

# Early Astronauts

- Which astronauts hold the record for traveling the furthest distance from Earth?
  - Thomas Stafford, Eugene Cernan, and John Young, *Apollo 10*
  - Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, *Apollo 11*
  - Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert, and Fred Haise, *Apollo 13*
- Who said of *The Right Stuff*, "the movie was lousy but Tom Wolfe's coverage in the book [of the testing], I thought wasn't bad at all?"
  - Scott Carpenter
  - John Glenn
  - Wally Schirra
- Who is the only astronaut to fly to the Moon twice without ever landing on it?
  - Jim Lovell
  - John Young
  - Richard Gordon
- Which moonwalker was a direct descendant of a Mayflower passenger?
  - David Scott, *Apollo 15*
  - Pete Conrad, *Apollo 12*
  - Alan Shepard, *Apollo 14*
- The first astronauts were known as the "Original 7." What was the nickname for the second group of NASA astronauts?
  - The New Guys
  - Special K
  - The Next Nine
- Why did Buzz Aldrin's test spacesuit smell like fish?
  - An accident from cooling the suit
  - A practical joke
  - They used fish intestines instead of fiber for extra strength
- Why was Scott Carpenter's call sign *Aurora 7*?
  - His address as a child was Aurora and 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Boulder, Colorado
  - During his mission he had to identify seven stars above the aurora
  - To honor his high school championship swim team
- Why was John Glenn's Mercury flight called *Friendship 7*?
  - To highlight the camaraderie among the astronauts
  - To reflect how the US felt about the world
  - To counter a Soviet comment about how the astronauts were spoiled

## Answers:

- (C) As a result of the *Apollo 13* free return trajectory, they reached an altitude of 400,171 km above sea level at 0:21 UTC on 15 April 1970.
- (B)
- (A)
- (C) He was a descendant of Richard Warren.
- (C)
- (A) As told in [Quest 21:1](#), one day a staffer bought the dry ice from a local fish market.
- (A)
- (B) Per his biography, "the world is going to be watching so the name should represent our country and the way we feel about the rest of the world."

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