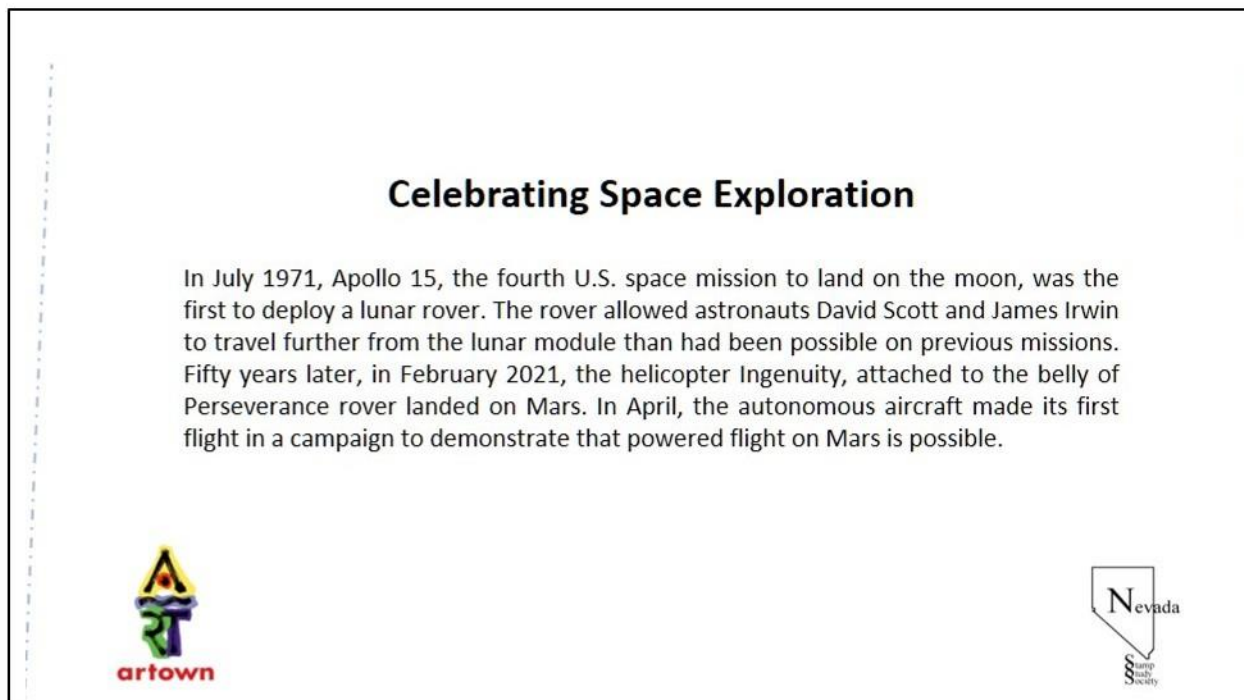
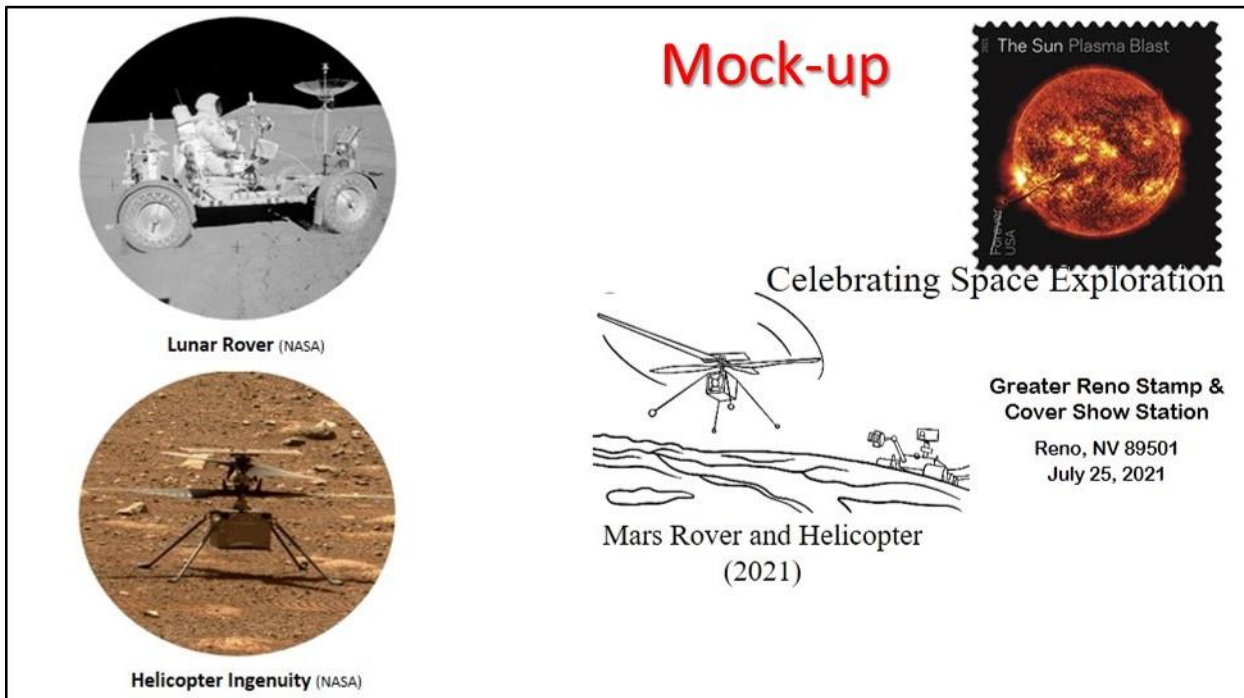



2021 Stamp show covers with special cancellation using one of the Sun Science stamps

Cover for July 25




Reverse of cover

Cover for July 24




Lunar Rover (NASA)

Mock-up




Lunar Roving Vehicle
(July 1971 – Apollo 15)



Celebrating Space Exploration

Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Station
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July 24, 2021



Helicopter Ingenuity (NASA)

Celebrating Space Exploration

In July 1971, Apollo 15, the fourth U.S. space mission to land on the moon, was the first to deploy a lunar rover. The rover allowed astronauts David Scott and James Irwin to travel further from the lunar module than had been possible on previous missions. Fifty years later, in February 2021, the helicopter Ingenuity, attached to the belly of Perseverance rover landed on Mars. In April, the autonomous aircraft made its first flight in a campaign to demonstrate that powered flight on Mars is possible.

A Space Scandal

As an aside, the Apollo 15 crew carried 232 authorized and at least 400 unauthorized postal covers to space. 100 of the unauthorized covers were sent to West German stamp dealer Hermann Sieger for which each Apollo 15 crewmember was to receive \$7,000. NASA started investigating when they learned of the unauthorized "Sieger covers" that were being sold. NASA confiscated 298 of the unauthorized "personal" covers along with 60 authorized covers. The three astronauts were reprimanded for poor judgment, and did not fly in space again.



Reverse of cover