

NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Russell Louis "Rusty" Schweickart

ORAL HISTORY: 19 October 1999
8 March 2000

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT),
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1956
M.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1963

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Captain, United States Air Force (1956-1960)

PRE-NASA CAREER:

Research Scientist, Experimental Astronomy Laboratory, MIT, Cambridge,
Massachusetts (1961- 1963)

NASA CAREER:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX
Astronaut, Astronaut Office (1963-1977)
Assistant, Apollo Applications (1969-1974)
Assistant, Payload Operations, Planning and Program Integration (1976-1977)
NASA Headquarters, Washington DC
Director of User Affairs, Office of Applications (1974-1976)

POST-NASA CAREER:

Governor Edmund G. Brown's Office, California
Member, California State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
Commission (1970-1979)
Assistant, Science and Technology (1977- date unknown)
Chairman, California Energy Commission (1979-1983)
Commissioner, California Energy Commission (1983-1985)
Chair, Antarctic Safety Review Panel, National Science Foundation (1987-1988)
President, Courier Satellite Services Inc.
Executive Vice-President, CTA Commercial Systems Inc.
President, NSR Communications

Aloha Networks Inc., San Francisco, California
President (1995-1998)
Executive Vice-President (1998- date unknown)

MISSIONS:

Apollo 9 (AS-504)

- Crew: Commander James A. McDivitt, Command Module Pilot David R. Scott, Lunar Module Pilot Russell L. “Rusty” Schweickart
- Launched: 3 March 1969 at 11:00:00 A.M. EST from Cape Canaveral, FL
- Duration: 241 hours, 00 minutes, 54 seconds
- Landed: 13 March 1969 at 12:00:54 P.M. EST
- Mission Highlights: First manned flight of the Lunar Module (LM). Of secondary importance was testing LM mission activities such as transposition, docking and withdrawal; intervehicular crew transfer; extravehicular capabilities; rendezvous and docking

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Fellow, American Astronautical Society (AAS)
- Associate Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Member, Society of Experimental Test Pilots
- Founder & Member, Association of Space Explorers (ASE)
- Member, Sigma Xi (scientific research society)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- NASA Distinguished Service Medal, 1969
- National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Special Trustees Award, 1969
- Federation Aeronautique Internationale De La Vaux Medal, 1970
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1973

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