

APOLLO 16



Colorano "Silk" Cachet



A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT

APOLLO 16 – MOONLANDING – APRIL 20, 1972 – Problems began shortly after 3 p.m. when command module pilot Ken Mattingly was supposed to fire the main spacecraft engine to lift the command module "Casper" in an orbit higher than the lunar lander "Orion" – only one of the two systems was working. Trouble shooting the problem at Mission control, engineers found that the two main systems were working well. The problem was down the line in one of two electronic feedback loops. This eased worries considerably and Apollo 16 was given the "go" and landed on the moon at 9:23 p.m. – six hours later than scheduled.