259. Orville Wright (1871-1948) Aviation pioneer. Along with his brother, Wilbur, Orville Wright invented and built the first successful controllable airplane. On December 17, 1903 near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, they made the world’s first flight in a powered, heavier-than-air machine. With Orville at the controls, the plane flew 120 feet (37 meters) in twelve seconds. 8 ½” x 3 ½” check, written by another, the City National Bank, Dayton, Ohio, March 6, 1925, signed. The cancellations are away from the signature. $750

260. Charles A. Lindbergh (1902-1974) Aviator. “Lucky Lindy” made the first solo non-stop trans-Atlantic flight in 1927, flying from Roosevelt Field in New York to LeBourget Air Field in Paris in a monoplane, The Spirit of St. Louis. 8 ½” x 11” typed letter signed, “C.A L,” Tellina, July 9, 1973, to his secretary Mrs. Saunders. “...In regard to mail, please forward all bills by airmail to Switzerland...But do not forward big envelopes or packages...Hold all the rest at Tellina....” $650

261. Clarence Chamberlain (1893-1976) Aviation pioneer. Chamberlain is best known for his June 4th to 6th, 1927 flight across the Atlantic which, by reaching Germany, broke Lindbergh’s two week old distance record. In August 1927, Chamberlain made the first trans-atlantic airmail flight. In later years, he continued to test aircraft for a variety of companies and served as chairman of the New York City aviation commission. 6 ½” x 4” autograph note signed “Are you still waiting for an autograph? Your letter (1958) got lost in my papers & I just ran across it looking for something else. Clarence D. Chamberlain.” Some minor skipping from the ballpoint pen. $100
262. Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) Aviatrix. The world's most famous female aviator who disappeared in 1937 as she attempted to become the first woman to fly around the world. 3 ¾" x 1 ¾" card signed, in pencil, affixed to a page in an 8" x 5" leather bound autograph book, with a small photograph. The book contains six additional signatures which are also affixed to separate pages. Included are: Will James (1892-1942) author who wrote and illustrated Smoky, Lone Cowboy, The American Cowboy and twenty other books; William Beebe (1877-1962) naturalist and author who is most famous for his world record descent in the Bathysphere with Otis Barton in 1934; Charles G. Dawes (1865-1951) who was Calvin Coolidge's Vice President; and three others. $550

263. Hindenburg. German airship. 803.8 feet in length and 135.1 feet in diameter, the hydrogen filled airship was the largest aircraft ever to fly. The commercial flights of the Hindenburg, along with Graf Zeppelin, pioneered the first transatlantic air service. On May 6, 1937, she was coming in for a landing at the naval air station at Lakehurst, New Jersey when the ship exploded in a huge ball of flame killing thirty-six passengers. It was supposed that a hydrogen fuel cell had sprung a leak and was ignited by static electricity. Other studies conclude that the fabric covering the bag was extremely flammable and probably caught fire first, before setting off the hydrogen. 7" x 2" piece of silver fabric from the Hindenburg. The fabric has been signed by: Brandenburg, who adds “Director of Civil Aviation Germany”; Benkendorf; Hugo Eckener (1868-1954) who was the “old man” of the Zeppelin airship company and responsible for training most of Germany's airship pilots during and after World War I; and another who identifies himself as “Berlin Staatsminister.” This item belonged to Edward Pearson Warner (1894-1958). Dr. Warner was Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Aeronautics, editor of Aviation, a member of the Federal Air Commission, President of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (PICAO) and the first president of the ICAO Council. $600
264. Igor Sikorsky (1889-1972) Russian born aviation pioneer. In 1909, in Russia, Sikorsky had unsuccessfully experimented with rotary-wing aircraft, and his first models failed only for want of a lightweight engine of sufficient power. He nurtured the dream, however, and on September 14, 1939, produced his first practical helicopter, the VS-300. A later model in 1943, the R-4, became the world’s first production rotary-wing craft. This led to highly successful helicopters widely used by all United States military services and more than fifty foreign countries. 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" air mail postal cover commemorating the “Airport Dedication in Sylacauga, Alabama,” canceled November 4, 1962, signed. There is a second stamp, the Sikorsky commemorative, canceled on the first day of issue, June 23, 1888. $125

265. Douglas “Wrong Way” Corrigan (1907-1995) Aviator. Corrigan applied for permission to fly across the Atlantic in 1938 and was refused. He took off from Floyd Bennett Field for Los Angeles. Upon landing in Dublin he insisted that his instruments malfunctioned. 5" x 3" card, inscribed and signed “…Douglas Corrigan 3-5-93, Wrong Way to Ireland 1938.” $ 50

