

went on board The Queen, The Workers & The Drone. They where also marked with a blue dot and their stingers clipped. (A NASA requirement).

The Astronauts for this mission were:

Bobkd - Williams - Sedon - Griggs - Hoffman - Wacker - Garan.

The objective of this mission was that NASA is still planning to colonizing outer space in the near future, the idea is for the Bees to be used for pollination of the food supply, and will it work? We really don't know until we try, so the Bees will play an important part in man's attempt to go colonize outer space.

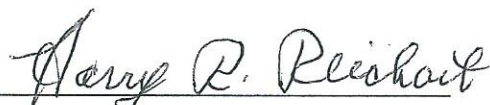
So, with that all said, let us look at what is happening at The Space Center, Houston and NASA. Last year being that NASA did not give us one of the flying Shuttles instead we got the (wooden replica one) from Florida's Space Center that was brought by barge to the Houston facilities which is now on display at SCH. The future plans are to bring the 747 aircraft that ferried the Shuttle on it's back to Ellington Air Force Base, strip it down and transport it to the Space Center, re-assemble it and mount the Shuttle on top of the 747.

I often wonder what the advantage is to going to the Moon and outer space. Are we really ready do this and should we be doing this. Is it to our advantage, what have we learned from it and what do we do when we get there.? Myself I think a lot of good has come out of the Space Program, i. e., mainly our technology and a lot of spin offs such as miniaturization , cryo surgery plus advanced knowledge. The list goes on as we bring the countries of the world together to work as a team.

Only time will tell, but remember the Bees and the Texas Bee Association & The Harris County Beekeepers has played a very important part in this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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