

# 50 YEARS OF THE FIRST FLIGHT OF A MAN INTO SPACE – THE PHENOMENON OF THE 12th OF APRIL, 1961

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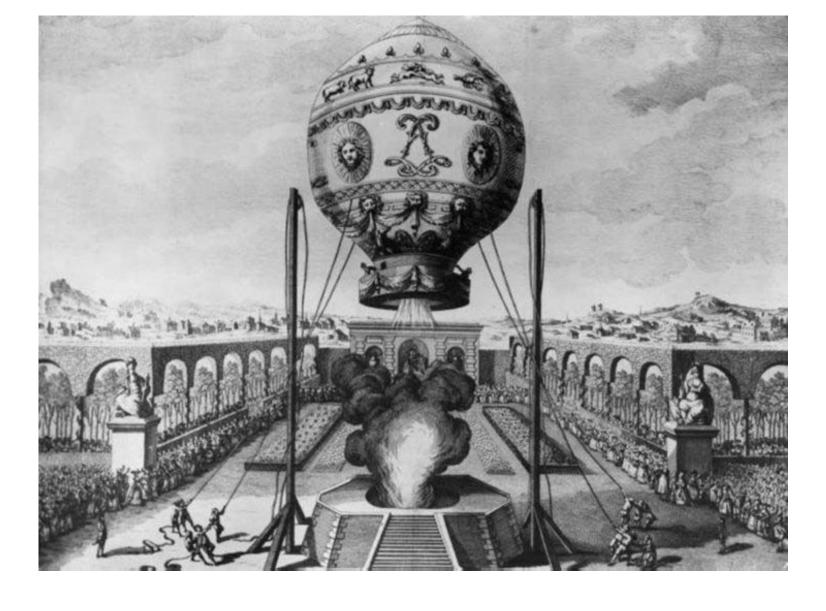
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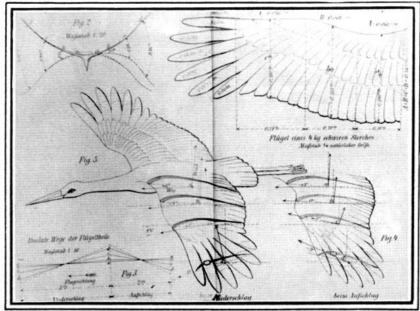




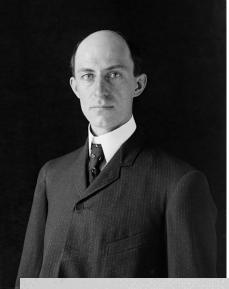
1783 – the <u>balloon</u> of brothers Montgolfier which could lift a man

## Otto Lilienthal was the first man to make well-documented, repeated, successful gliding flights beginning from 1891

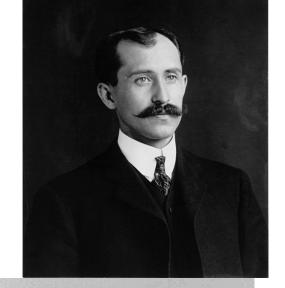


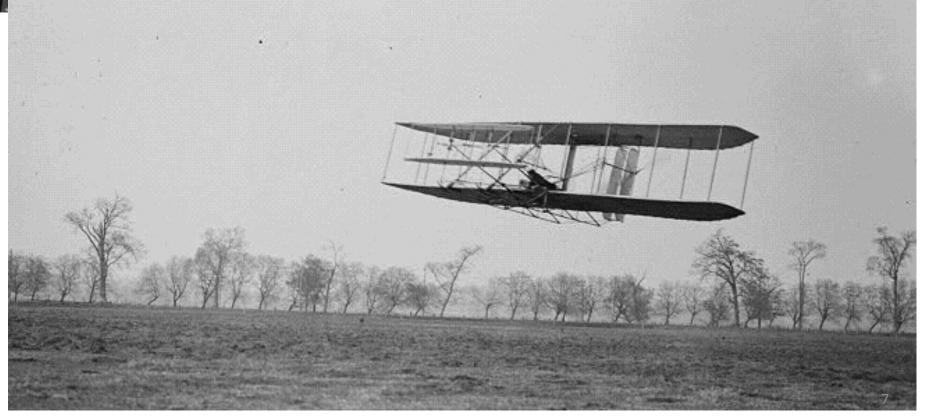


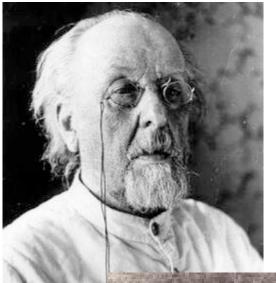




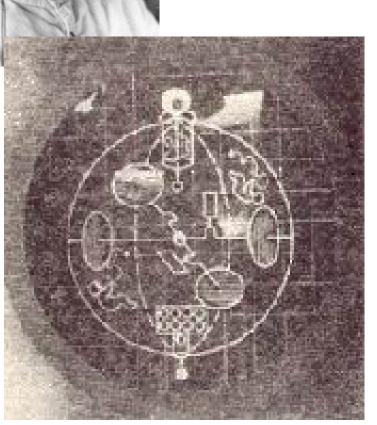
The Wright brothers were two Americans who were credited with inventing and building the world's first successful airplane and making the first human flight in 1903