266. Francis Gary Powers (1929-1977) Pilot. On On May 1, 1960 Powers left Peshawar, Pakistan in a U-2 spyplane, on a mission to photograph ICBM development sites in and around Sverdlovsk and Plesetsk in the Soviet Union. Attempts to intercept Powers’ plane by Soviet fighters failed due to the U-2’s extreme altitude, but eventually one of the fourteen surface-to-air missiles launched at the plane managed to get close enough. The aircraft was badly damaged, and crashed near Sverdlovsk. The Paris Summit between Dwight Eisenhower and Nikita Khrushchev collapsed, in large part because Khrushchev demanded an apology over the incident. Khrushchev had announced the shooting down on May 5 and American attempts to claim it was an off-course meterological flight were embarrassingly destroyed when the Russians revealed they had captured the pilot. Khrushchev left the talks on May 16. Powers was convicted of espionage and sentenced to three years’ imprisonment and seven years of hard labor. But he only served one and three-quarter years before being exchanged for Colonel Rudolph Ivanovich Abel. 5" x 3" card, inscribed and signed “To Kayo Best wishes Francis Gary Powers.” $150

267. Chuck Yeager (1923- ) Air Force officer and aviator. Yeager was the first human to fly faster than the speed of sound. 10" x 8" color photograph, inscribed and signed “To Tony Kester, Good Luck! Chuck Yeager.” $ 50
268. Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968), Pavel Popovich (1930- ), Vladimir Komarov (1927-1967), Konstantin Feoktistov (1926- ) and Boris Yegorov (1937-1994) Soviet Cosmonauts. 9" x 6 ½" black and white photograph of Gagarin and Popovich greeting the crew of the Voshkod 1 which launched in October 1964 and was the first three person flight, signed. Gagarin became the first human to travel into earth orbit. From 1962 he served as a deputy to the Supreme Soviet. He was killed in a crash of a MiG-15 on a routine training flight near Moscow in 1968. Popovich flew aboard Vostok 4 and was the second human in space. Voshkod 1 was the first group spaceflight. Komarov was killed during reentry of Soyuz I as the spinning of the capsule tangled the lines on the main chute. Minor damage to one corner. $600

269. Early Soviet Cosmonauts. 5 ½" x 4" color Soviet post card recognizing the anniversary of the October Revolution with a typed message, in Russian, on the reverse side, signed by Yuri Gagarin, Gherman Titov (1935-2000), Vladimir Komarov, Valentina Tereshkova (1937- ) (in 1963 she became the first woman to orbit the earth), Valeri Bykovsky (1934- ). Pavel Popovich, Boris Yegorov, Pavel Belyaev (1925-1970) and Andrian Nikolaev (1929- ). The message reads: “Dear Ivan Grigoryevich! We congratulate you on the big holiday of the Great October...From all our soul we wish you good health and glowing successes in the honor of our socialist Motherland....” There is modest damage to the upper right corner. $450
270. **Wernher von Braun** (1912-1977)
Rocket scientist. Von Braun is well known as the leader of what has been called the “rocket team” which developed the V-2 ballistic missile for the Nazis during World War II. After the war he worked with the United States Army in the development of ballistic missiles and was the chief architect of the Saturn V launch vehicle that would propel Americans to the moon.

14" x 21" German newspaper, July 1969, with a color photograph of the leg of the LEM and the lunar surface, inscribed in German and signed. Modest toning. $250

271. **Mercury Astronauts**. 8" x 10" color photograph, image 6 ¼" x 7 ¾", of the seven Mercury astronauts, in spacesuits, signed by Scott Carpenter (1925- ), Gordon Cooper (1927- ), John Glenn (1921- ) and Wally Schirra (1923- ). $200

272. **Alan Shepard** (1923-1998)
Original Mercury astronaut and “moonwalker.” 5" x 3" card signed “Alan B. Shepard, Jr.” $75

273. **Alan Shepard**. 8" x 10" black and white NASA lithograph signed. $125

274. **John Glenn** (1921- ) Mercury and Shuttle astronaut. Glenn was the first American in space and later served as a United States Senator. While a Senator, Glenn flew aboard the shuttle *Discovery*. 8" x 10" color NASA lithograph of Glenn, in a spacesuit, signed. There is a printed inscription at the upper right. $50

