Red Star Rising

The Early Triumphs of the Soviet Space Program

A Soviet Union 4 stamp se-tenant issue from 1991 commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the first man in space.

Popular history views the United States as having won the Space Race as a result of their Moon landing in 1969.

The real pioneers of space exploration, however, were from the Soviet Space Program which strung together an impressive list of firsts in space flight and exploration.

This exhibit will look briefly at some of these pioneers and their achievements from the middle to the latter part of the last century - achievements that were not only a triumph for the Soviet Union, but for all of humanity.

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- The First to Walk in Space - Leonov
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- The First Space Stations - Salyut & Mir