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Rod Pyle is a space author, journalist and historian who has authored 15 books on space history, exploration and development for major publishers that have been released in ten languages. He is the Editor-in-Chief for the National Space Society's quarterly print magazine *Ad Astra*, and his frequent articles have appeared in *Space.com*, *LiveScience*, *Futurity*, *Huffington Post*, *Popular Science*, *Caltech's E&S magazine*, and *WIRED*. He has written extensively for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Caltech, including *Technology Highlights* for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Rod co-authored and lectured for the Apollo Executive Leadership Program for NASA's Johnson Space Center and The Conference Board. New book releases for 2019 include *Space 2.0* (with a foreword by Buzz Aldrin), *Interplanetary Robots*, *Heroes of the Space Age*, and *First on the Moon* (also with a foreword by Aldrin), which is currently in its fifth printing. Rod's previous Apollo books *Missions to the Moon* (foreword by Gene Kranz) and *Destination Moon* are being republished for 2019.

Rod appears on national radio and television, with regular slots on KFI/Los Angeles, and WGN/Chicago (both market leaders), as well as popular podcasts and radio in numerous other markets. Rod hosts a podcast called *Cool Space News* on iHeart Radio, and appears on PBS's *Between the Lines* and C-SPAN's *Book TV* regularly. He holds an MA from Stanford University and a BFA from the Art Center College of Design, and lives in Alhambra, California.