



Guide to the
Ames Astrogram
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Descriptive Summary

Title:

Ames Astrogram

Collection Number:

AFS1380.69A

Creator:

NASA Ames Research Center. Office of Communications

Dates:

1958-2023

Extent:

Volume: 5.4 cubic feet

1,684 digital items, 38.18 Gigabytes

Repository:

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Moffett Field, California 94035

Abstract:

The Ames Astrogram collection contains a complete run of NASA Ames Research Center's "Astrogram" newsletter, published from 1958 to the present.

Administrative Information

Access:

Collection is open for research.

Accruals:

The NASA Ames Research Center Archives adds issues to this collection annually.

Publication Rights:

Copyright does not apply to United States government records.

Languages and Scripts:

All records are in English.

Preferred Citation:

Expanded:

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Acquisition Information:

Transferred from the Public Affairs Office (now the Office of Communications), July 2004 (accession 2004-005) and captured from the Ames Research Center Web portal at <https://www.nasa.gov/ames/astrogram> and

<https://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/news/astrogram/index.html> (accessions 2019-008, 2020-003, 2021-003, 2022-002, ARC-TR-2023-021, WEB-2023-066).

Administrative History

The Astrogram newsletter is a mechanism for disseminating news about Ames Research Center, and includes information about the center's research activities, achievements, events, culture, and workforce. From the 1950s through the 2000s, the newsletter contained a classified advertisement section for staff, which was discontinued in the 2010s.

The initial Astrogram issue was published in October 1958, the first month that Ames Research Center began operating as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Although Ames formed in 1939 as the NACA Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, there was no newsletter prior to 1958.

From 1958 through February 2002, the Astrogram was published every other Thursday. Beginning in March 2002, it was published once a month at the beginning of the month, reporting the previous month's activities and events. Beginning in October 2007, the Astrogram was published monthly in digital format only. Publication of the Astrogram was suspended in 2009. In 2010 the publication resumed but only two issues were produced, in both print and digital formats. Starting in 2011, distribution changed to quarterly in both print and digital formats. From May 2016, the newsletter was only issued in digital form and posted on the center's website. In 2019, the January issue was suspended due to the 2019 Government Shutdown. The Astrogram resumed the following month. In May 2023 the Astrogram was published bi-monthly on the website.

In its first years, the Astrogram was a joint effort of the Ames Photography Branch and Administrative Service, with the Personnel Branch providing editing services. Today, the Astrogram is the responsibility of the Office of Communications.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a full run of the Astrogram, which is the official newsletter for Ames Research Center. Issues date from October 1958 through October 2023. The Astrogram newsletter provides information about the center's activities and workforce.

The collection includes two copies of paper issues from 1958 to January 2016 and digital issues published from May 2016 to October 2023.

System of Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order.

Alternate Form Available

Digital copies of the newsletters in PDF format include scans of paper issues from 1958 to 1997 and born digital issues from 1998 through October 2023. Issues from May 2016 through December 2019 were captured from NASA's website in both PDF format and screen captures (PNG). Issues from January 2020 through October 2023 were captured from NASA's website in PDF format. Issues from 2022 were captured in WACZ format (Web Archive Collection Zipped).

Two sets of negative microfiche for issues from 1958 to 1992 are included in the collection.

Indexing Terms

The following terms may be used to index this collection.

Corporate Name

Ames Research Center
Ames Research Center. Office of Communications

Geographic Name

Moffett Field (Calif.)

Title

Astrogram

Topical Term

News media
Employees' magazines, newsletters, etc.
Newsletters

Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Heading
1	1	October 1958-October 1963
	2	1958
	3	1959
	4	1960
	5	1961
	6	1962
	7	1963

2	1	October 1963 – October 1968
	2	1964
	3	1965
	4	1966
	5	1967
	6	1968
3	1	November 1968-October 1973
	2	1969
	3	1970
	4	1971
	5	1972
	6	1973
4	1	October 1973-October 1978
	2	1974
	3	1975
	4	1976
	5	1977
	6	1978
5	1	1979: January - June
	2	1979: July - December
	3	1980: January - June
	4	1980: July - December
	5	1981: January - June
	6	1981: July - December
	7	1982: January - June
	8	1982: July - December
	9	1983: January - June
	10	1983: July - December
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	8	1991: July - December
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	2	1992: July - December
	3	1993: January - June
	4	1993: July - December
	5	1994: January - June
	6	1994: July - December

	7	1995: January - June
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	2	2005: January - June
	3	2005: July - December
	4	2006: January - June
	5	2006: July - December
	6	2007: January - June
	7	2007: July - December
	8	2008: January - June
	9	2008: July - December
	10	2010
12	1	2011
	2	2012
	3	2013
	4	2014
	5	2015
	6	2016: January - June
	7	2016: July - December
	8	2017 - 2018
	9	2019 - October 2023
13	1	Microfiche 1958-1992