

US Residents Call for Net-neutrality Rules

Search PC World

Search

Browse All

Sign in

Join US

Newsletters



News

Reviews

How-To

Downloads

Shop & Compare

Forums

Business Center

PCWorld Magazine
 Subscribe & Get a Bonus CD
 Customer Service




Ultra Thin < 1 inch
 8 hrs
 acer

Find a Review

Select Category

Everything About:

- Back to School Gift Guide
- Business Center
- Cameras
- Cell Phones & PDAs
- Consumer Advice
- Desktop PCs
- Gadgets
- Gaming
- HDTV
- Home Theater
- Laptops
- Macs & iPods
- Monitors
- Printers
- Software
- Spyware & Security
- Storage
- Tech Industry
- Tech Events
- Upgrading
- Windows Vista & XP

Resource Centers

- Acer Laptop Center
- Cisco Small Business Center
- Dell Shopping Center
- Dell Small Business Servers
- Lenovo Laptop Showcase
- HP Ink Center
- White Paper Library
- Webcast Library

Most Popular Products

- Lenovo IdeaPad S10e
- Sony VAIO VGN-NS230E/W
- Samsung LN52A650 52" LCD TV
- Panasonic TH-42PX80U 42" Plasma TV
- Canon MF3240 All-in-One Laser Printer

Free Newsletters

Receive the latest reviews, how-to's, news, and more.

- Hassle-Free PC
- The Best of PC World
- Security & Privacy

Enter e-mail address

Go

See All Newsletters

Blogs

PC World » Blogs » Today @ PC World



Today @ PC World

News, opinion, and links from the PC World staff.

Subscribe to this blog

3 diggs

ShareThis

Apollo's 40th Anniversary Shows True Wonder of the Internet

Todd R. Weiss

Jul 17, 2009 7:15 am



Earthrise - NASA Photo

For just a moment, forget Google Chrome OS, the new Windows 7 and all the online hoopla about the shocking death of Michael Jackson. Those happenings aren't the reasons I love the Internet. Instead, to me, the 40th anniversary of the Apollo

11 moon landing this weekend is Exhibit A in the evidence files that show the real beauty of the Web and its amazing technology that brings the world to each of us on our computers.

Blastoff - NASA Photo

Forty years ago this weekend, NASA's wondrous Apollo 11 spacecraft was hurtling its way from the Earth to the moon on a trip to deliver two Americans -- the first humans to walk on another celestial body -- to the moon's surface. And today, through the true magic of the Internet, we are able to again see, hear and experience a second-by-second reenactment of that spectacular event and relive it right on our computer screens. We can experience everything from old NASA video images to the original mission audio recordings to crisp new animations of key events that couldn't be seen through live footage. It's the icing on the cake for me, a man who grew up watching each Gemini and Apollo spaceflight, thrilled by their excitement, wonder and technological leaps back in the 1960s and 1970s.



HP Ink Center



Bring improved brilliance and color to your photos and documents.
 Learn more.

Microsoft Office Small Business 2007



Essential software for your small business.
 Learn more today.

You wouldn't steal your desk



Deal Breakers

Special Offers for PC World Users



Get Instant Savings on Dell Laptops

Check out the all new Dell Special Offers center. Deals are updated daily so check back often and cash in on the savings.

People who read this also read:



Microsoft Rewind: 5 Ads Far Funnier Than 'Laptop Hunter'



10 Apollo-Era Technologies Used Today



Sony Walkman Turns 30: Memories of an Iconic Gadget



Know Your Software to Make the Most of Your Time



Restored Apollo 11 Video Offers Clearer View of Mankind's 'Giant Leap'



Astronauts Return to the Moon -- Online

Recommendations by loomia

Today @ PC World

Most Recent

Most Recommended





RSS Feeds

Get our latest content via convenient RSS feeds.

-  Latest News
-  Today @ PC World
- [See All RSS Feeds](#)

Become a PCW Member

Join the community and start enjoying the benefits:

-  Get tech advice from thousands of PC World Members
-  Rate and recommend the latest tech products
-  Share your thoughts in blog and article comments
-  Get free excerpts and exclusive discounts on Super Guides

Signing up is free and easy.



Houston staff - NASA Photo

It's one of the few times I can truly say that what I'm watching online is absolutely incredible. It's the difference between fluff and real emotion. This is a weekend where watching the unfolding recreations and simulcast coverage is not to be missed. Even as I'm writing this right now on my modern desktop PC, which has far more computing power in its single AMD Athlon chip

than was available to mission controllers for Apollo 11 back in 1969 on their complex mission computers, I'm listening in the background to the [audio tracks of the mission](#) being replayed in real time. Absolutely amazing.

