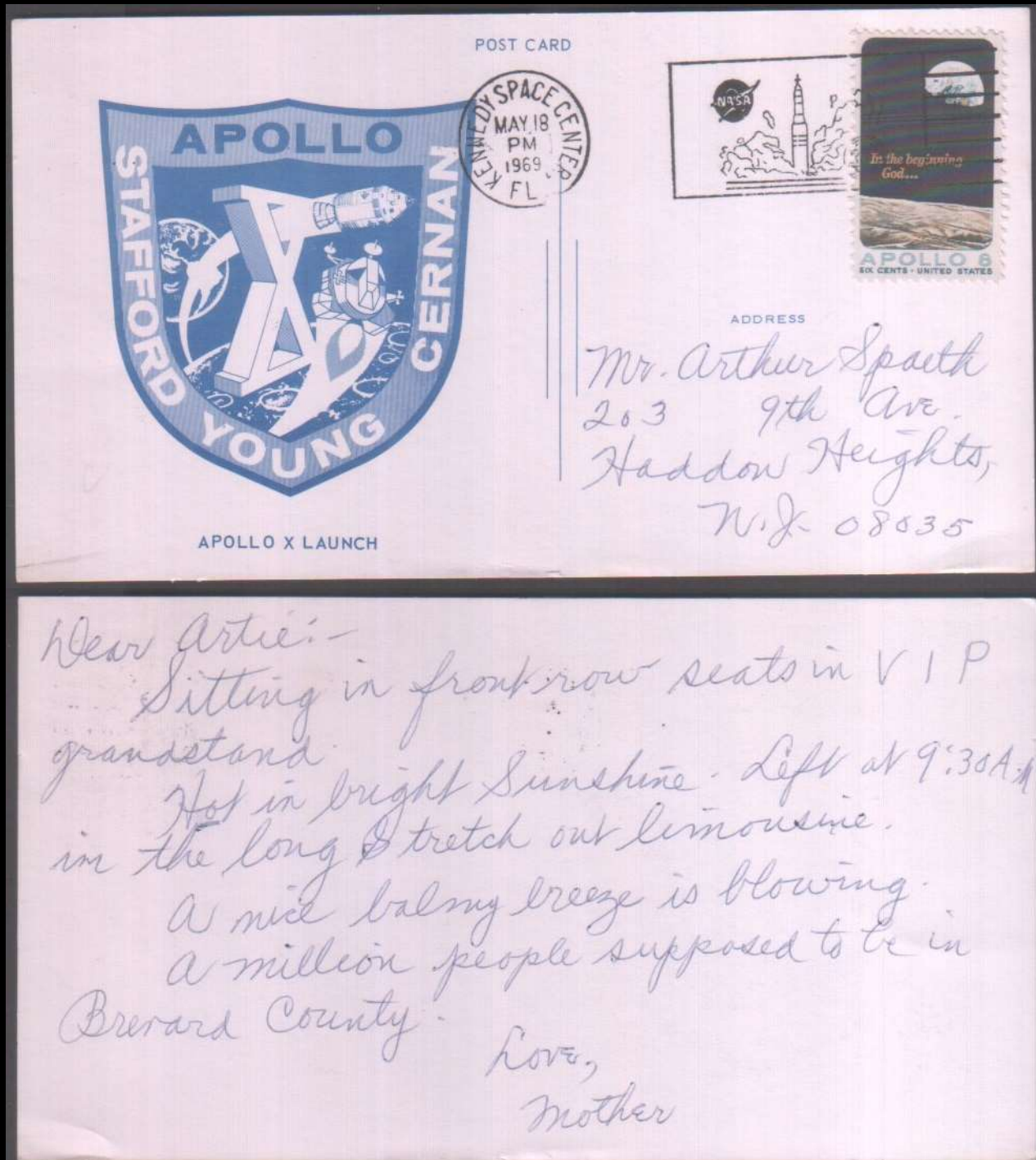
Clear view.

Thousands of people.

Love,

Mother

# Apollo 10 – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1969



Sitting in front row seats in VIP grandstand

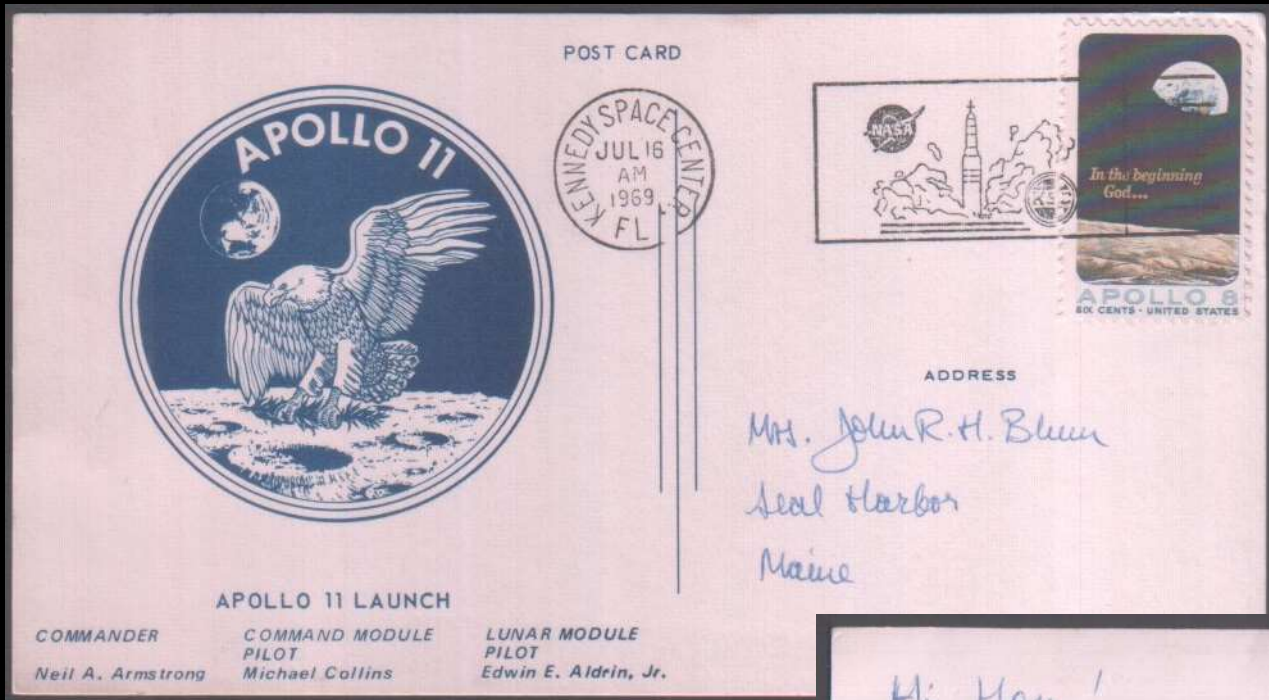
Hot in bright sunshine. Left at 9:30 A.M. in the long stretch out limousine.

A nice balmy breeze is blowing

A million people supposed to be in Brevard County.

Love,  
Mother

# Apollo 11 – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1969



Hi Hon!

Its 8:05 AM about T minus one twenty seven and counting for the Apollo Eleven. We had a really fascinating trip down with the Eugene Cernans (Apollo 10) and Ed McMahon of the Johnny Carson show!

I have had about ten minutes of sleep having gotten up early to get breakfast + catch the bus out here, but am really caught up in the spirit of the whole thing!

Lots of love,

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Lots of love, J.

