- A Noble Profession

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Who Am I?

- Education: Aeronautical Engineering and Business Management degrees from CU Boulder - 1964
- Retired from Lockheed Martin in 1999 after 36+ year career
- Career Highlights:
 - Intern with Martin Marietta for Six Summers During High School & College
 - Launch Vehicle and Spacecraft Propulsion Engineer Analysis, Design, Test, Hardware Development
 - Vehicle Systems Engineer
 - Chief Systems Engineer on Robotic Program
 - Chief Engineer on SICBM Post Boost Vehicle
 - Principal Investigator on Many Independent Research & Development Projects
 - Program Manager
 - New Business Development
 - Competitive Proposal Creation and Management
 - Personnel Management
 - Subcontract Management and Procurement

Engineering Definition

The creative application of scientific principles and mathematics to design or develop structures, machines, apparatus, or manufacturing processes, or works utilizing them singly or in combination; or to construct or operate the same with full cognizance of their design; or to forecast their behavior under specific operating conditions; all with respect to an intended function, economics of operation, and safety for life and property.

American Engineers' Council for Professional Development

Or, Simply Stated

■ THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO INVENT, DESIGN, BUILD, TEST, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE EVERYTHING.

ENGINEERING Recipe

- S Scientist
- T Technician
- E Eager/Energetic
- M Mathematician

Necessary ATTRIBUTES To Be An ENGINEER

- CURIOSITY how do things work?
 - INQUISITIVE
 - INTERESTED
- CALCULATING must like math, numbers
- CAREFUL don't make mistakes
- CONSERVATIVE calculated "safe" risks
- CHALLENGED want to improve
- CONSCIENTIOUS really care
- COMMITMENT make it happen
- COOPERATIVE be a TEAM player

Educational Requirements

- Science and Mathematics Throughout Primary and Secondary Schools
- Sample Available Courses in Different Engineering Fields
 - Architecture
 - Aeronautics/Aerospace
 - Chemical
 - Civil
 - Computer Sciences/Software
 - Electrical/Electronics
 - Mechanical
 - Systems Engineering
- Attend Special Classes and Camps that are Available (e.g. Shades of Blue)
- Take Advantage of Available Internships WE CAN HELP YOU
- Use the Internet It is All There
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engineering is a good start
- Attend a College/University with Excellent Engineering Credentials

Career Avenues

- Analysis determine the item's requirements
- Design define the item
- Development determine that it works
- Test verify its performance, reliability, etc.
- Manufacturing build the final product
- Operations run it
- Research find new, better ways to do it
- All of the above

Some Representative Results of First-Class Engineering

The Titans



Titan I ICBM



Titan III Centaur Viking Launch



Titan II ICBM & Gemini LV



Titan IIIC SLV



Titan IV Centaur – near the end

The Last Titan IV Ending 50 Years of Excellence



Gemini Launch Vehicle - A Man-Rated Titan II ICBM



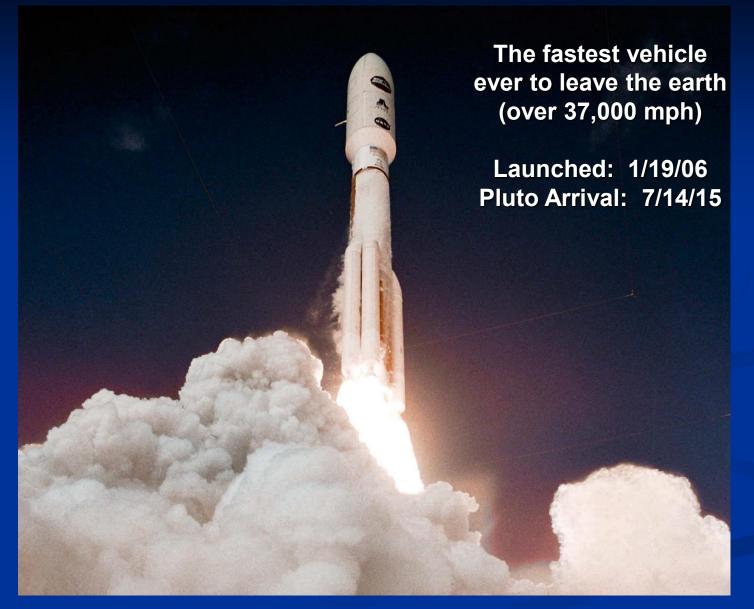
The Atlas and Delta Launch Vehicle Families (The Current Generation)

