

# SPACE THE SPACE AGE AGE

Humanity has left the planet.

Foolish Earthling Productions presents **THE SPACE AGE**, an ongoing series of documentary specials and mini-series celebrating humanity's quest to explore the universe – from the sometimes quaint, sometimes visionary ideas of the first space dreamers to the brilliance of the early rocket experimenters, from the glories of the Apollo moon program to orbital spacestations, interplanetary probes and beyond.

Next stop, the stars.





The first two-hour program begins with centuries of dreams, research and experiments... all of which came to stunning fruition nearly 50 years ago, when the Soviet Union fired the starting gun for the Space Race. This first special will be ready to air in the fall of 2007.

THE SPACE AGE / Program one:  
**"THE NEW HIGH GROUND"**

On October 4th, 2007 the Space Age will be 50 years old. That was the date in 1957 when the Soviet Union shocked the world with the launch to orbit of Sputnik One, the world's first artificial satellite. Program One looks at the preparations for that milestone event, from the prescient theories of Konstantine Tsiolkovsky to the practical experiments of American rocket pioneer Robert Goddard and his German counterpart Wernher von Braun, through the post-war race to put an artificial satellite into orbit. The triumphant launch of the Soviet's Sputnik One – which beeped its taunting message into American homes as it circled overhead – was the first guantlet thrown down in the quest for leadership in space exploration.

The climax of the first episode of THE SPACE AGE will be the formation of the new American Space Task Group – dedicated to launching (American) men into space. Three months after Sputnik, the American satellite Explorer One galvanized the American public (read: taxpayers) into supporting the expensive and dangerous race against the Communists for the high ground of space.





*"Earth is the cradle of humanity, but one cannot live in the cradle forever."*

~ Konstantine Tsiolkovsky

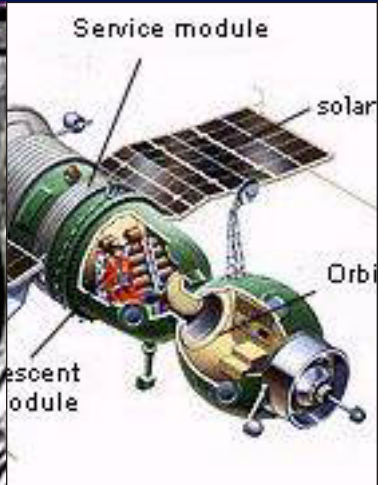
Future specials and mini-series will follow –

Jacques Cousteau-style – to mark major events on the path of humanity's greatest adventure:

- The first men and women in space
- The first spacewalks
- The race to reach the moon and the science done there
- The astoundingly capable robot probes sent to the far reaches of our solar system and beyond
- The inevitable tragedies that haunt such bold enterprises
- The astonishing, world-changing triumphs
- The first private ventures beyond the earth's atmosphere
- The evolution and development of the new frontier that continues today and will stretch far into the future



Future specials (and when true milestone events – such as the race to manned orbit or the final push to the moon warrant it – full mini-series) will be produced to correspond to subsequent 50th anniversaries, with program output averaging one or two per year through at least 2012.



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## ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

Producer/writer/director MICHAEL LENNICK's series "ROCKET SCIENCE" (Discovery Channel) was recently awarded the Gold "Remi" for Best Direction in a Documentary Series at the Houston International Film Festival. He and his team at Foolish Earthling Productions have won many awards for their science and history documentaries over the past dozen years.

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