275. **Gemini 7** and **Gemini 6A**. Launched on December 4th and December 15, 1965 these two spacecraft and their four astronauts accomplished the first in-space rendezvous and also recorded the first photograph of another orbiting spacecraft. A dramatic 14" x 11" color photograph of Gemini 7 with Gemini 6A in the foreground mounted to a 20" x 16" mat and inscribed and signed on the mat under the image by the four astronauts Wally Schirra (1923- ), James Lovell (1928- ), Frank Borman (1928- ) and Thomas Stafford (1930- ). Stafford has inscribed “To Bill Whitkey- With best wishes and many thanks for all of the help.” A water stain affects the beginning of the inscription and “Wally” in Schirra’s signature. $250
276. **Frank Borman** (1928- ) Gemini and Apollo astronaut. 8 ½” x 4 ½” autograph note signed “Frank,” no date, to Soviet Cosmonaut Gherman Titov, with an envelope addressed by Borman to Titov and signed “F. Borman” on the reverse above his return address. “…Susan and I are sorry the trip to L. A. didn’t work out. We hope to see you on one of your future trips…Sincerely a friend!…” Titov was the second human to orbit the earth. $500

277. **Apollo Astronauts.** 11 ½” x 11 ½” book, *Full Moon*, designed by Michael Light, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc, 1999, first American edition, with unblemished dust jacket. The book contains fifty-seven black and white photographs and seventy-two color photographs of the moon and lunar missions from NASA. It is signed in silver ink, with their flight, on the second free end page under an image of the moon by **Alan Bean** (1930- ) “Apollo 12,” and **Charlie Duke** (1935- ) “Apollo 16,” and on the facing page by **Edgar Mitchell** (1930- ). There are individual signed bookplates affixed to the first free end page including **Rusty Schweichart** (1935- ) “Apollo 9,” **Buzz Aldrin** (1930- ), **Wally Schirra** and **Walt Cunningham** (1932- ). There are signed bookplates inside the front cover of **Jim McDivitt** (1929- ) and **Richard Gordon** (1929- ). There is show-through from the mounting adhesive on the Gordon and Cunningham examples. A unique item and a beautiful book. $300


279. **Buzz Aldrin** (1930- ) Gemini and Apollo astronaut. 8” x 10” color NASA lithograph inscribed and signed “To Lynn Morrison With Best Wishes Buzz Aldrin.” $125

$100

281. **Michael Collins** (1930—) Apollo 11 astronaut. 17” x 10 ½” parchment reproduction of the “Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and use of Outer Space,” signed. A “First Man on the Moon” commemorative stamp has been affixed and canceled on the first day of issue, September 9, 1969. There is a second “Moon Landing” cancellation on July 20, 1969.  

$200

282. **Alan Bean** (1930—) Apollo 12. 5” x 7” color Kodak photograph of Bean’s painting of himself on the lunar surface, signed and inscribed “Alan Bean, Apollo 12.”  

$75

283. **Apollo 15.** 6 ¼” x 3 ¾” postal cover with a cachet honoring their flight signed by crew members [Jim Irwin](1930-1992), [Dave Scott](1935—) and [Al Worden](1932—). There are two Apollo commemorative stamps that were canceled at Cape Canaveral on July 21, 1971.  

$300

284. **Dave Scott** (1935—) Apollo 15 astronaut and “Moonwalker.” 5 ½” x 3 ½” color postcard photograph of Scott on the lunar surface on the lunar rover at Hadley Rille, signed in silver ink “Dave Scott, Apollo 15 CDR.”  

$125
285. Edgar Mitchell. 8" x 10" black and white NASA lithograph of Mitchell with a model of the LEM, signed and dated “4/10/02.” There is also an autopen example. $50

286. Apollo-Soyez. 9 ½" x 7" color illustration of the space link up of the two spacecraft in July 1975, mounted to 14" x 11" and signed on the mat by the American astronauts Tom Stafford, Vance Brand (1931- ) and Deke Slayton (1924-1995). Modest spotting to the mat. $200

287. Michael J. Smith (1945-1986) Challenger astronaut. Smith was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in May 1980. Captain Smith died on January 28, 1986 when the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded after launch from the Kennedy Space Center. 8 ½" x 11" autograph note signed on a printed NASA Biographical Data sheet, August 1981. The biographical sheet provides the background, interests and experience of Smith. He has written on the bottom: “Mike, Was certainly glad to get your letter and I’m happy to find out that there’s another Mike Smith who’s interested in space. Mike Smith.” $450

288. Rick Husband (1957-2003) Husband was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in December 1994. He died on February 1, 2003 over the southern United States when Space Shuttle Columbia and her crew perished during entry, sixteen minutes prior to scheduled landing. 8" x 10" NASA lithograph, inscribed and signed “To Natalie – Best Wishes! Rick Husband, Prov 3: 5-6.” The Proverbs verse to which he refers reads: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know...." $400