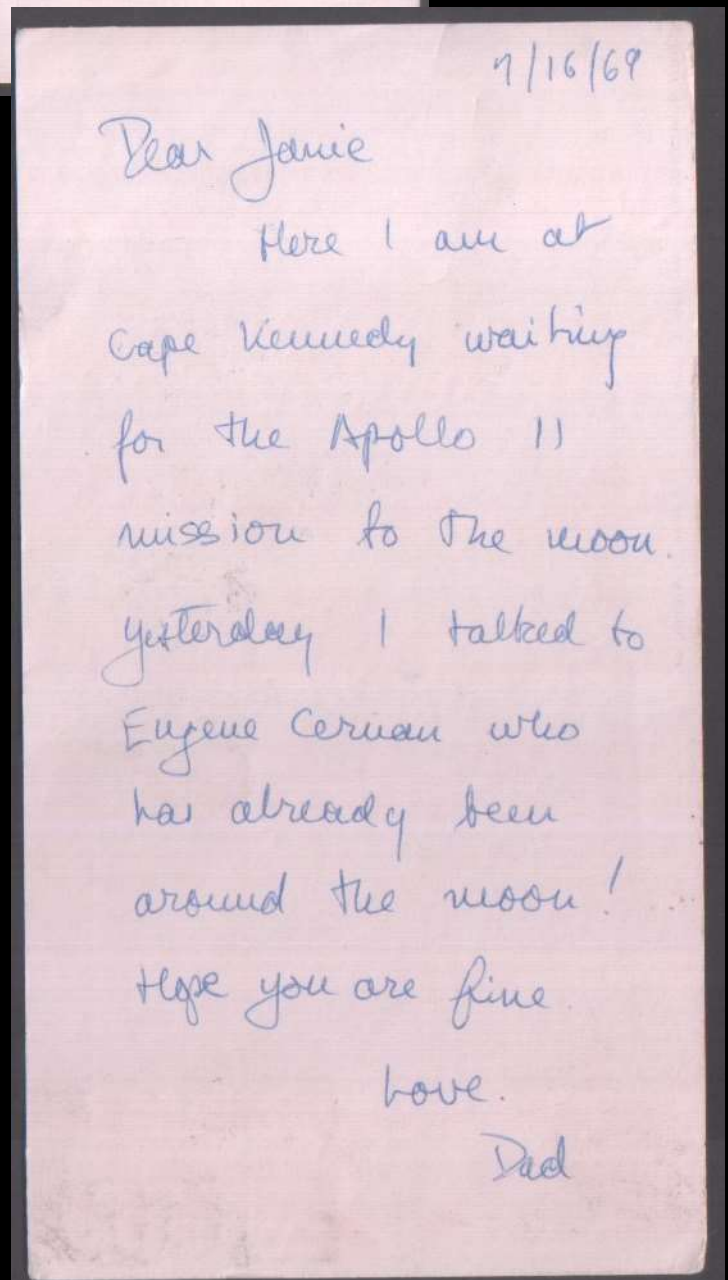
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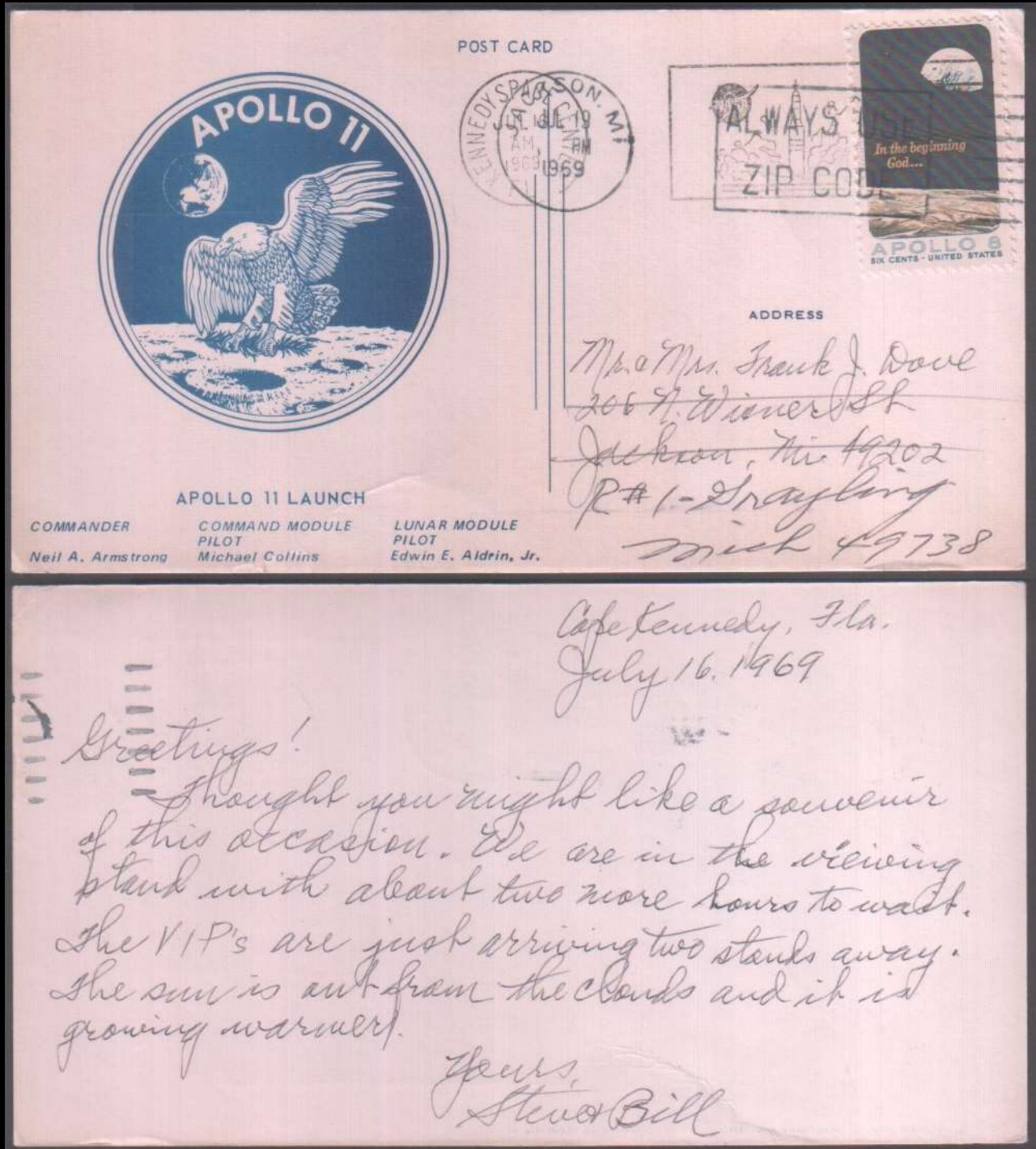
Dear Janie

Here I am at Cape Kennedy waiting for the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Yesterday I talked to Eugene Cernan who has already been around the moon! Hope you are fine.

Love,  
Dad



# Apollo 11 – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1969



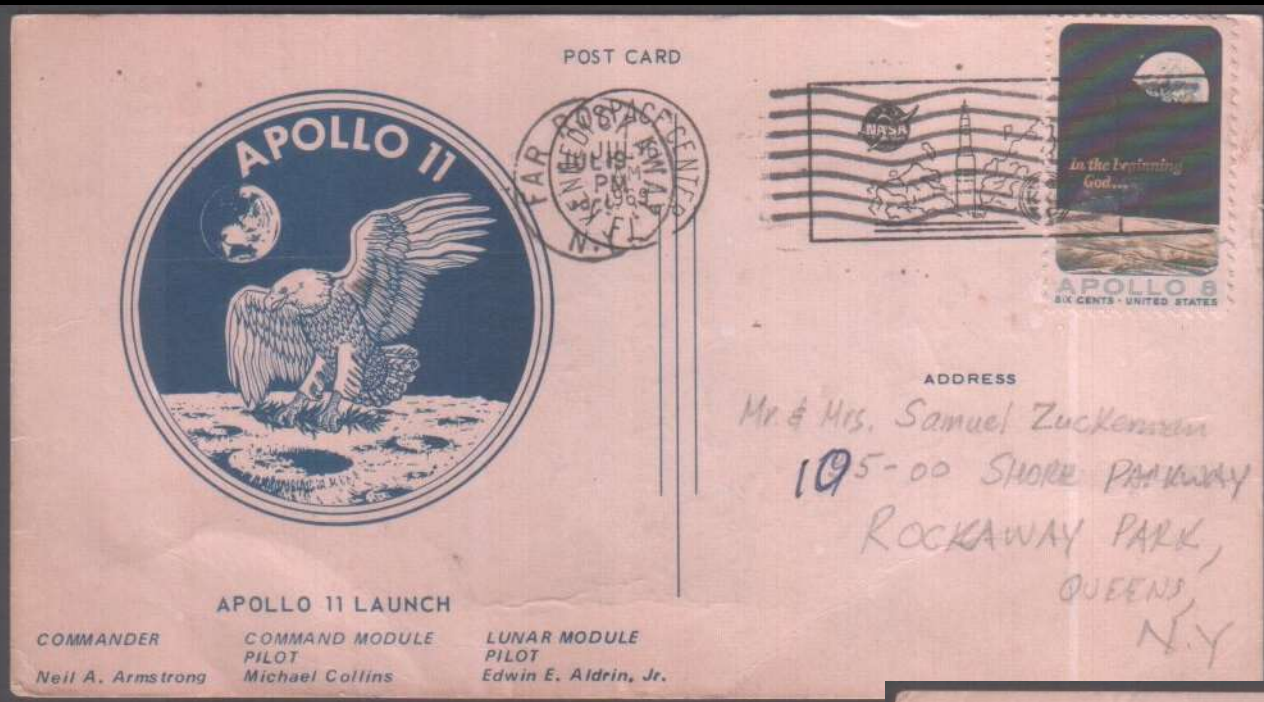
Greetings!

