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# **Dr. Mike Reynolds**

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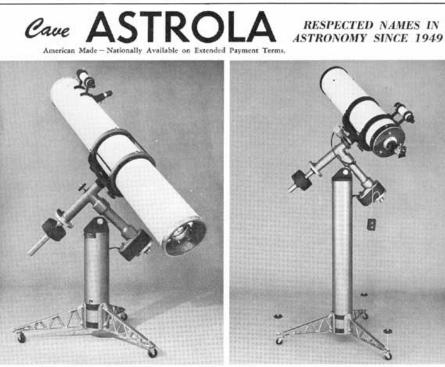
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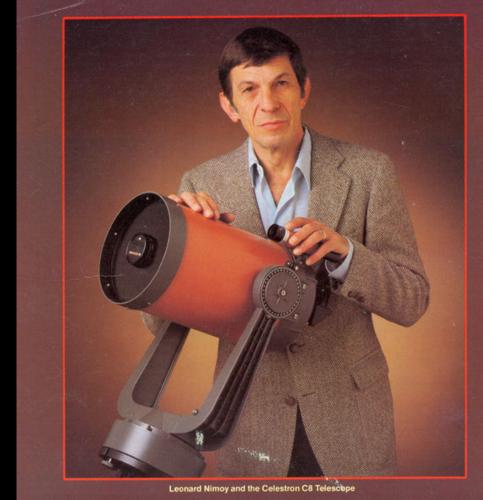
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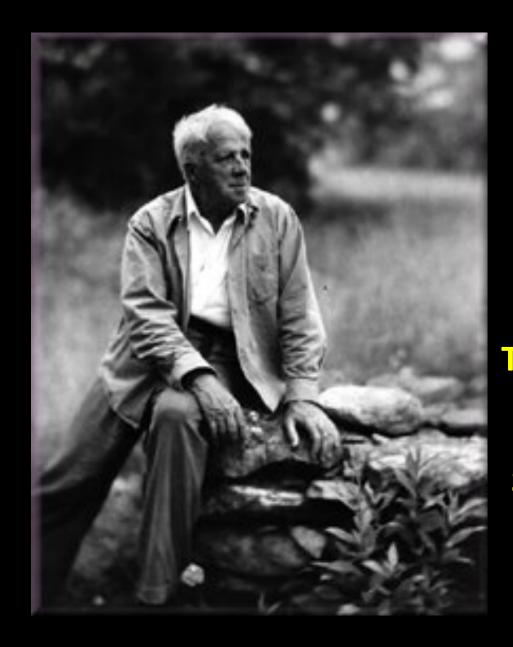
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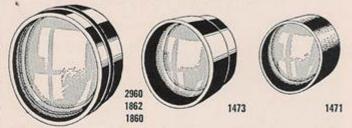
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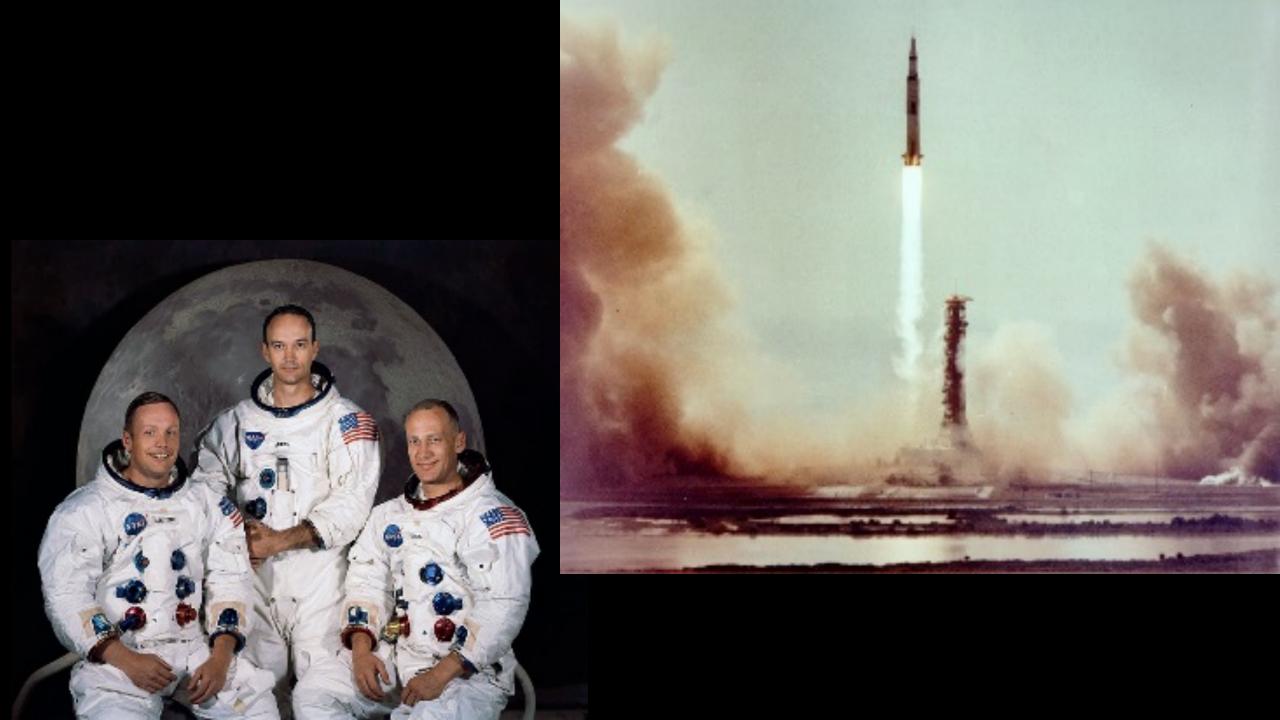
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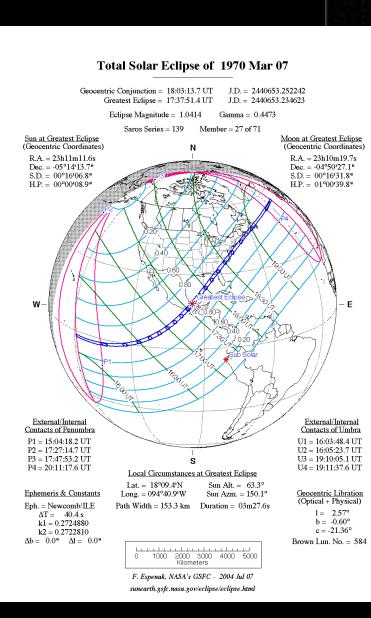
The observatory is named in honor of Michael Collins, command module pilot on Apollo 11, for he helped make possible the first manned landing on the moon.

