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PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2019

- MEETING DATE: Tuesday 11 June 2019
- VENUE: KwaMuhle Museum, Bram Fischer Road [Ordnance Road] Durban.
- TIME: Meeting commences at 17h15; Refreshments will be served from 16h30.
- PARKING: Off Bram Fischer / Ordnance Road [next to the Museum]
- COST: Members: R20.00 Visitors: R40.00
- TITLE OF TALK: **Apollo 17: The Untold Story of the Last Men on the Moon**
- SPEAKER: **Movie night – American Public Television Documentary
1969-2019 - 50th Anniversary of the first moon landings**

To celebrate the historic event of Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin becoming the first people to walk on the surface of our moon in July 1969, SANS will be screening a 56 minute documentary on the final Apollo mission which took place in late 1972.

Apollo 17: The Untold Story of the Last Men on the Moon

On 25 May 1961, President John F. Kennedy committed the resources of the United States and launched Project Apollo — the greatest technological undertaking in the history of humanity. However, only two years after Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, public and political interest in Apollo had dwindled. The final moon landing occurred in December 1972.

In July 2012 American Public Television-distributed documentary "*Apollo 17: The Untold Story of the Last Men on the Moon*," was broadcast to commemorate that historic voyage. The documentary features spectacular NASA footage and exclusive interviews with space scientists, some of whom worked on the Apollo program during the 1960s and 1970s.

The scientists featured are all British, giving this documentary a unique perspective on the impact the space program had upon America and its allies.

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Apollo 17 carried the only trained geologist to walk on the lunar surface, lunar module pilot Harrison Schmitt. Compared to previous lunar missions the astronauts of Apollo 17 traversed the greatest distance using the Lunar Roving Vehicle, and they returned the greatest amount of rock and soil samples.

Ronald Evans, command module pilot holds the record for the most time spent in lunar orbit, and Eugene Cernan commander of the mission still holds the distinction of being the last man to walk on the Moon's surface.

"Apollo 17: The Untold Story of the Last Men on the Moon" is the remarkable story of the determination and courage of a generation, a tribute to three brave astronauts and the thousands of men and women behind them during the final days of NASA's Apollo program.



Astronaut Eugene Cernan walks on the moon. Cernan was commander of the Apollo 17 mission, and still holds the distinction of being the last man to walk on the Moon's surface on 11 December 1972.