Subject: Russian Firsts
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Complete list of Russian firsts:

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May 15, 1957 The Soviet Union tests the R-7 Semyorka, the world's first intercontinental ballistic missile.

October 4, 1957 The Soviets launch Sputnik 1, Earth's first manmade satellite.

November 3, 1957 A dog named Laika becomes the first animal to enter Earth orbit aboard Sputnik 2. Unfortunately for Laika though, she isn't booked for a return flight.

January 2, 1959 Luna 1 becomes the first manmade object to leave Earth's orbit.

September 13, 1959 After an intentional crash landing, Luna 2 becomes the first manmade object on the Moon.

October 6, 1959 Luna 3 provides mankind with its first look at the far side of the Moon.

August 20, 1960 Belka and Strelka, aboard Sputnik 5, are the first animals to safely return from Earth orbit.

October 14, 1960 Marsnik 1, the first probe sent from Earth to Mars, blasts off.

February 12, 1961 Venera 1, the first probe sent from Earth to Venus, blasts off.

April 12, 1961 Yuri Gagarin, riding aboard the Vostok 1, becomes the first man in Earth orbit.

May 19, 1961 Venera 1 performs the first ever fly-by of another planet (Venus).

August 6, 1961 Gherman Titov, aboard the Vostok 2, becomes the first man to spend over a day in space and the first to sleep in Earth orbit.

August 11 & 12, 1962 Vostok 3 and Vostok 4 are launched, the first simultaneous manned space flights (though they do not rendezvous).

October 12, 1964 Voskhod 1, carrying the world's first multi-man crew, is launched.

March 18, 1965 Aleksei Leonov, riding aboard the Voskhod 2, performs the first space-walk.

February 3, 1966 Luna 9 becomes the first probe to make a controlled, 'soft' landing on the Moon.

March 1, 1966 Venera 3, launched November 16, 1965, becomes the first probe to impact

another planet (Venus).

April 3, 1966 Luna 10 becomes the first manmade lunar satellite.

October 30, 1967 Cosmos 186 and Cosmos 188 become the first unmanned spacecraft to rendezvous and dock in Earth orbit. The United States will not duplicate this maneuver for nearly four decades.

January 16, 1969 Soyuz 4 and Soyuz 5 become the first manned spacecraft to dock in Earth orbit and the first to exchange crews.

November 17, 1970 Lunokhod 1, the first robotic rover to land on and explore an extraterrestrial body, lands on the Moon. Twenty-seven years later, the United States lands it's very first robotic rover on Mars.

December 15, 1970 Venera 7 becomes the first probe to make a soft landing on another planet (Venus).

April 19, 1971 Salyut 1 becomes the world's first orbiting space station.

August 22, 1972 Mars 2 becomes the first probe to reach the surface of Mars.

I hope the list is accurate, and that the Russians have not lied too much on their achievements!

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Soviet moonrover

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Well, it didn't take long for critical arguments for the Russian space program to surface.

4.1. The Gagarin fake as "first man in space" - wrong radio communication - no camera

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