Thought you might like a souvenir of this occasion. We are in the viewing stand with about two more hours to wait. The VIP's are just arriving two stands away. The Sun is out from the clouds and it is growing warmer.

Yours,



# Apollo 11 – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1969

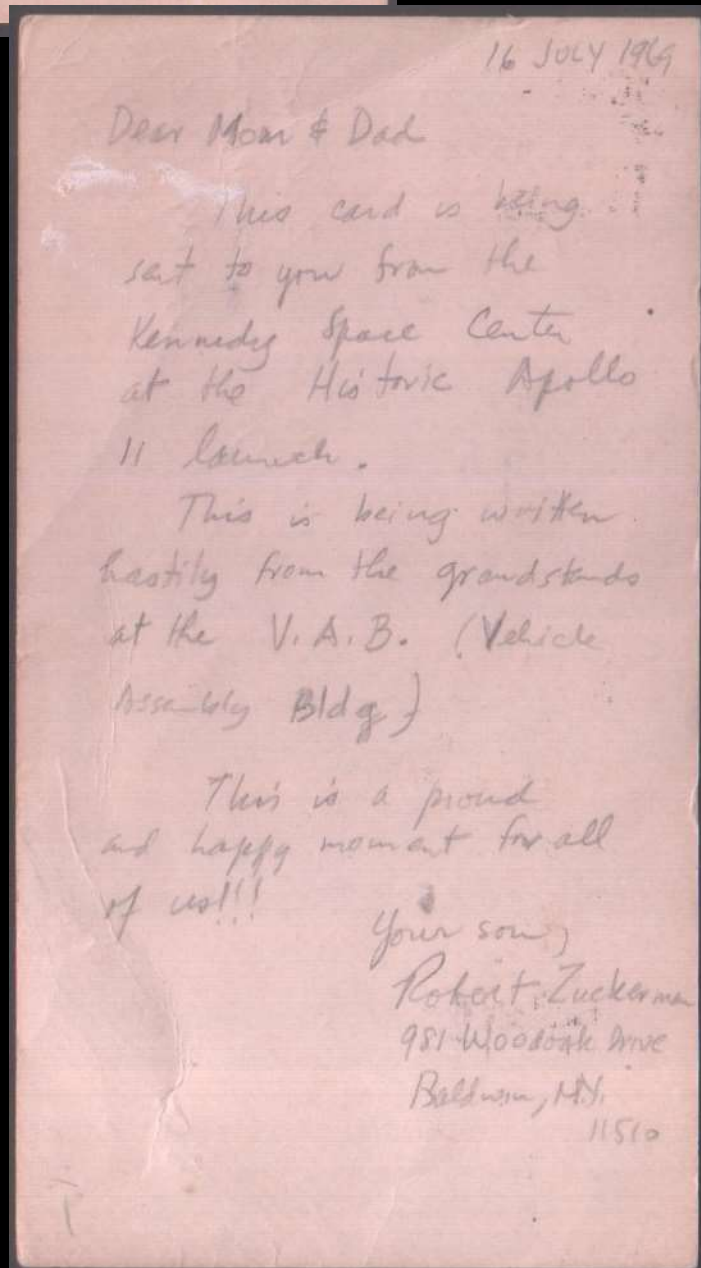


**Dear Mom & Dad**

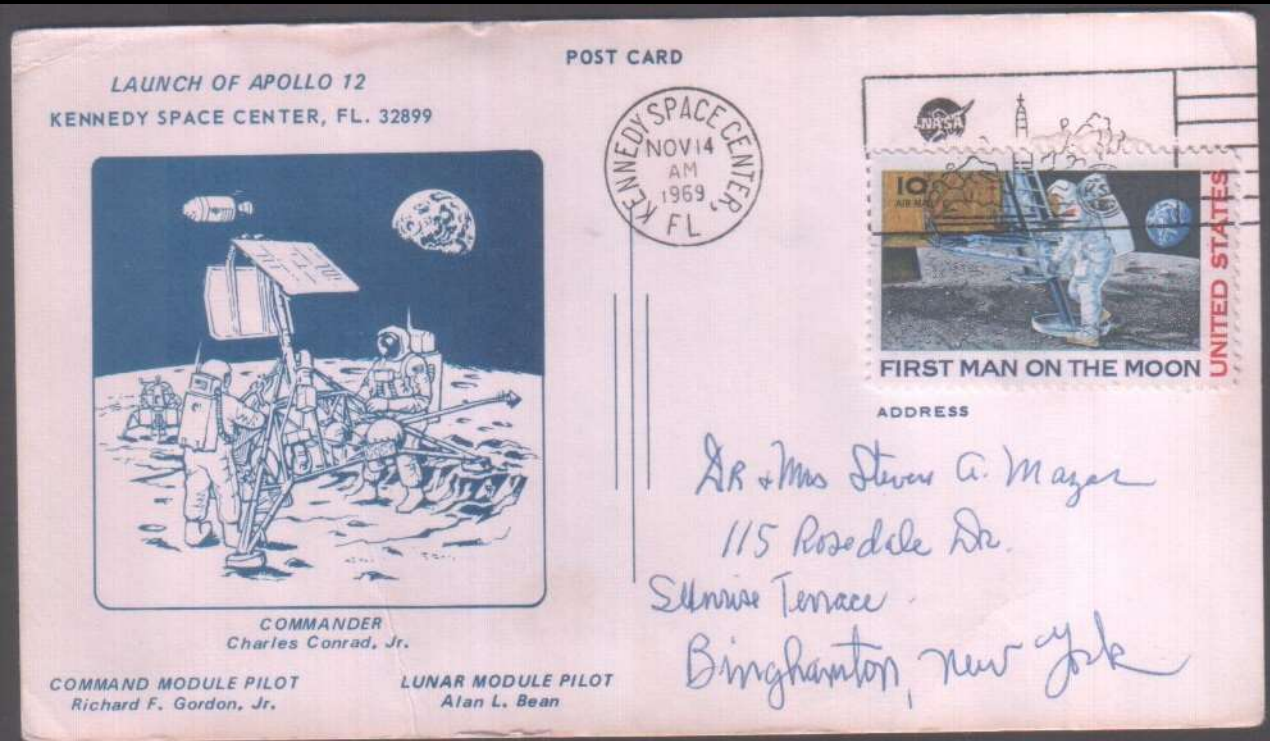
**This card is being sent to you from the Kennedy Space Center at the Historic Apollo 11 launch.**

**This is being written hastily from the grandstands at the V.A.B. (Vehicle Assembly Bldg.) This is a proud and happy moment for all of us!!!**

