

Astronaut Trivia

SPACE HISTORY CHALLENGE™

- Who was the oldest person to fly to space prior to Wally Funk on-board the New Shepard commercial flight in 2021?
 - Vance Brand
 - Story Musgrave
 - John Glenn
- Who was the youngest person to fly to space prior to 18-year old Oliver Daemen on-board the New Shepard commercial flight in 2021?
 - Gherman Titov
 - Sally Ride
 - Sergei Volkov
- Three astronauts remember being tested in the centrifugal arm to 16 Gs—John Glenn, Alan Shepard, and whom?
 - Deke Slayton
 - Gordon Cooper
 - Gus Grissom
- Who was reportedly the first person to suffer from space (motion) sickness?
 - Wally Schirra
 - Scott Carpenter
 - Gherman Titov
- Which astronaut had the longest gap in time between trips to space?
 - John Young
 - Fred Haise
 - John Glenn
- Who was the oldest woman to fly in space?
 - Peggy Whitson
 - Barbara Morgan
 - Mary Cleave
- Who was the first non-Soviet European in space?
 - Ulf Merbold (Germany)
 - Vladimir Remek (Czechoslovakia)
 - Jean-Loup Chretien (France)
- What did Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Neil Armstrong, and Eugene Cernan have in common?
 - They each had the same birthday
 - They graduated from the same university
 - They all received the same score on their astronaut exam

Answers:

- (C) John Glenn was 77. Musgrave (61), and Brand (59). Wally Funk was 82.
- (A) One month shy of his 26th birthday, Titov flew on Vostok 2 in August 1961. Ride was 32. Volkov was 35.
- (B)
- (C)
- (C) Young and Haise both flew during Apollo and on the Space Shuttle, but it was John Glenn who waited 36 years and 8 months between flight opportunities.
- (A) Whitson was 57 years old during her last flight, Expeditions 50/51/52 in 2016-2017. Morgan, at 55, was the oldest for a first flight.
- (B) Remek flew on Soyuz 28 in 1978.
- (B) Each graduated from Purdue.

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