

## Re: Cassini: its cost and purpose?

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Jeff Schroeder wrote:

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> *I'd like to address the idea that money spent on space exploration (or many other govt. programs) is wasted or lost.*

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> *First a disclaimer: I worked on the Cassini attitude control electronics for six+ years and was holding my breath along with a lot of others during orbit insertion.*

I'd still like to know what JPL did with hundreds of thousands of SASE's that were supposed to be returned to their senders, who participated in the 'Cassini Fly Your Name Project'. JPL told me they didn't have enough staff to process the SASE's. That's a lot of postage stamps that can't be accounted for.

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