**Your son,**



# Apollo 12 – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1969



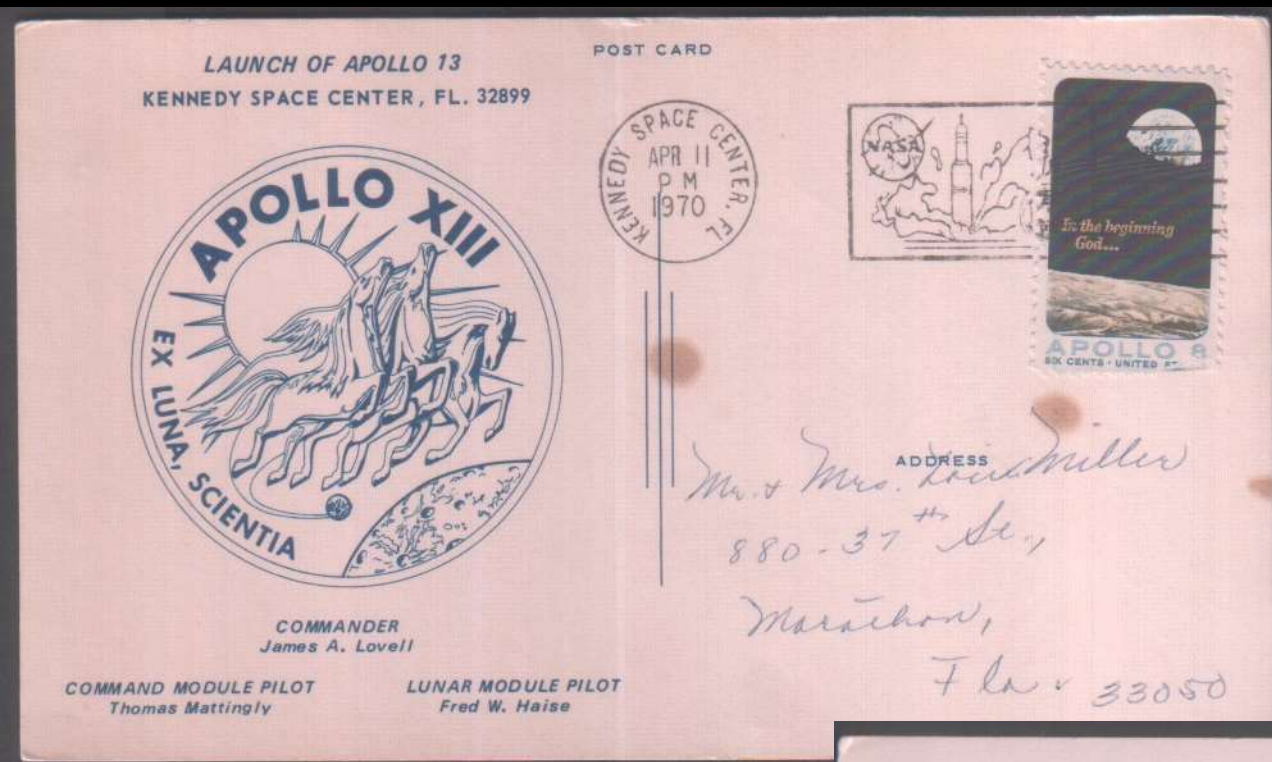
Hi folks  
I am at the space center to view  
the launch of this "bird" I guess it is  
about one mile from where I stand, very  
exciting  
Love to all  
John P. [Signature]

Hi folks

I am at the space center to view the launch of this "bird." I guess it is about one mile from where I stand, very exciting.

Love to all,

# Apollo 13 – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1970

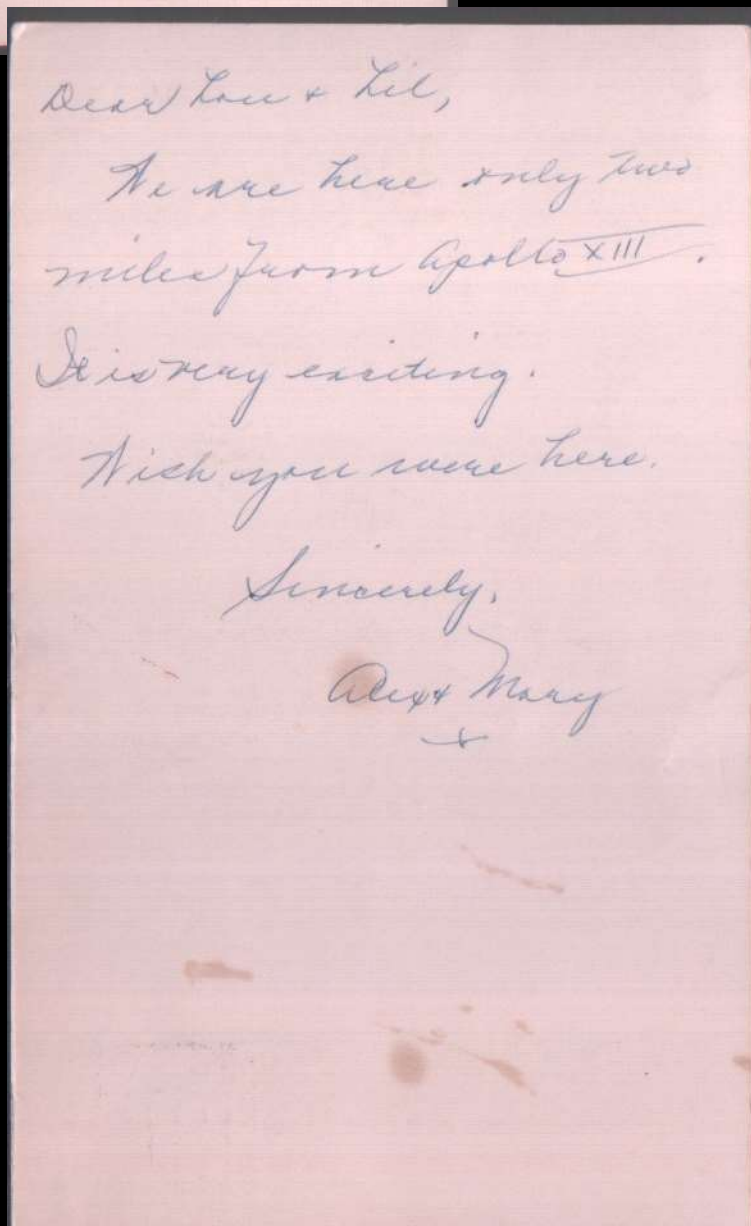


We are here only two miles from  
Apollo XIII.

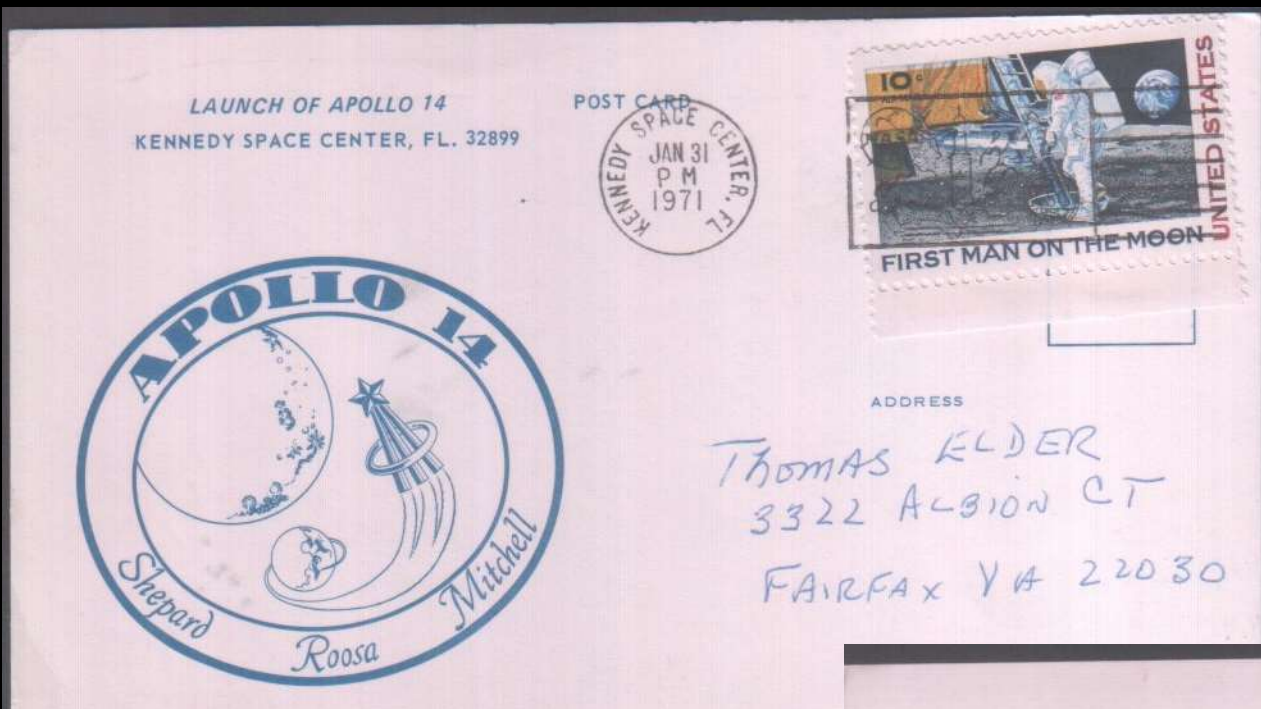
It is very exciting.

