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Dear friends Astrophilatelists,

The last few years have seen many changes in space : satellite launches (communications, scientific, astronomical, military, ...) continue unabated, as do manned and unmanned flights to the I.S.S.

What we do notice in recent years is the increased interest in exploring the Moon and Mars : plans are again being made for a moon landing and research on the planet Mars has increased sharply.

Surely a vague sign that there are too many of us on this planet and we will have to look for other places ?

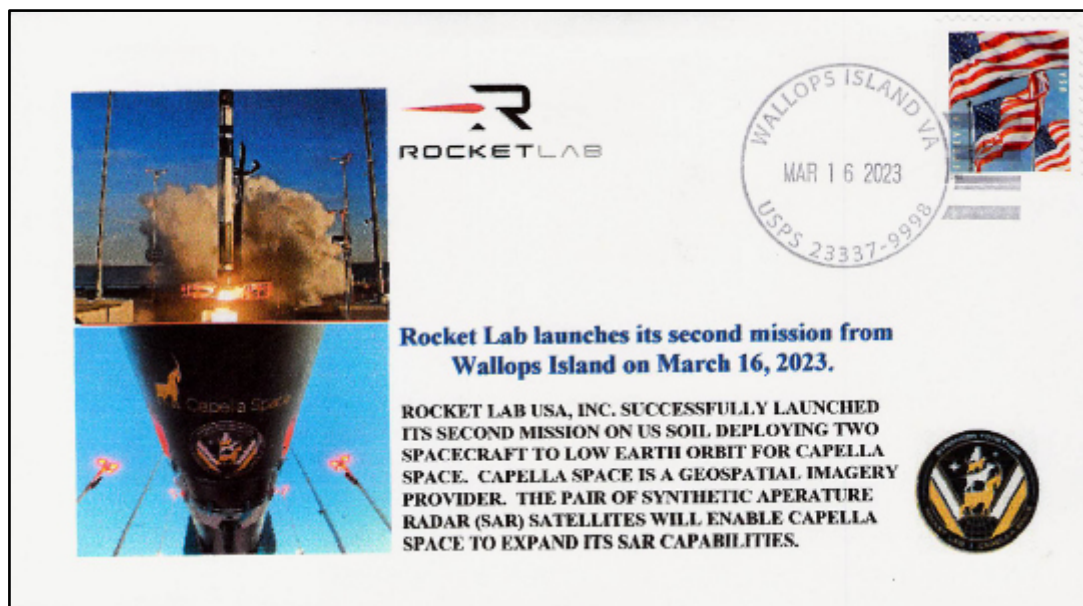
On the other hand, there are also a number of private companies testing out new materials and developing new rockets.

Finally, there is also the increase in space tourism, both to the frontiers of space (Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin) and to the space station (Inspiration and Axiom).

BFV Cosmos tries in your Cosmos Express to follow these evolutions and to draw attention to them, but we are still an astrophilately association : so we try to follow the fast evolutions with nice covers and cancellations, but these are not always immediately available. So sometimes we post several months later.

Enjoy reading and we hope to see you at one of our next meetings in Ghent / Zwijnaarde.

Stefan Bruylants



After a first launch from Wallops Island /VA on 24th January 2023, RocketLab successfully launched a second rocket from WI on March 16th 2023. The Electron-rocket launched two satellites to LEO for the Capella Space Company. More about RocketLAB in Cosmos express # 242.

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Umberto Cavallaro - a tribute

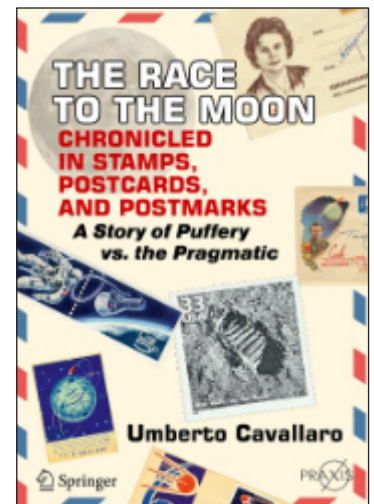
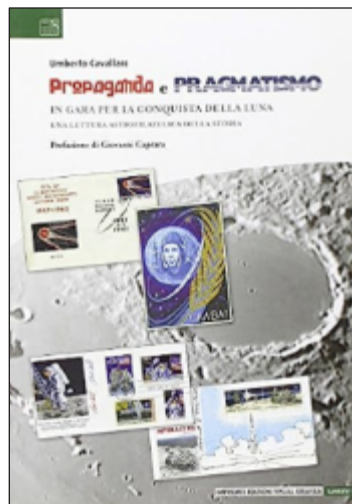
Umberto Cavallaro is author and editor of AD*ASTRA, the quarterly Journal of AS.IT.AF, the Italian Astrophilatelic Society that just turned 15 years. His professional activity led him to cooperate for many years with ESA, the European Space Agency.

He is the author of several books on spaceflight and the connection with astrophilately.

Propaganda e Pragmatismo in gara per la conquista della Luna

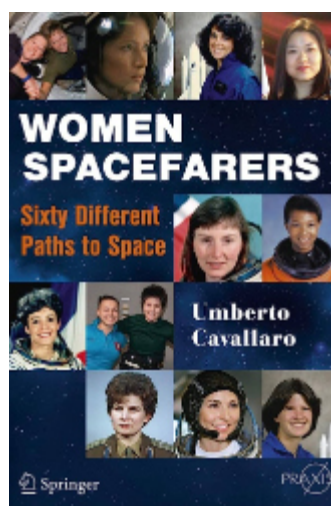
The Race to the Moon, a Story of Puffery vs. the Pragmatic

The story of the famed race to the Moon between the US and the USSR has been told countless times. The strategies of these two superpowers have often been paralleled in a way that highlights their fight for dominance and efforts to develop needed new technologies. This book will show how beneath these surface similarities, the two competing nations employed very different core tactics. It provides a new perspective of the history of the space race by analyzing that history through philately - that is, from the images on postage stamps, post cards, and letters in circulation at that time. Through this fascinating historical visual record, the author shows how the propaganda-heavy approach of the USSR eventually lost out to the more pragmatic approach of the United States.



Donne nello Spazio

Women Spacefarers



This book tells the fascinating stories of the valiant women who broke down barriers to join the space program. Beginning with the orbital flight of USSR cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova in 1963, they became players in the greatest adventure of our time. The author contextualizes their accomplishments in light of the political and cultural climate, from the Cold War in the background to the changing status of women in society at large during the Seventies.

The book includes the biographies of, and in some cases interviews with, the sixty women who flew in space in the first half century of space history.