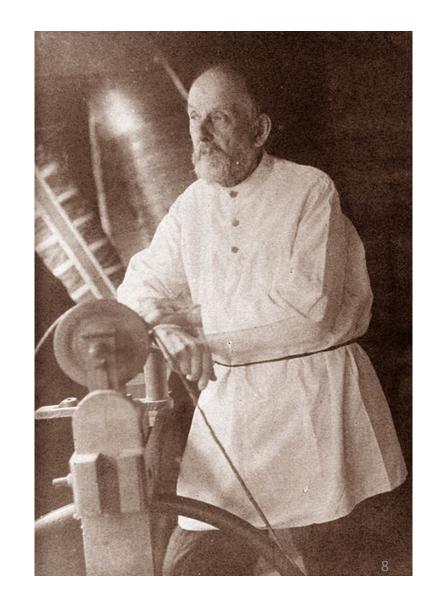






Konstantin Tsiolkovsky (1857-1935) - began to work on the foundations of <u>space flight</u> starting from 1883





Robert Goddart (1882-1945). In 1926 he successfully launched

the first rocket with the liquid rocket engine







## The firsts Rockers of USSR ГИРД-IX and ГИРД-X. 1933





Подготовка к запуску ракеты 09. С.П. Королев, Н.И. Ефремов, Е.М. Матысик. Нахабино. 1933 г.

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Under direction of Vernher von Brown (1912-1977) was developed ballistic missile Fau-2 (V-2)



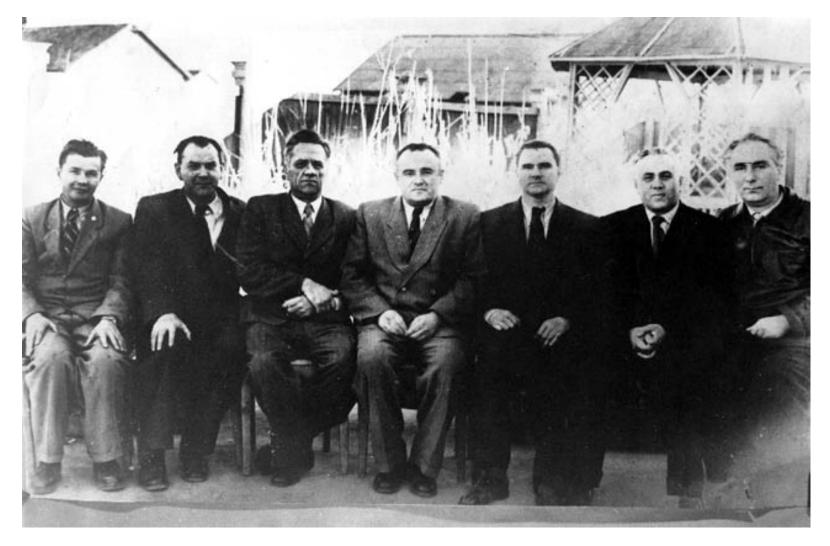


1945-1946. Sergei Korolev was awarded the Badge of Honor, for his work on the development of ballistic rockets

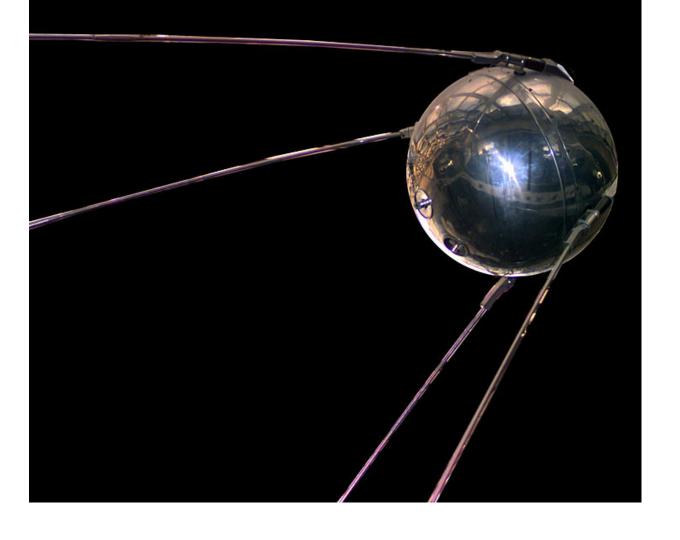


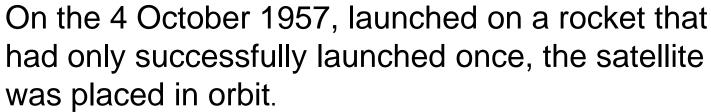


"Подполковник" С.П. Королёв (справа) в Германии. 1946 г.