Wish you were here.

Sincerely,



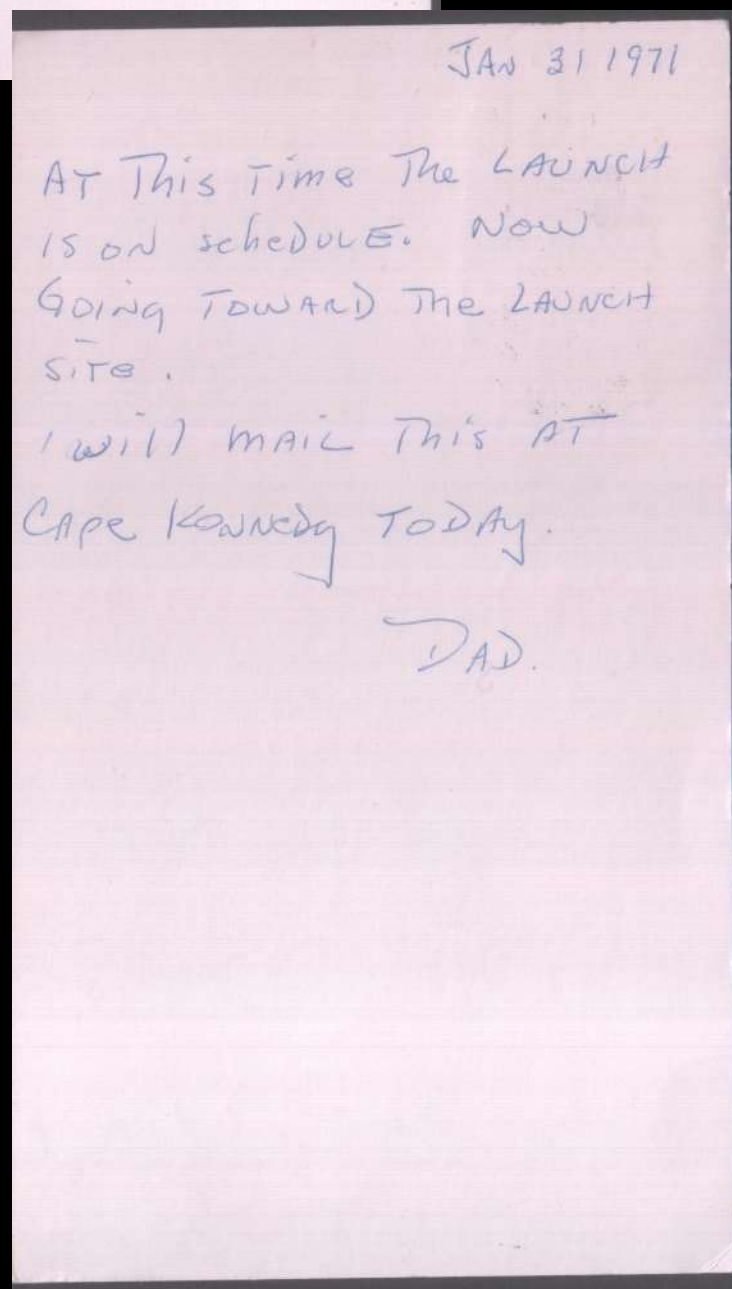
# Apollo 14 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1970



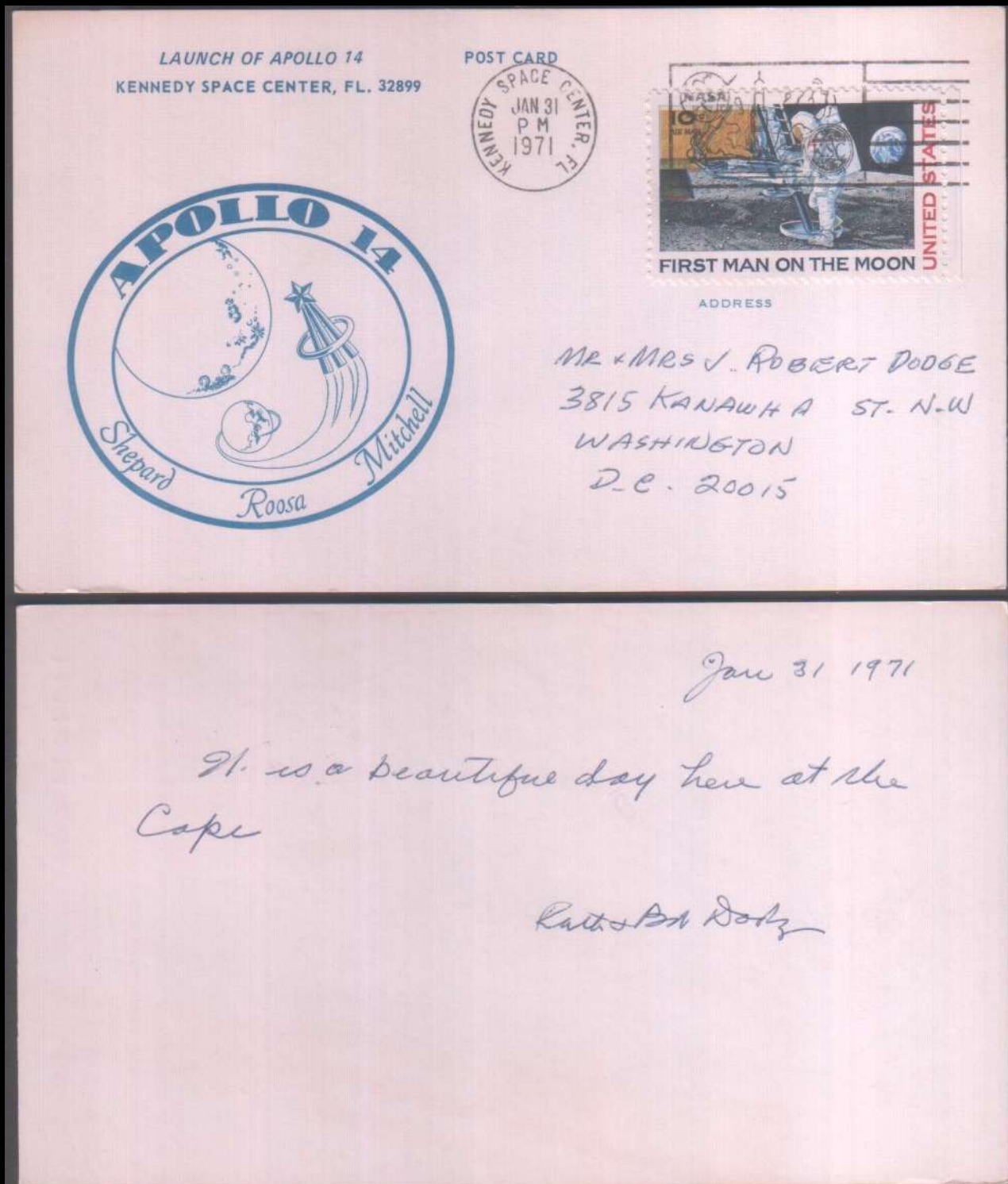
At this time the launch is on schedule. Now going towards the launch site.

I will mail this at Cape Kennedy today.

Dad



# Apollo 14 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1970



It is a beautiful day here at the Cape.

# Apollo 14 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1970



We got here –

# Apollo 15 – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1971



Here we are 3 ½ miles from the launch site. Never seen so many people and cars in my life. We left Aunt Graces at 5:00. Got here around 6:00. Rode a bus to the bleachers. It's all really fantastic – quite an experience.

