

Alouette: Canada's entry into the "Space Race"

Purpose: This exhibit will investigate the Alouette II stamp through its production, First Day Covers and rates and usages.

Importance: The Alouette II stamp is the first space themed stamp issued by Canada.

On September 29, 1962, Canada became the third country to have a domestically designed and built satellite in space, following the Soviet Union and the United States. Alouette 1 ushered in a new era in Canada's space accomplishments.

Canada didn't issue a stamp for the first satellite. Instead, Canada issued a stamp in 1966 to commemorate Alouette II, the second Alouette satellite and first of the ISIS (International Satellites for Ionospheric Studies) scientific satellites, launched November 29, 1965. Alouette II was originally produced as a backup to Alouette I; however, after the success of the first satellite, Alouette II was refurbished and had expanded capabilities added. Like Alouette I, Alouette II lived on well past its original 1 year expectancy and was terminated on August 1st, 1975.

The Alouette II stamp was designed by Harvey Thomas Prosser and engraved by Yves Baril. The stamp was issued on January 5th, 1966 and was followed in April of the same year by the Cavalier De La Salle stamp. Items outside of this period are included to show possible usages / rates as non First Day usages are very difficult to find.

No pre-production material is known in private hands.

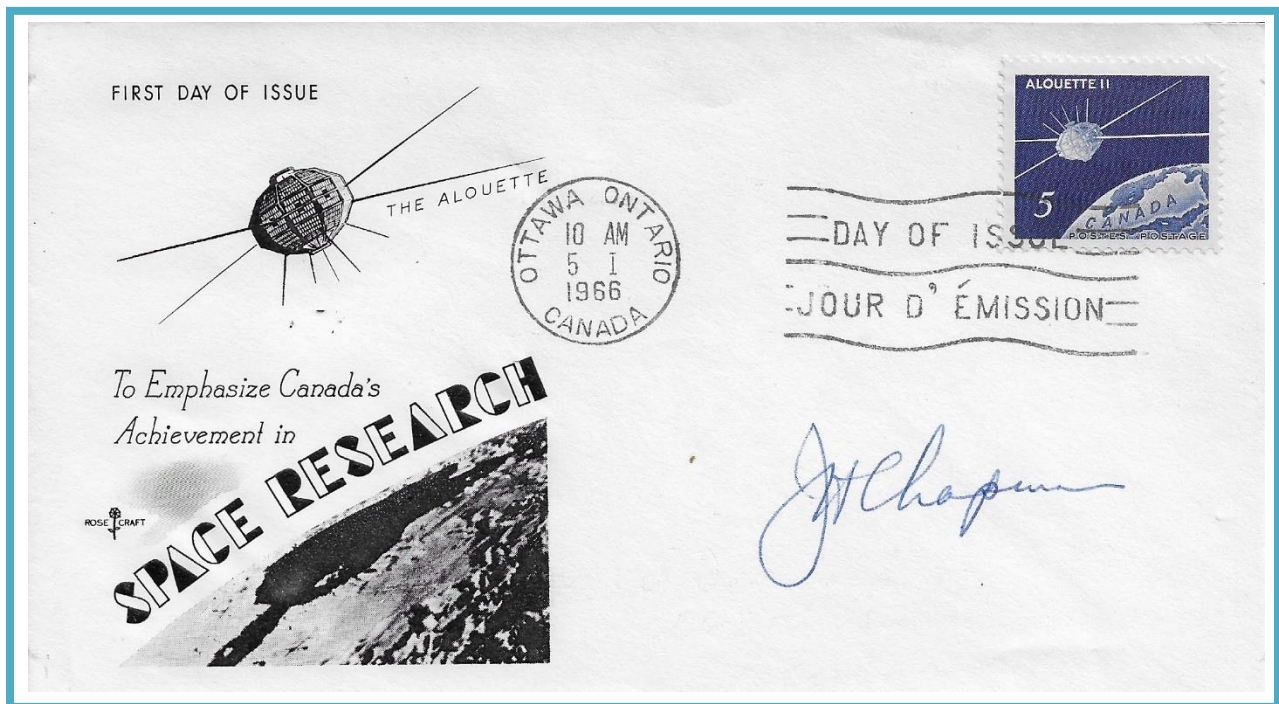
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Items of special importance are indicated by a blue outline and a Alouette symbol.



Areas of original research are identified by an open book symbol.



Rose Craft First Day Cover
Signed by **Dr. John Herbert Chapman**.
Dr. Chapman initiated and coordinated the Alouette / ISIS program and is widely considered the "Father" of the Canadian Space Program.