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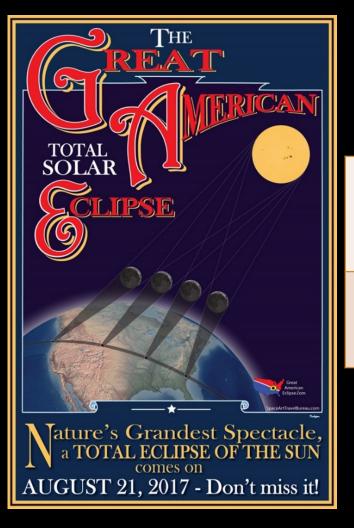
The Michael Collins Observatory in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, viewed from the north. Through the door can be seen the shelves along the south wall, where a shortwave radio is kept. The two telescopes, used together for astrophotography, are mounted high for better access to stars low in the sky.

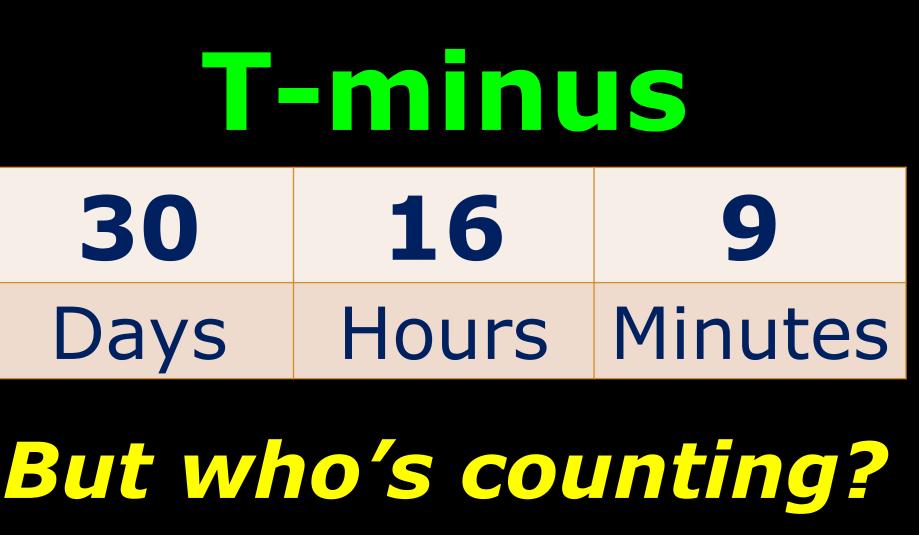














# Memphis Memorandum

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Six ALPO members at a meeting of the comets section included three from Florida, at left: Karl Simmons, Richard Sweetsir, and Mike Reynolds. At right are Saturn recorder Julius Benton, Savannah, Georgia, Charles Morris, and John Bortle.

> Jean P. Prideaux from Richmond, Virginia, demonstrated his camera setup for Mars photography with his 12 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch trailer-mounted reflector. Kneeling at left is Astro-Gator Mike Reynolds, who told of work with a cooled-emulsion camera. At right is J. M. Henry, North Little Rock.





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> Christian Huygens 1629-1695



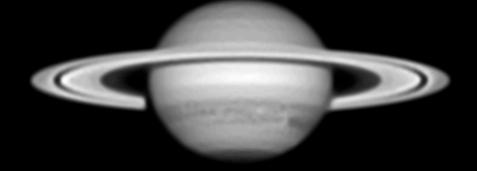
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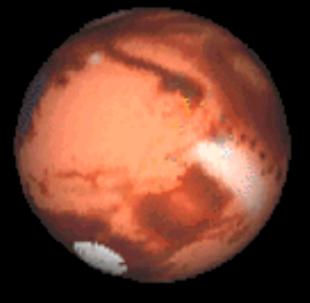


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