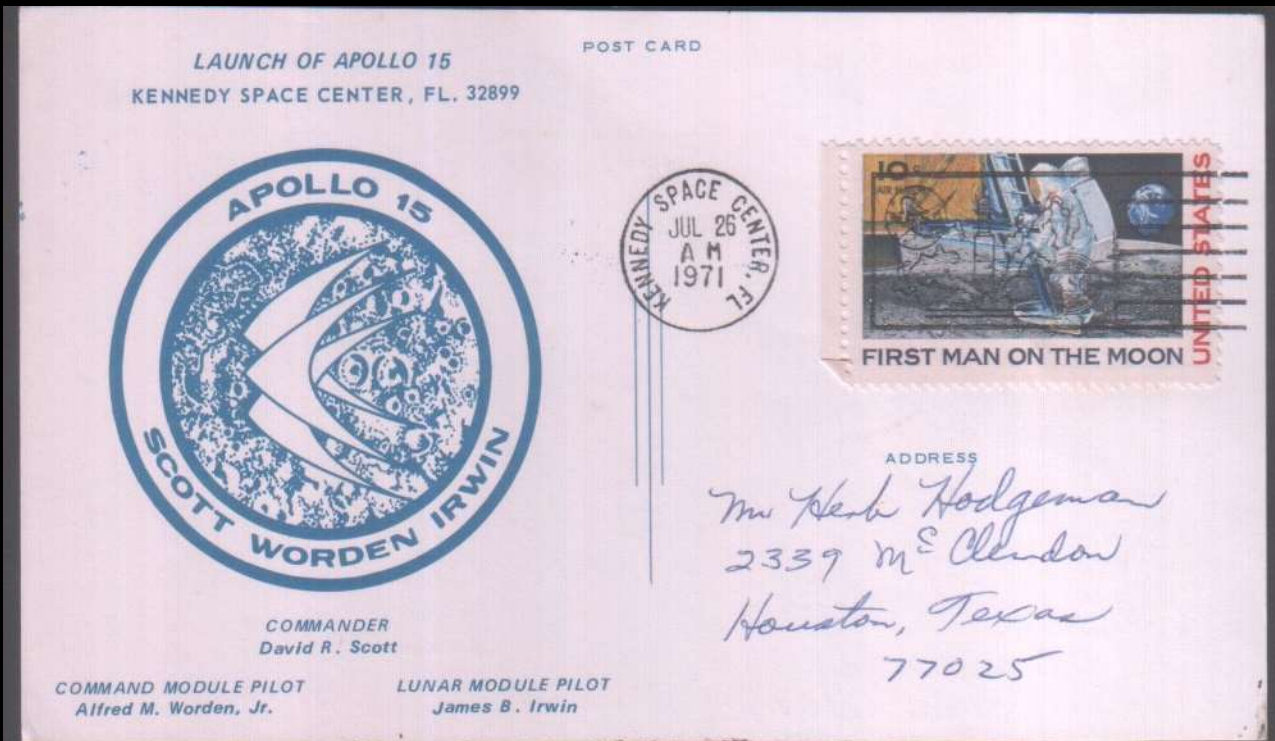
So sorry to hear you are not feeling any better. Hope the doctor can correct your trouble soon.

The wedding went off big. Louise had the reception and luncheon at her house (outside) for 125. Made a 2 ½ foot wedding cake. Would have given anything to have been there.

Will call soon,  
Lots of love,

7/26/71  
Dear Aunt Lucille  
Here we are 3 ½ miles from launch site. Never seen so many people and cars in my life. We left Aunt Graces at 5:00. Got here around 6:00. Rode a bus to the bleachers. It's all really fantastic. — quite an experience  
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Still call soon.  
Lots of love,  
Mary

# Apollo 15 – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1971



7/26/71.

Greetings from the Cape!

Just for your own "keep sake" - Sorry  
we couldn't get a "Rare" stamp for you  
until the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Just add this to your collection.

Love  
Lizzie

{ Saturn 5, launch  
vehicle + Apollo  
manned space vehicle... Saudi Arabia guests are arriving }

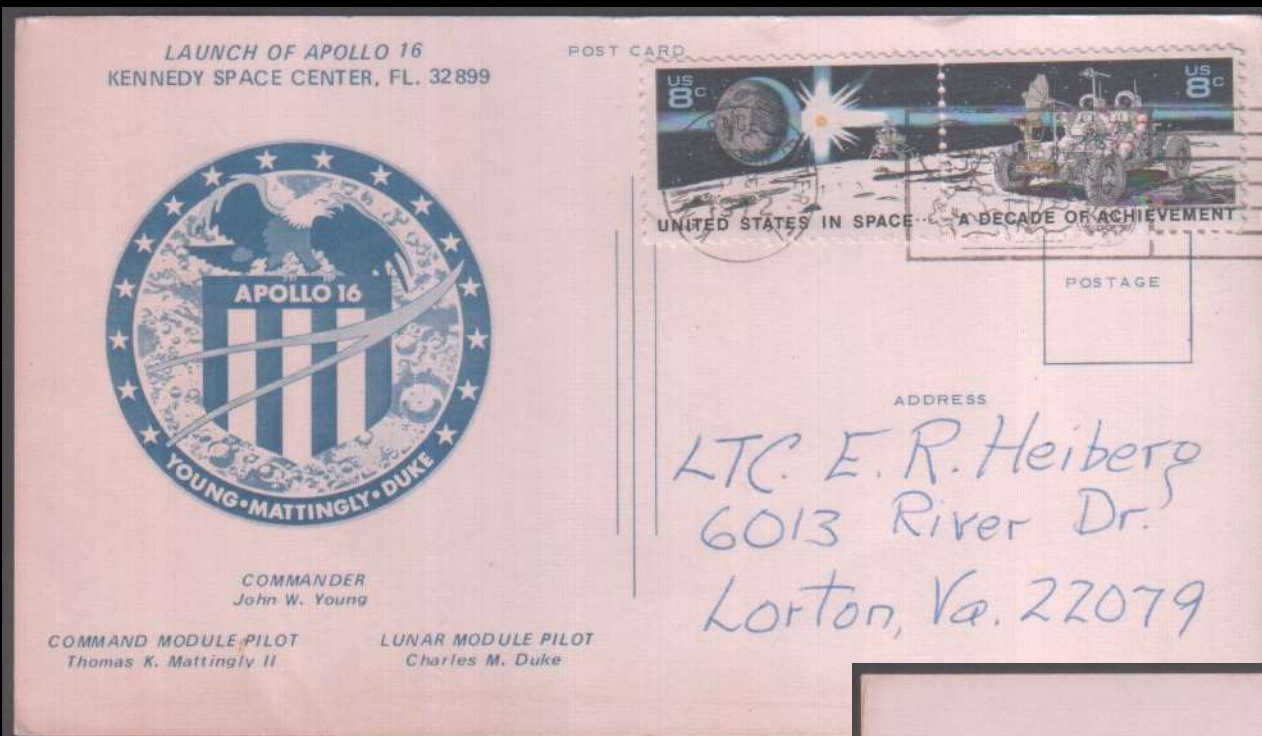
**Greetings from the Cape!**

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**{ Saturn 5 launch vehicle + Apollo manned space vehicle...  
Saudia Arabia guests are arriving }**



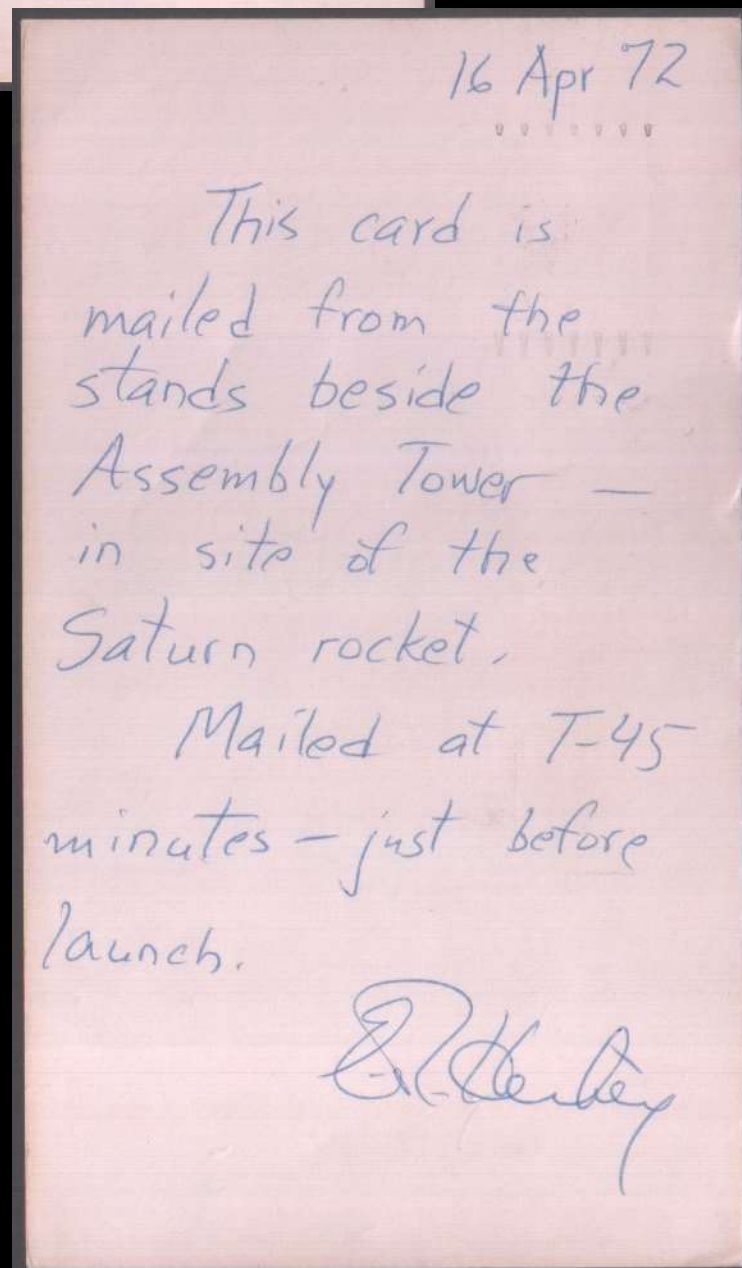
# Apollo 16 – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1972