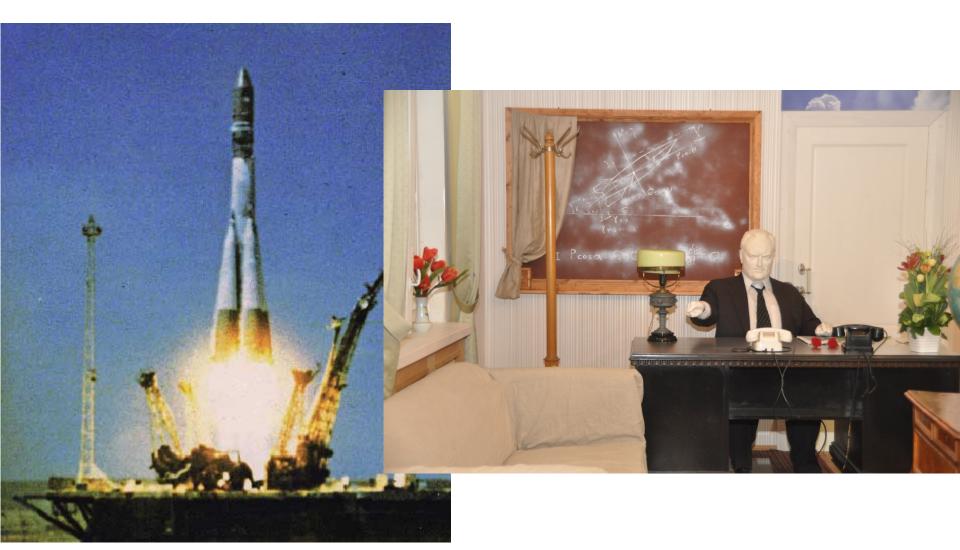
Soviet of Main Constructers: A.Bogomolov, M.Riazansky, N.Pilugin, S.Korolev, V.Glushko, V.Barmin, V.Kuznezov











On 15 May 1960 an unpiloted prototype performed 64 orbits of the Earth, but failed to return. Four tests were then sent into orbit carrying dogs, of which the last two were fully successful.



Dogs **Belka** and **Strelka** spent a day in space aboard Korabl-Sputnik-2 (Sputnik 5) on August 19, 1960 before safely returning to Earth.



Candidates of the first space flight:
Yuri Gagarin, German Titov and Grigory Nelubov



S.Korolev and J.Gagarin.
After gaining approval from the government, a modified version of the R-7 was used to launch Yuri Gagarin into orbit on 12 April 1961, the first human in Earth orbit





after ejecting at an altitude of 7 kilometres



S.Korolev was only ever referred to by the initials of his first two names, SP, or by the mysterious title of "Chief Designer", or simply "Chief". For those on the space program there was no authority higher.

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Juri Gagarin (1934-1968) - was the first human being to journey into <u>outer space</u>, when his <u>Vostok spacecraft</u> completed an <u>orbit</u> of the <u>Earth</u> on April 12, 1961. Gagarin died in 1968 when a <u>MiG</u> training jet he was piloting crashed.





Alan Shepard (1923 –1998) was an <u>American</u> <u>astronaut</u> who in May, the 5th 1961 became the second person, and the first American, in space. Ten years later, he commanded the <u>Apollo</u> <u>14</u> mission, and became the <u>fifth person to walk on the Moon</u>.







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Struggle of two space powers in creation of reusable airspace systems has not also changed the position of leader

10 factors that provided successful exploration of space.

- 1. The state priority of space program with concentration of all resources.
- 2. Presence of the authoritative and totalitarian leader of the program.
- 3. Patriotic spirit of the society.
- 4. Competition of public systems.
- 5. Fundamental education.
- 6. Effective science, 7.
- 7. Hi-tech manufacture.
- 8. The balanced interaction of education, science and manufacture.
- 9. High discipline and responsibility of executors.
- 10. High personal qualities of all responsible participants of the project.

Ракета-носитель с космическим кораблем "Восток" (12.04.1961)

Ракета-носитель "Атлас" с космическим кораблем "Меркурий" (20.02.1962)



#### Dear Sergey!

I received a letter from your friends and I would like not only to notify of the letter delivery, but also to give a detailed answer.

I've read the letter and a newspaper cutting through carefully. I'm really sorry that you are in hospital. But I'm absolutely sure that you will win this hard struggle for life, for your future. Sergey, you should not relinquish the hope of recovery, considering the constant help and support from our medicine, our sympathetic Soviet people who are always ready to help

You probably read the book by Nikolay Ostrovsky. This fearless fighter was in a tight corner many a time! He suffered a great deal of torments! But he always drew the winner. And he didn't stop believing in life. And not only he believed, but he also tried to benefit the society. Nowadays there also live many people who go against the tide and win. So don't give up, Sergey! Believe in the recovery, and you will win to help the society, the people.

I wish you to recover as soon as possible! Be cheerful! Yours faithfully,

Cosmonaut of the USSR, Yu.Gagarin.



