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## Pan American Airways (Pan Am) "First Moon Flights" Club Membership Card

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Pan American Airways (Pan Am) "First Moon Flights" Club Membership Card
<b>Date:</b>	Circa 1968
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2018.0049
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of one Pan American Airways (Pan Am) "First Moon Flights" Club membership card, numbered 5893.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Pan American Airways (Pan Am) "First Moon Flights" Club Membership Card</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Michelle Iradjpanah, Gift, 2018, NASM.2018.0049

### Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2018.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

In 1964, Gerhard Pistor, an Austrian journalist, went to a travel agency in Vienna and requested a flight to the Moon. The agency forwarded his request to Pan American Airways (Pan Am) which accepted the reservation and replied that the first flight was expected to depart in the year 2000. Pan Am public relations personnel began a waiting list of others eager to travel to the Moon, and actively promoted it after the success of the Apollo 8 and Apollo 11 missions. Pan Am issued 93,000 "First Moon Flights" Club cards between 1968 and 1971 to members in every U.S. state, as well as 90 countries around the world. As late as 1989, Pan Am

maintained that they would eventually redeem the memberships, but the cards became collector's items when the company declared bankruptcy in 1991.

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## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of one Pan American Airways (Pan Am) "First Moon Flights" Club membership card, numbered 5893. The card measures approximately 3.5 by 2.5 inches. The line for the member's name is blank, and the card features the facsimile signature of James Montgomery, Vice President, Sales.

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## **Arrangement**

Collection is in original order.

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## **Names and Subject Terms**

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airlines
- Astronautics
- Space flight