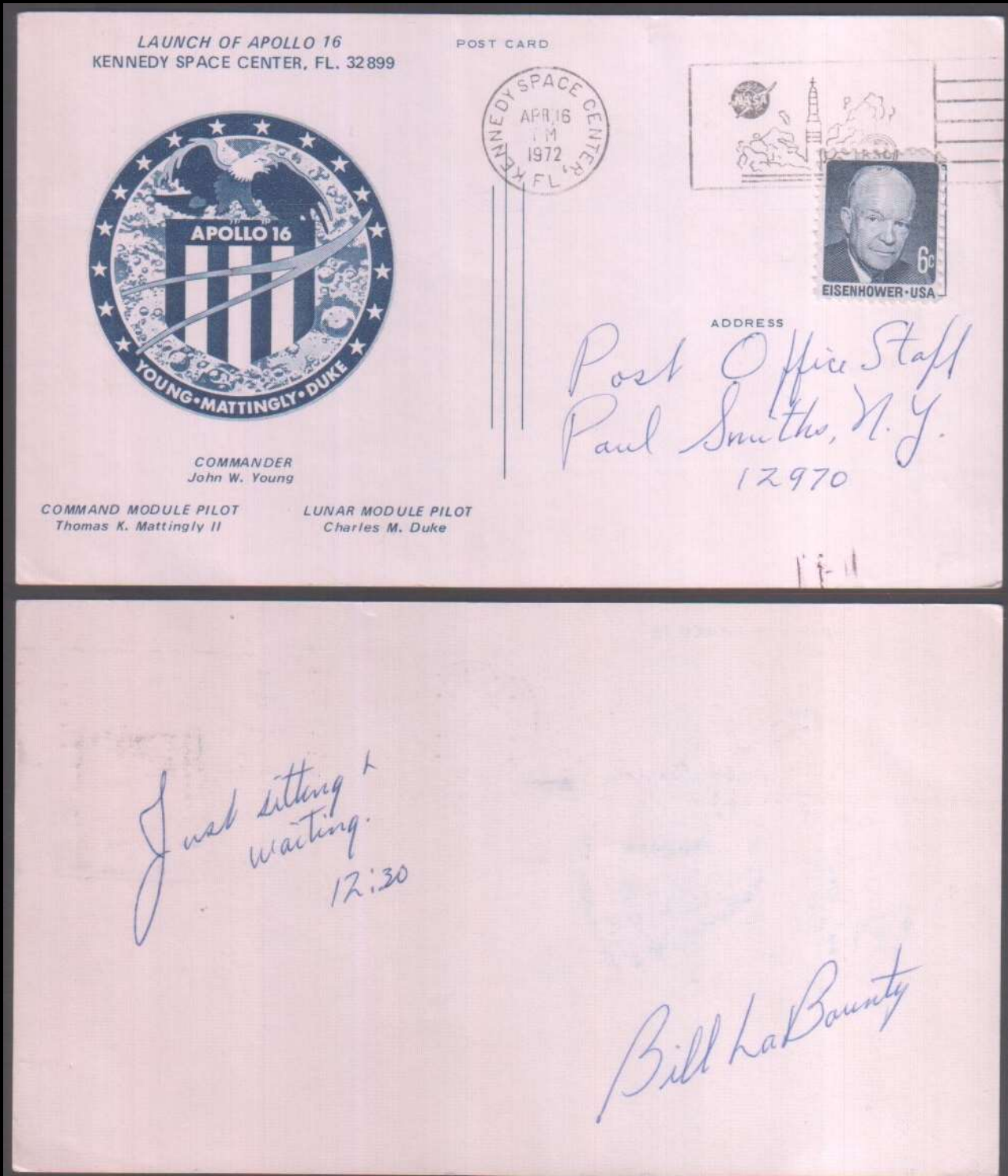
This card is mailed from the stands beside the Assembly Tower – in site\* of the Saturn rocket.

Mailed at T-45 minutes – just before launch.

\*Meaning most likely “in sight”