For me, it's like reliving the Apollo 11 mission all over again. In July 1969, as astronauts [Neil Armstrong](#), [Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin](#) and [Michael Collins](#) zoomed to the moon in their sleek capsule across 240,000 miles of space, I was 10 years old. I remember staying awake late on the night of July 20, 1969, with my grandpop, Louie, in his Phi

NASA Photo

adelphia home watching the fuzzy images that are still emblazoned on my retinas -- there was Armstrong taking the first steps on the moon, followed a short time later by Aldrin. It was pretty heady stuff for a sixth-grade school boy watching the technological wonder of those days -- television -- with his dear grandpop late on a hot summer night.



If you weren't alive for the original version of the thrill ride known as Apollo 11, then man, buckle your seat belt. You're in for a real treat. Here are some highlights you can experience this weekend:

- See everything that happened on the Apollo 11 flight happen all over again in real time on the spectacular [We Choose The Moon](#) Web site. Be sure to follow along by launching the accompanying audio player so you can hear all the action.
- Check out [NASA's image gallery](#) for the flight.
- View an interactive NASA feature that shows the [first moon landing](#).
- Watch a [NASA feature](#) that shows video, photos, information and more about Apollo 11.
- Experience the [first moon walk](#) by viewing old, [partially-restored NASA films](#).
- Be sure to also check out [NASA blogs](#) on future missions and space exploration.

So go and revel this weekend in what you can see all over again, through the wonder of the Internet. We didn't have these capabilities back then, but we sure have them now and I am thankful for that. To me, this is what the Internet should be all about.

OK, Houston, it's time for me to head back to my control panel so I can again experience the historic Apollo 11 flight. Over and out until next time.

Google Tries to Silence YouTube Critics

YouTube's Mythbusters don't want you to call it a video-sharing site, and they want you to know that the site will make money. Just don't ask for details.

Intel Announces More Efficient, Much Cheaper Solid-State Drives

New drives are the first based on Intel's 34nm NAND flash memory.

Yahoo Home Page Gets a New Look

Yahoo.com adds new ways to personalize your page, plus the ability to pull in more third-party services, like Facebook.

Barnes & Noble: Please Avoid These Kindle Mistakes

Before the Barnes & Noble e-book reader hits the market, we have some advice on how to get it right.

Best Prices on TVs

[Most Popular](#) [All Categories](#)



2333HD 23" LCD TV

Price: \$192.00



UN55B8000 55" LED TV

Price: \$3047.00



VIERA TC-P50G10 50" Plasma TV

Price: \$1294.95



VIERA TC-P42X1 42" Plasma TV

Price: \$639.95



LN52B750 52" LCD TV

Price: \$2017.00



UN46B8000 46" LED TV

Price: \$2287.00

[See all Best Prices on TVs](#)

See also: [Best Prices on Laptops](#), [Best Prices on Cameras](#), [Best Prices on LCD Monitors](#), [Best Prices on Printers](#)

All PC World Blogs

[Most Recent](#) [Most Recommended](#)

Snapact Photo Manager Streamlines Your Photo Organization and Sharing

Finally, a photo organizer ties it all together with social networking.

Google Tries to Silence YouTube Critics

YouTube's Mythbusters don't want you to call it a video-sharing site, and they want you to know that the site will make money. Just don't ask for details.

Intel Announces More Efficient, Much Cheaper Solid-State Drives

New drives are the first based on Intel's 34nm NAND flash memory.

Yahoo Home Page Gets a New Look

Yahoo.com adds new ways to personalize your page, plus the ability to pull in more third-party services, like Facebook.



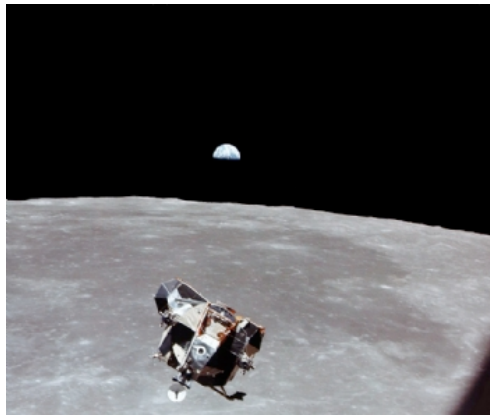
Cisco Small Business Center

Find out how to keep employees mobile, connected and productive with secure wireless networking.