Atlas V

Delta IV

Delta II

Atlas V - New Horizons Mission to Pluto

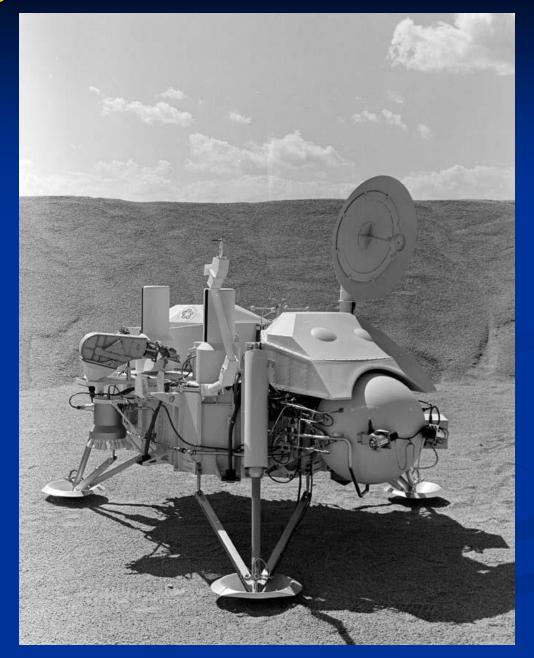


Athena Launch Vehicle - leaving Kodiak Island



Uses Minuteman III ICBM Solid Motor Stages

The Viking Lander - Two Landed on Mars July 1976

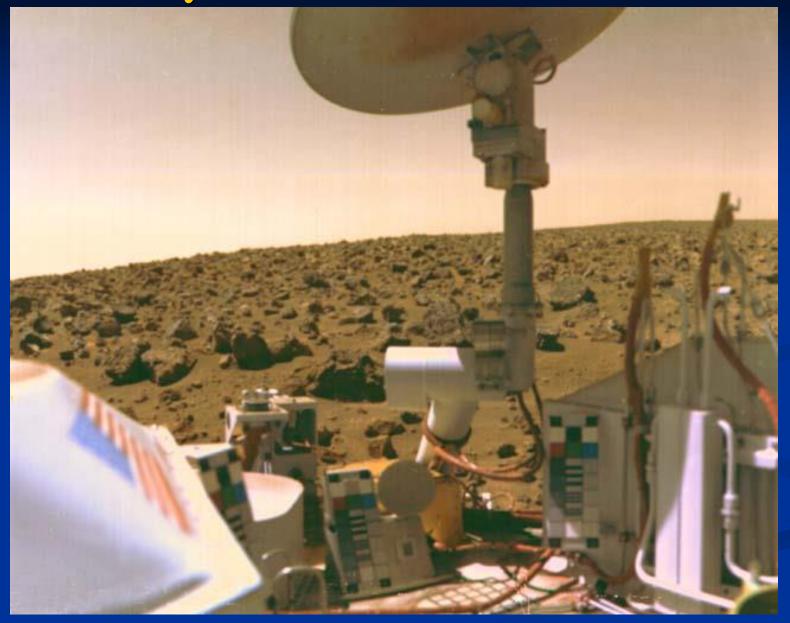


The Viking Lander Terminal Descent Rocket Engine





A Nice Day on Mars



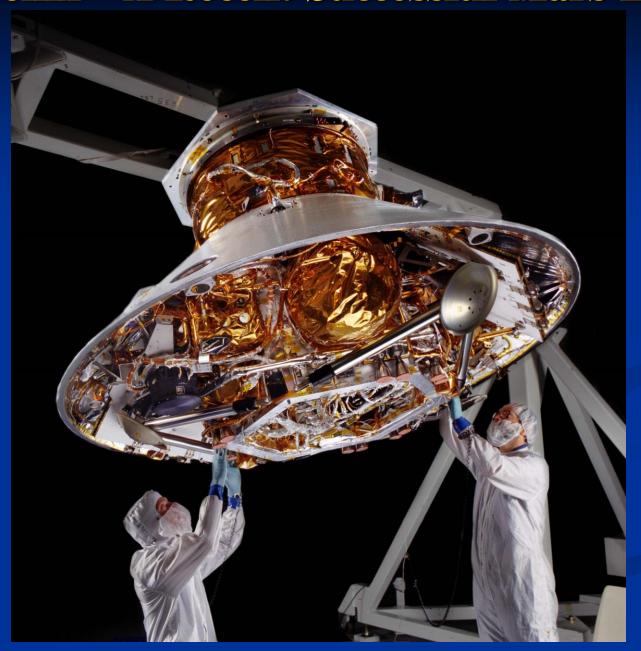
Curiosity on Mars



Magellan Spacecraft Getting Ready for Venus



Phoenix - A Recent Successful Mars Lander



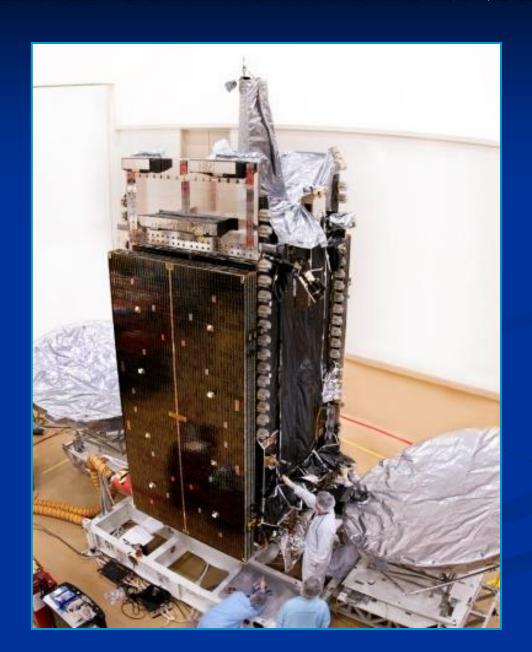