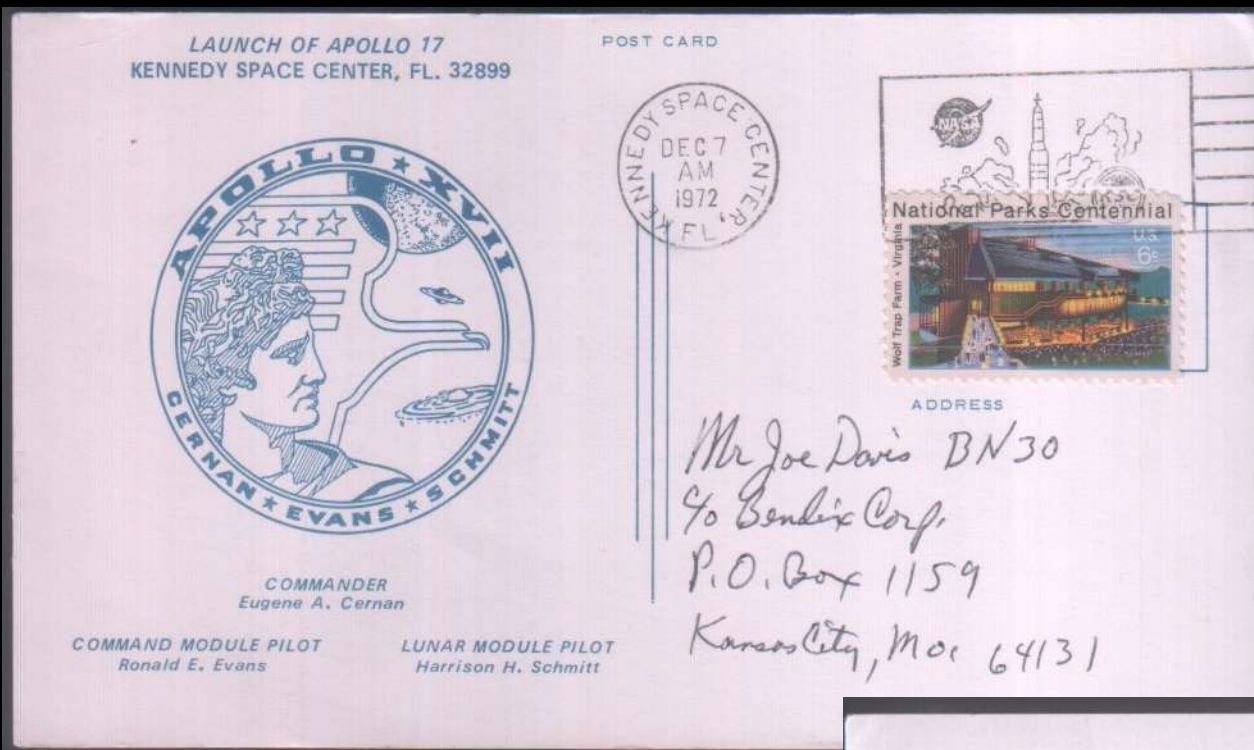


# Apollo 16 – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1972



Just sitting + waiting 12:30

# Apollo 17 – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1972



**From Cape Kennedy 12-6-72**

**We have had tour briefing and will  
watch launch soon.**

*From Cape Kennedy 12-6-72*

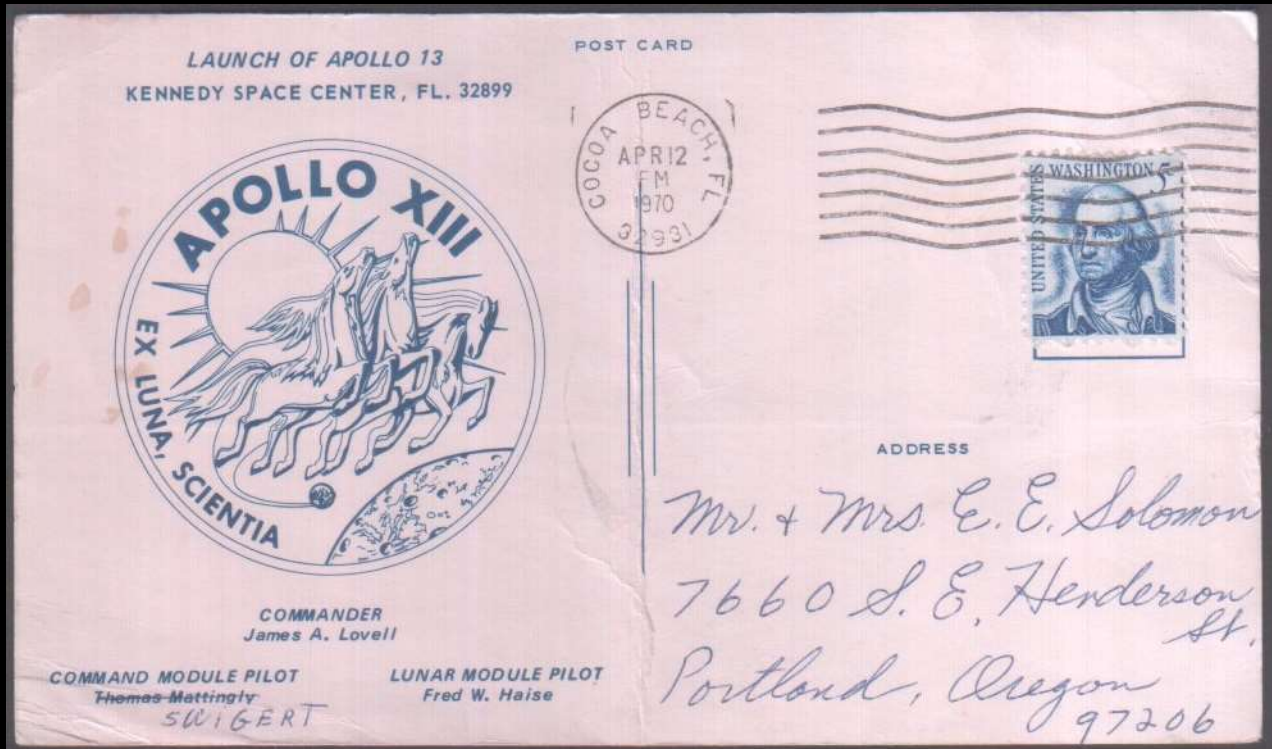
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briefing and will watch  
launch soon*

*Mr + Mrs W Powell*

## Other Interesting Items

**Apollo 13 – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1970**

**Postmarked following day  
in Cocoa Beach, FL.**



Dear Ed + Joyce,

7 PM Sat. 4-11-70

We VIP'd !!! Watched Blast-off  
Cape Kennedy - Vice Pres. Agnew +  
all big wheels. Les is on 2 weeks  
Vacation. drove to Miami + will  
now head for Home!! The Blast  
off was unbelievable. <sup>love</sup> des + Shirley

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**The Blast off was unbelievable.**

**Love,**

# Skylab I – Space Station – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1973

SKYLAB LAUNCH SL-1  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FL. 32899



POSTAGE

Helen Jauldner  
ADDRESS  
460 Palos Verdes Blvd  
Redondo Beach. #7  
Calif.

Postmarked  
following day

Monday,

Watched Space Lab I take this  
afternoon.

Very Exciting.

Last evening we attended a big  
cocktail party for the Honoree's  
hosted by N.A.S.A. Met seven of the  
astronauts.

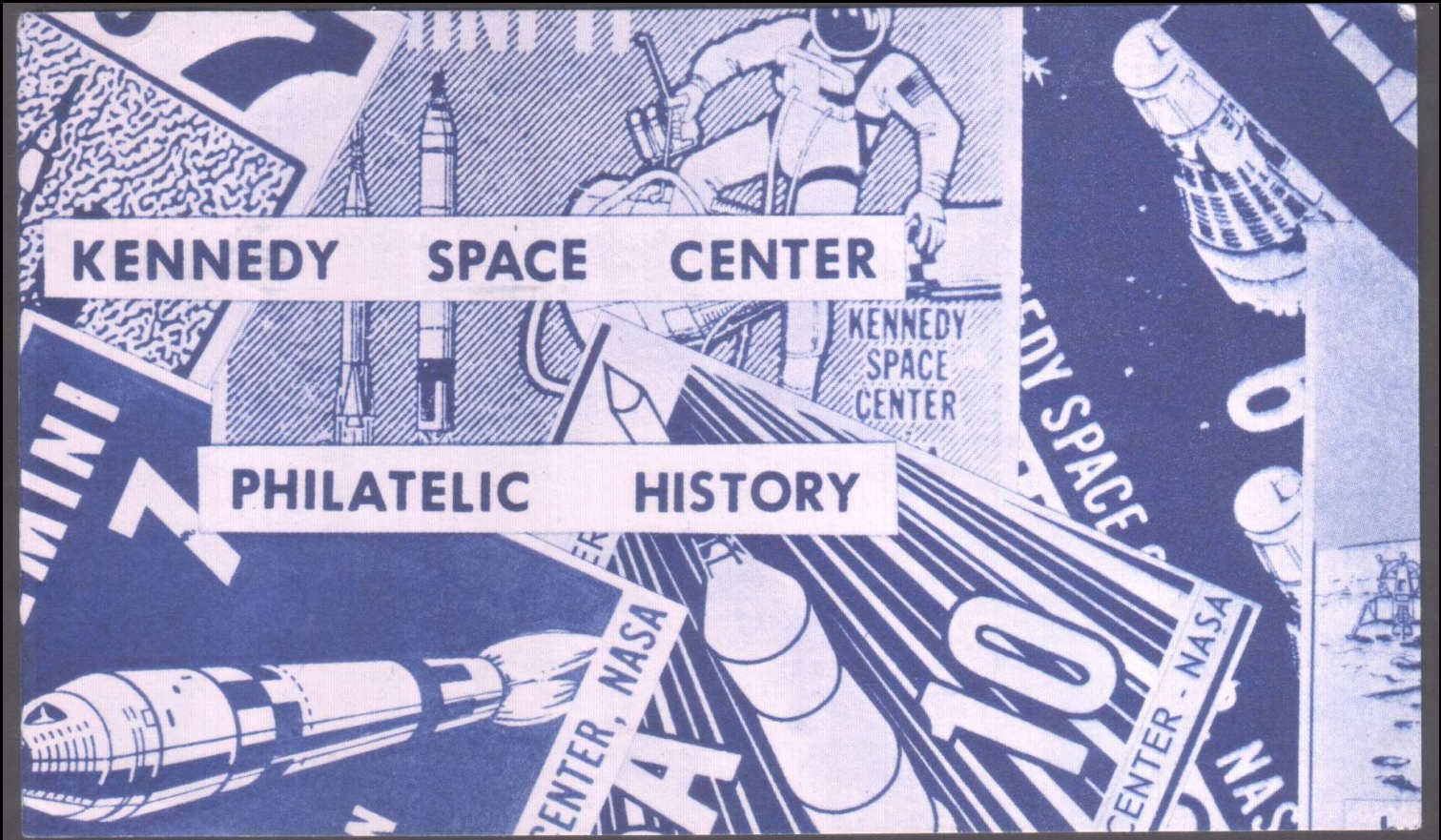
No II has been postponed so we are  
going to Cypress Garden + Disney  
World before returning home.

To-night we drove to Daytona Beach  
for dinner.

See you Tues. I hope

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# KSC Philatelic History – Advertisement Postcard



9TH ANNIVERSARY MERCURY-ATLAS 7 FLIGHT  
M. SCOTT CARPENTER  
MAY 24, 1962 - 1971

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