

ROTARY BEACON



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How the Space Shuttles Were Named

America's fleet of Space Shuttle orbiters are named after pioneering sea vessels which established new frontiers in research and exploration. NASA delved through the history books to find ships which achieved historical significance through discoveries about the world's oceans or the Earth itself. Another important criterion in the selection process was consideration for the international nature of the Space Shuttle program. The name of NASA's newest orbiter, Endeavour was selected from names submitted by school children around the world.

Atlantis is named for the primary research sailing vessel used by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute from 1930 to 1966 and was the first vessel to use electronic sounding devices to map the ocean floor.

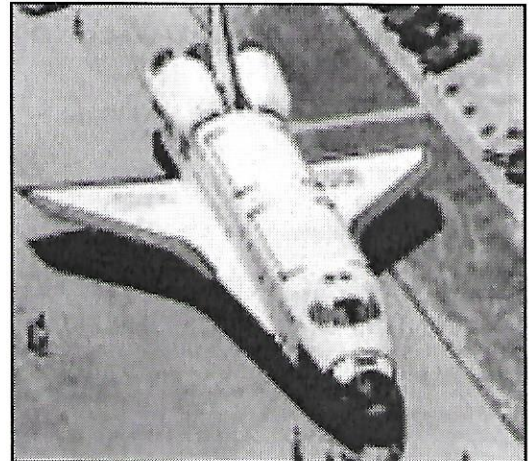
The ill-fated Challenger was named for an American naval research vessel that sailed the oceans in the 1870s.

Columbia was named for the sloop captained by Robert Gray who, on May 11, 1792, maneuvered his ship through dangerous inland waters to explore British Columbia and what are now the states of Washington and Oregon.

Discovery was named for one of the two ships used by the British explorer Captain James Cook when he discovered Hawaii and explored Alaska and northwestern Canada in the 1770s. It was also the name of one of Henry Hudson's ships that explored Hudson Bay in 1610-1611. Yet another ship named Discovery was used by the British Royal Geographical Society in 1875 to explore the region of the North Pole, and yet another was built by the Society in 1901 to explore the Antarctic regions. This last ship Discovery still exists.

The other of Cook's ships is the namesake for the Shuttle Endeavour. This ship was used in astronomical research, and its observations enabled the astronomers of the day to determine accurately, for the first time, the distance between the sun and the Earth. It was also noted as the ship that first explored New Zealand. Its voyages were the first long-distance sea voyages in which no crewmembers died of scurvy; Captain Cook forced the crew to eat a high vitamin C diet that prevented the disease.

Enterprise, the first Space Shuttle Orbiter, was originally to be named Constitution (in honor of the U.S. Constitution's Bicentennial). However, viewers of the popular TV Science Fiction show Star Trek started a write-in campaign urging the White House to rename the vehicle to Enterprise.



The Ill Fated Challenger Crew

Tonight's Program

Bill Ward has the program tonight. His guest speaker is Jim Buckingham who was the commanding officer for the Space Shuttle Challenger recovery team.

The Four-Way Test

A Guide to Live By

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Program Schedule for January-February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
February 28	Bill Ward	Club Service
March 6	James Walker	Comm. Service
March 13	David Bradley	Comm. Service
March 20	Jim Chalk	Comm. Service
March 27	Andy Couch	Comm. Service
April 3	Bet Dowty	Comm. Service
April 10	Darden Eure Jr.	Voc. Service

When You Miss a Meeting, Be Sure to Make Up

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Beaufort Old Towne	Mon	12:00 noon	Clawson's
MHC.Lookout	Wed	7:00 am	Carteret Gen. Hospital
MHC. Navigators	Wed	12:00 noon	Bountiful Bagel
MHC. Noon	Tues	12:00 noon	Golden Corral
MHC. Soundview	Thur	12:00 noon	Golden Corral
Newport	Mon	6:30 pm	Rotary Building
Swansboro	Thur	1:00 pm	Rotary Civic Center
Online	Any Day	Any Time	rotaryclubone.org



March Anniversary Darden & Myrna Eure Jr.



March 2

When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone beweep my outcast state
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries
And look upon myself and curse my fate,
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possess'd,
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state,
Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;
For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

--William Shakespeare

March Birthdays



Council Renfrow

March 2

Demus Thompson

March 5

John Nelson

March 28



Don't forget to put something in the Christmas Cheer Fund. Bet will thank you for being generous. We currently have raised \$43.01. Not a great start, but a start.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Albert Gaskill's** new address:
Carolina House, 830 Berkshire
Road, Smithfield, NC 27577.
Drop Albert a line when you have time.
I know he would appreciate hearing
from his Rotary friends.
- * **James Walker** has the program
next week.

Ace of Spades

Drawing

Tonight's Jackpot



\$640.00

(31 cards left in Deck)