

APOLLO 16



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APOLLO 16 – LUNAR LIFT-OFF – APRIL 23, 1972 – At 8:22 p.m. Orion blasted off the lunar surface after a stay of 72 hours and 2 minutes, a record in the Apollo program. As the two spacecrafts – Orion and Casper – flew formation Ken Mattingly the Casper pilot reported something bounced off the moon and slammed against Casper during the lunar lift-off tearing off several panels. Mission control ordered pictures taken of the torn thermal panels before the two craft docked at 10:40 p.m. as Duke and Young rejoined Mattingly for the first time in three days. The Apollo 16 crew starts toward earth at 9:16 p.m. April 24.