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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Association of Space Explorers Collection [Schweickart]
Date:	1983-2008
Identifier:	NASM.2019.0023
Creator:	Schweickart, Russell L. "Rusty", b. 1935
Extent:	1.77 Cubic feet (5 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of approximately 1.77 cubic feet of materials relating to the creation of the Association of Space Explorers, their activities, and some additional material about various projects Russell L. "Rusty" Schweickart was involved in.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Russell Schweickart, Gift, 2019, NASM.2019.0023

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Association of Space Explorers is a non-profit organization with a membership composed of people who have completed at least one Earth orbit in space (above 100 km / 62 mi), as defined by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. Founded in 1985, its current membership stands at over 400 from the following 38 countries: Afghanistan, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam. The organization

provides a forum, the Planetary Congress, for the promotion of space exploration, as well as space science and engineering and environmental awareness from the unique perspective of astronauts/cosmonauts.

Russell L. "Rusty" Schweickart (b. 1935) is a scientist and former astronaut who served as the lunar module pilot for the Apollo 9 flight. Prior to his career as an astronaut, Schweickart was a research scientist at the Experimental Astronomy Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was also a fighter pilot in the U. S. Air Force and the Massachusetts Air National Guard from 1956 to 1963. Schweickart has also held various executive positions in business and in government including for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the State of California, and as chair of the United States Antarctic Program Safety Review Panel for the Director of the National Science Foundation. Schweickart is also a founder and past president of the Association of Space Explorers.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately 1.77 cubic feet of materials relating to the creation of the Association of Space Explorers, their activities, and some additional material about various projects Russell L. "Rusty" Schweickart was involved in. The collection contains the following types of material: correspondence (both letters and emails); Statement of Purpose; questionnaires; planning agreements; progress reports; material on various environmental science projects including the Sundance Symposium on Global Climate Change; and two publications, *Safety in Antarctica*, *Report of the U. S. Antarctic Program Safety Review Panel* and *Asteroid Threats, A call for global response*, published by the Association of Space Explorers in 2008.

Please note: As of this time, only a portion of this collection has been digitized. Additional material may be scanned as time and resources permit.

Arrangement

The collection is in original order and was divided into two series by the donor. The first relates to the founding of the Association of Space Explorers and the second is additional material. Within individual folders, material is usually arranged chronologically. Much of the email was organized into binders sorted first by email service provider and then chronologically within each set. In the case of the materials in Series 1, they were received in reverse chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Astronauts
- Publications

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence

Names:

- Association of Space Explorers
- Schweickart, Russell L. "Rusty", b. 1935

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Box 1, Folder 9	Pre-Planning Meeting Minutes, March 3, 1984
Box 1, Folder 10	Progress Report, May 1985
Box 1, Folder 11	Introduction, Statement of Purpose, Questionnaire
Box 1, Folder 12	Questionnaire with Notes and Tally of Responses
Box 1, Folder 13	Planetary Congress of Space Explorers 2nd Astronaut/Cosmonaut Planning Meeting, May 1984

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Box 3, Folder 1	[Binder] TCN, Sept 86 thru [Jan 87]
Box 3, Folder 2	[Binder 1] Electronic Mail [June to November 1987]
Box 4, Folder 1	[Binder 2] Electronic Mail [March to May 1988]
Box 4, Folder 2	[Binder 3] Electronic Mail [May to June 1988]
Box 4, Folder 3	[Binder] Personal Correspondence, Letters (Chron. File)
Box 5, Folder 1	[Binder] EIES, Oct 85 to Aug 87
Box 5, Folder 2	[Publications]

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