

Historic Space Systems developing Gemini Control Panel Simulator

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Danville, OH - Historic Space Systems announces the development of a Gemini Control Panel Simulator as a company project. The simulator will duplicate the look, function and feel of the Gemini XII spacecraft control panel, creating a new way of experiencing space history.

The simulator will integrate simulation software, immersing the user into the experience. Later additional cockpit features will be added, further enhancing the adventure.

"In many ways Gemini is the best platform to learn about manned space flight. It had advanced capabilities but at a basic level, " remarked John Fongheiser, President of Historic Space Systems. "Astronaut Wally Schirra piloted Mercury, Gemini and Apollo vehicles, but Gemini was his favorite," he added, noting that Schirra likened it to a nimble fighter jet.

Building the simulator has been John Fongheiser's dream since childhood. For years he has gathered the necessary engineering data, hardware, and manufacturing techniques to make an exceptionally realistic and historically accurate control panel. Finally all of the elements have come together to enable him to make the dream a reality.

When complete the Gemini Control Panel Simulator will be suitable as a museum exhibit, movie prop, trade show attraction, and any other venue where fine craftsmanship and historical accuracy are valued.

About Gemini: Gemini was a two-man spacecraft flown by NASA astronauts in 1965 and 1966. The Gemini Program gave NASA critical manned spaceflight experience, bridging the gap between the technology of the one-man Mercury spacecraft and the three-man Apollo spacecraft. With flights as long as 14 days, and tasks including docking in space and extravehicular activity (EVA, or space walks), NASA gained the necessary experience for the challenging Apollo lunar missions.

About Historic Space Systems: Historic Space Systems is an exhibit design and manufacturing company based in Danville, Ohio, USA. It specializes in US manned spacecraft exhibits and simulators.

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