Dell Servers for Small Business

Click here to see how a Dell server can help you back up your company's data and save you valuable time.



See more like this: [internet](#), [sites](#)

Recommend this story?



108Yes
3No

[Email](#) [Print](#) [RSS](#) [Comment](#)

3 diggs [digg it](#) [ShareThis](#)

"Apollo's 40th Anniversary Shows True Wonder of the Internet" Comments

[NASAIMages](#) says:
Fri Jul 17 07:54:57 PDT 2009

A great place to see a comprehensive collection of NASA's images and video is <http://www.nasaimages.org>. It's a joint-venture between NASA and The Internet Archive. To see some newly digitized motion picture film from the Apollo mission, click on the "Apollo 40th Anniversary" featured collection on the right-hand side of the home page, or just search "Apollo".

[Reply to this comment](#)

[66Lee](#) says:
Fri Jul 17 13:25:59 PDT 2009

To me, it's a little depressing. Back at that time, we had such momentum, so much potential. But now here we are about forty years later, and our space program consists of the international space station and a few shuttles that are overdue for retirement. If humanity put the kind of resources into the space program like we do into developing frivolous stuff like viagra, we would be selling hot dogs on Mars by now.

[Reply to this comment](#)

[chevrolet1994](#) says:
Fri Jul 17 14:25:58 PDT 2009

I agree with Lee66,we dropped the ball some where along the way.

We're supposed to be using the second generation shuttle and have a base on the moon.

Instead,we're making the world safe from terrorism,oh well!

[Reply to this comment](#)

[jokerAKQ](#) says:
Sat Jul 18 21:23:52 PDT 2009

66Lee and chevrolet1994: you are both so right!

What happened- where did that drive, that confidence, the vision of a real space age future go to?

[Reply to this comment](#)

[Sign in](#) to post a comment. New to PC World Comments?

[Register here.](#)

Today's Special Offers

Solve technical issues faster with GoToAssist

Instantly view and control your customers' computers with GoToAssist Express. Try it FREE for 30 days.

HP Officejet Pro

Make an impact for up to 50% less cost per page than laser.

PC WORLD Shop And Compare

Read PC World Reviews, Compare Products and Get Latest Prices... All in one place!

Business Survival Guide from OKI Printing Solutions

Partner with the only company offering a full line of print technologies. Act now and get a FREE assessment.

Get your team to the next level.

Give your users the ability to sync email, calendar & contacts wirelessly with BlackBerry? Professional Software.

Industry leading Hi-Def playback software

See what TotalMedia Theatre 3 + SimHD can deliver - save 30% now - use coupon code PCWORLD09

Light as your time can be.

The award-winning Acer Aspire Timeline - learn more in the Acer Laptop Center.

Trust Original HP Inks

Print up to 65% more pages than with refilled inks

Business Survival Guide from OKI Printing Solutions

Partner with the only company offering a full line of print technologies. Act now and get a FREE assessment.

PC WORLD Shop And Compare

Read PC World Reviews, Compare Products and Get Latest Prices... All in one place!

Upgrade To Internet Explorer 8

Increased security and better performance. It's everything you want from a business-ready browser.

Secure Your Business

Between hackers, computer viruses, and disasters, you have a lot to think about. Learn how Cisco can help.

Global Coverage from Verizon Wireless

Switch to America's Largest Wireless Network and get global coverage today. Learn More.

Light as your time can be.

The award-winning Acer Aspire Timeline - learn more in the Acer Laptop Center.

More on PCWorld.com



Google Tries to Silence YouTube Critics



Yahoo Home Page Gets a New Look



Barnes & Noble: Please These Kindle Mistakes

PCW Network Sites

- PCW Business Center
- Macworld
- MacUser
- Mac OS X Hints
- iPhone Central

About PC World

- About Us
- Advertise
- FAQ
- Terms of Service Agreement
- Privacy Policy

Resources

- Newsletters
- Contact Us
- XML** RSS Feeds
- Magazine Customer Service
- Community Standards

Visit other IDG sites:

© 1998-2008, PC World Communications, Inc.

TRY 2 RISK-FREE ISSUES

Plus Get a FREE CD-ROM

| | |
|--|---|
| <input type="text" value="Name"/> | <input type="text" value="City"/> |
| <input type="text" value="Address 1"/> | <input type="text" value="State"/> <input type="text" value="Zip"/> |
| <input type="text" value="Address 2"/> | <input type="text" value="E-mail (optional)"/> |

CLICK HERE

Canadian Residents | Foreign Residents | Gift Subscriptions
 Customer Service | Privacy Policy