

## Introduction

For Ed Gibson

For 21 years, Ed held the American record for time in space, having spent 84 straight days aboard America's first space station, Skylab, as the Scientist-Pilot on the last and longest mission. During that 1973 mission, he worked outside the space station for 15 hours during three different space walks.

During his 14-year career with NASA, Ed also served on the support crew for the Apollo 12 mission and as the ground communicator with the flight crew while they explored the moon. He earned Air Force wings and has logged over 2,200 hours in high-performance aircraft, 100 hours in helicopters, and 2017 in space.

Ed earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Rochester and a master's degree and doctorate in Engineering and Physics from the California Institute of Technology. After a year in industry, he was selected as one of six members of the first group of Scientist-Astronauts, edging out 2,000 other applicants.

After his NASA career, Ed excelled in program management and marketing with Booz, Allen, and Hamilton and TRW where he focused on space and energy development. He later served as the President of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and of his own consulting company, Gibson International. He recently retired as a Senior Vice President with Science Applications International Corporation and is now one of two Managers at Aerospace Partners, LLC and Chairman of a NASA Review board for America's return to the moon.

Please join me in welcoming Ed . . .