

News & Notes



The Space Unit has been informed that **Wanda Smith**, long time space collector and for many, many years the person behind the covers of the Titusville Moonport Stamp Club, has recently been suffering some serious health concerns. Her husband, Russell Smith, indicated that things do not look too good for her. But he is certain that she would enjoy hearing from her friends in the Space Unit. All of the officers of the Space Unit wish her well and a quick and speedy recovery! You can send your well wishes to her at the following address:

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ROOM 122B
ROYAL OAKS NURSING REHAB CENTER
2225 KNOX MCRAE DRIVE
TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA 32780

Space Unit 2004 Awards

The awards committee had a very tough task determining recipients of the Space Unit awards for 2004. Due to the plethora of outstanding articles in the *Astrophile* throughout 2004, it was recommended and accepted to present TWO awards for the Bernice Sholl Award for the best article of the year. Jack McMahan, who recently completed his catalog supplement, has been contributing to astrophilately in many ways since the 1960's and is this year's recipient of the Les Winick Award for outstanding contribution in advancing astrophilately. The final award is an Honorary Life Membership awarded to Carmine Torrisi for his tireless efforts helping as Secretary of the Space Unit for many years and continuously helping the New York chapter with the many meetings and shows in that part of the country. Congratulations to all the winners!!!

BERNICE SHOLL AWARD

Best ASTROPHILE article in 2004

Gene Rinehart and Ben Ramkissoon

"Remembering the Apollo 13 Recovery Mission of the 'U.S.S. Iwo Jima' "
Jan-Feb Issue

Don Hillger and Gary Toth, Series of Articles -

"Unmanned Satellites on Postage Stamps"-Parts 11 thru 14

LES WINICK AWARD

For outstanding contribution in advancing astrophilately

Jack McMahan

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Carmine Torrisi

Another GREAT Astrophilatellic Reference Book

The Space Unit and director Bruce Cranford announce the publication of **Space Covers: Dictionary & Identifier, 2006 Edition**, with information about 200+ space cover manufacturers worldwide and over 100 international locations where space covers have been canceled. There are 1000 alphabetized astrophilatellic terms from around the world commemorating the conquest of space, plus much more! A full review will appear in the January *Astrophile*. It is available in CD (\$15 US; \$16 Overseas) and Print (\$40 US; \$43 Overseas). Prices include shipping and handling. Send payment to Carmine today!