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Spaceship I launches

Spaceship I starts is a 1937 cultural film directed by Anton Kutter about the fictional launch of a space rocket that lands back on earth after orbiting the moon .

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Storyline

Friedrichshafen /Lake Constance on June 13, 1963: the director of the Friedrichshafen airship hangar announces the first manned rocket flight to the moon in front of representatives of the press. In an introduction he describes the history of rocket technology and the technical details of space travel. Immediately before take-off, reporters interviewed the commander of the spaceship via *video radio* .

Background

In the summer of 1939, work began in the Bavaria Studios on the film Incident in Space, directed by Robert Adolf Stemmle . At the same time, the shooting of “ Spaceship 18 ”, directed by Eduard von Borsody , began in the UFA Studios (Babelsberg) . Both projects were canceled by the outbreak of World War II , but footage that had already been filmed was used in the production of Spaceship 1 Launches.

Movie

original title Spaceship I Launches -A Technical Fantasy-



production Germany

country

original language German

Publishing year 1940

length 24 minutes

age rating FSK none

Rod

directing Anton Cutter

script Anton Cutter

production Anton Kutter
Bavaria Film Art GmbH

music Ludwig Kusche

camera Gustav Weiss

occupation

- Carl Wery : Commodore Hardt
- Rolf Wernicke : TV reporter
- Fritz Reiff Technical Manager

Anton Kutter lets the fictional start of the spaceship fall on his 60th birthday.

The film was shot by Bavaria-Filmkunst GmbH in Munich on the Geiseltasteiger film site. The buildings are by Willy Horn. The film premiered at the end of July 1940 as part of the Kulturfilmwoche in Munich and had its theatrical release on November 7, 1940 in the Capitol in Berlin . The film was released in the cinemas in Ostmark on January 20, 1941.

Reception

The Encyclopedia Astronautica calls the special effects shown in the film a "milestone" in film history. ^[1]

See also

- List of German feature films premiered in the German Reich during the Nazi era

Web Links

- *Spaceship I launches* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0348366/>) at the Movie Database
- *Spaceship 1 starts* (<http://www.murnau-stiftung.de/movie/11527>) at murnau-stiftung.de
- Full film version on youtube.com (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-G-mbmZbLWU>)

Itemizations

1. The Space Explorers (<http://www.astronautix.com/t/thespaceexplorers.html>) in Encyclopedia Astronautica , accessed June 13, 2018.

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