Oral History Interviewees Included in
Space Pioneers: In Their Own Words

Adam, Wallace: former director of Holloman high speed test track
Baker, Marvin: rocket engine engineer
Balthaser, Dennis: ufologist
Berry, Rick: helicopter pilot at White Sands Missile Range
Bick, Richard: medical officer at White Sands Proving Ground
Bowers, William: Broomstick Scientist at White Sands Proving Ground
Brand, Vance: Apollo-Soyuz astronaut
Chiles, Darby: Broomstick Scientist
Chisholm, William: quality assurance on Apollo
Cline, Earl: Daisy Track test participant
Collins, Eileen: space shuttle astronaut
Conway, Frank: worked on missiles at White Sands Proving Ground
Cooper, Donald: clerk at Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB)
Cornelius, Al: administrator at Manned Spacecraft Center & Johnson Space Center
Cox, John: guided missile engineer
Cunningham, Walter: Apollo 7 astronaut
Curatolo, Lew: worked on design & construction of Apollo capsule
Dailey, Jere: engineer on Apollo
Deiterich, Charles: flight dynamics on Apollo
Diehl, James: security officer at HAFB
Dittmer, Edward: Aeromedical Field Laboratory at HAFB (training Ham & Enos)
Douglas, William: personal physician for Mercury Seven astronauts
Dunn, Aubrey, Sr.: Alamogordo resident involved with HAFB & NM Museum of Space History
Durrenberger, Jed: photographer at White Sands Proving Ground
Fannon, Floyd: logistics officer at HAFB
Finch, Richard: troubleshooter on space shuttle program
Foley, Thomas: Broomstick Scientist
Gaffney, Andrew: payload specialist on first Spacelab Life Sciences Mission
Garing, Gerald: data analyst at White Sands Proving Ground
Gildenberg, Bernard (Duke): meteorologist with high altitude balloon projects
Gimbel, James: guidance control and navigation system for Lunar Lander Trainer
Glasco, Jack: photographer at HAFB
Godfrey, Lois: established school for Paperclip Scientists’ children
Gold, Joe: data analysis for White Sands Proving Ground
Gragg, Dee: anthropomorphic dummies & Daisy Track
Hadfield, Michael: worked on Thor missiles and Delta rockets
Hallmark, Howard: weather observer at White Sands Proving Ground & HAFB
Haney, Paul: public information officer at Manned Spacecraft Center
Hansen, Bill: mission control at White Sands Proving Ground
Harris, Lewie: mechanic at White Sands Proving Ground
Hermann, Bill: Broomstick Scientist
Herrera: Freda: physiologist, Aeromedical Field Laboratory, HAFB
Hess, Ulysses: personnel officer at White Sands Proving Ground
Hessberg, Rufus: head of Aeromedical Field Laboratory, HAFB
Holsey, Bill: machinist at HAFB
Kittinger, Joe: test pilot involved with Manhigh and Excelsior high altitude balloon projects
Kopplin, Ralph: finance officer at HAFB
Kranz, Gene: flight director for Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo
Lamberth, G.T.: worked with Daisy Track
Larsen, Don: worked on parachute systems for Gemini and Apollo
Mapes, Joe: mechanical engineer on Holloman high speed test track
Martinez, Ray: worked with sounding rockets
Mattson, Wayne: target drone division at HAFB
McClure, Clifton (Demi): pilot of Manhigh III high altitude balloon
Metzger, Al: Broomstick Scientist
Montgomery, Robert: cinetheodolite operator at HAFB
Moore, Charles: meteorologist with high altitude balloon programs
Mullane, Mike: space shuttle astronaut
Musgrave, Story: space shuttle astronaut
Nicholson, Grady: missile tracking at White Sands Proving Ground
Ohlinger, Dwight: one of the founders of the NM Museum of Space History
Orbison, James: electronics engineer on Apollo and space shuttle
Piccards (sons of Jean and Jeanette Piccard): early high altitude balloon flights
Piland, Doyle: missile testing at White Sands Missile Range
Poitra, Albert: missile testing at HAFB
Polyakov, Valeri: Russian cosmonaut on Mir space station
Priest, Wayne: developed new-technology tubing for missiles including Redstone & Atlas
Reiners, Art: technology development for missiles including Saturn V
Ritter, Robert: Broomstick Scientist
Schaaf, Dean: space shuttle flight training and preparing contingency landing sites
Scoby, Leonard: surveyor at HAFB
Schoneman, John: Broomstick Scientist
Simon, George: solar physicist on Spacelab 2 (ground support)
Simons, David: head of Space Biology Branch at HAFB and pilot of Manhigh II balloon flight
Sommers-Guzevich, Cynthia: handler of missile locating dogs at White Sands Missile Range
Stapp, John Paul: chief of Aeromedical Field Laboratory, HAFB and test track experimenter
Strehlow, Jack: rocket testing equipment developer at Santa Susana Field Laboratory
Sugerman, Len: Norden bombsight expert
Swope, Thelma: secret document controller at HAFB
Thagard, Norman: American astronaut aboard Soviet Mir space station
Tombaugh, Clyde: head of optical measurements at White Sands Proving Ground
Trigg, Raymond: communication construction at Cape Canaveral
Turner, Robert: personnel officer at Vandenberg Air Force Base
Van Wormer, Terry: worked on Holloman high speed test track
Vigil, David: instrumentation for Holloman high speed test track sleds
Weber, Marvin: chemist at HAFB
Wilcoxson, Fred: ufologist
Wilson, Clyde: helicopter pilot at HAFB
Winker, James: aeronautical engineer on scientific balloons
Zaborowski, Al: biodynamics tests and Daisy Track at HAFB