



Letter from the Editor

In addition to the usual mix of reports, analyses and commentary on all space-related matters, I am particularly pleased to re-introduce in this month's issue our review of books. And to expand that coverage to all forms of media, study and entertainment be it in print, on video or in a computer game – so long as it's related to space – and to have this as a regular monthly contribution to the magazine.

Specifically, it is gratifying to see a young generation stepping up and contributing. In which regard, a warm welcome to the young Henry Philp for having provided for us a serious analysis of a space-related computer game which is (surprisingly, to this sagely Editor!), a fascinating digital version of Lego (or even Meccano!).

Elsewhere, we have an insightful reflection on the life of Alan Bean from one who knew him well and from fellow astronauts who held him in justifiably high regard. There will never be a time when we will forget the first 12 Moonwalkers of Apollo, whose remarkable achievements touched the lives of many on this "Good Earth".

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COVER: THE LAST MOONWALKER EUGENE CERMAN, COVERED IN LUNAR DUST WHICH IS NOW SEEN AS A HEALTH HAZARD. NASA

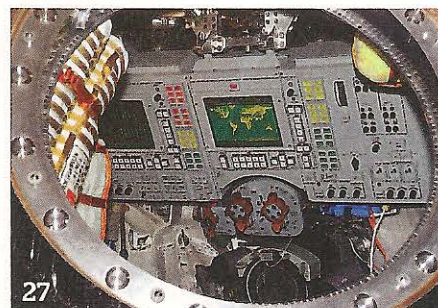
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