The Hubble Space Telescope



Global Positioning Satellite - Third Generation



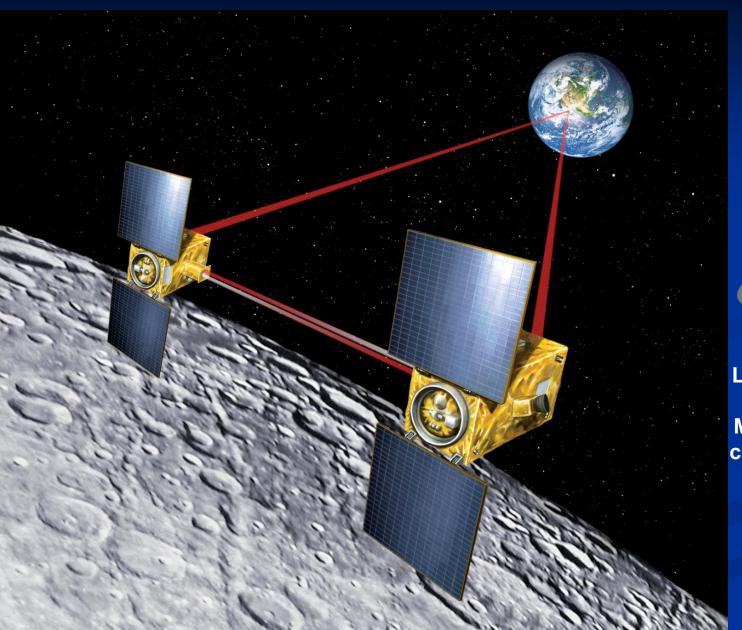
Commercial Communications Satellite

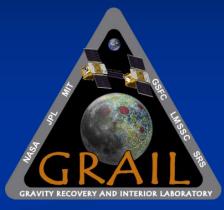


JUNO - Jupiter Orbiter



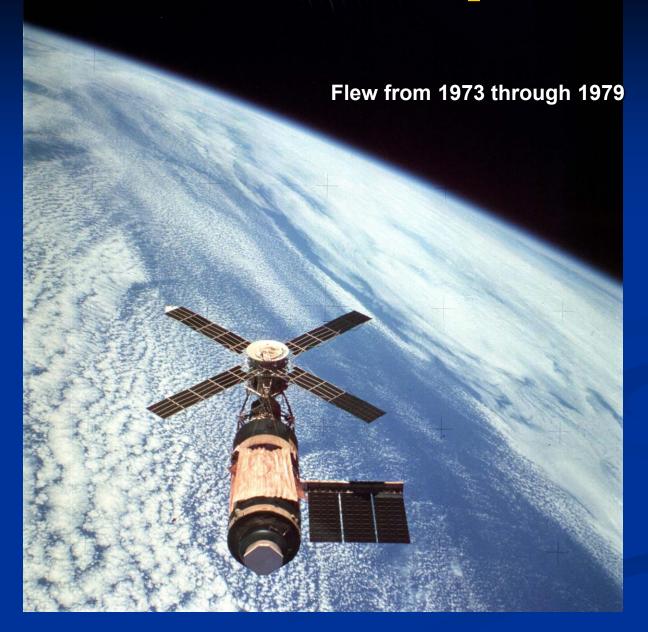
Gravity Recovery And Interior Laboratory (GRAIL)





Launch: Sept 10, 2011 to study the Moon Mission successfully completed in late 2012

Skylab - the First U. S. Manned Space Station



The Manned Maneuvering Unit (MMU)

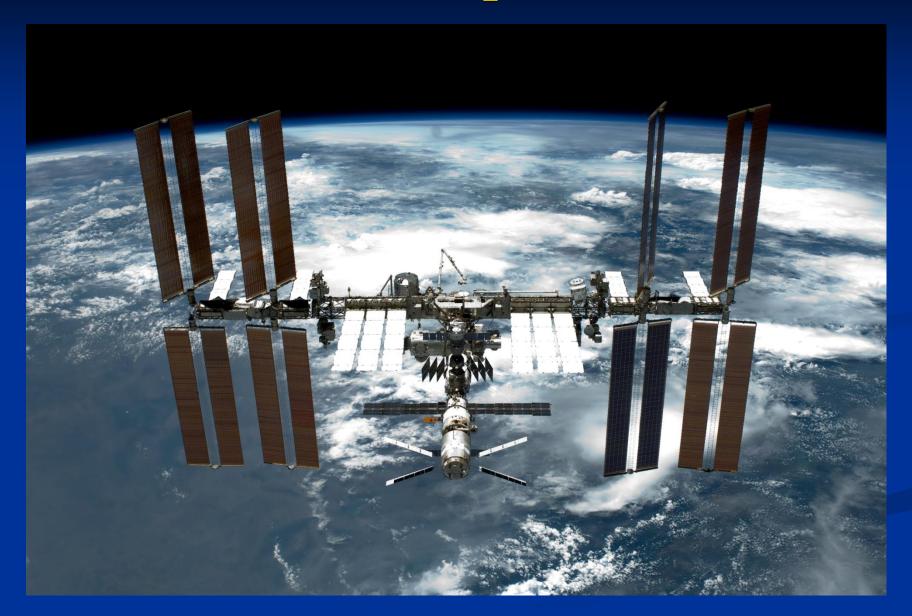


The Space Shuttle



135 Missions from 1981 to 2011

International Space Station



Orion - Manned Flight to the Moon and Mars



The Wonderful 747 - Still Going Strong



The 787 Dreamliner



AH64D - Apache Longbow - WOW!



F-35 Joint Strike Fighter



C-17- Workhorse for Our Troops



Airborne Warning and Control System



High Definition TV Spacecraft



Earth-Bound Transportation























Structures - Old and New

























Around the House





















The Bottom Line

- Everything Must to be "Engineered"
- Start Now
- Focus
- Learn All You Can
- Make the World a Better Place

Above all, Have Fun!