

Re: foto browsing: what's the deal with those suits? no.2

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On Mon, 28 Feb 2005 01:13:26 GMT, gcash <gcash@cfl.rr.com> wrote:

>7lv43nn0c5@stinkers.org (Mike Flugennock) writes:

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>> At www.apolloarchive.com, here's Gene Cernan training for the original

>> manned flight order -- just the day before the Fire, in fact, at:

>> <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/alsj/misc/apmisc-S67-23082.jpg>

>> ...boarding the CM for an F&F test, and...what's the deal with that suit?

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>> I've done a lot of studying of how the A7L ("Fat White") Apollo suits were

>> designed and evolved, and gotten a good idea of their construction, but

>> what am I looking at here? Am I right assuming that this was while the

>> A7L was still in development? I'm wondering this as Gene appears to be

>> wearing a really crude-looking prototype of the famous "Snoopy" comm

>> carrier cap, and the suit is blue, almost looking like an A7L with the

>> white outer layer off, or maybe a variant of that old blue Air Force MOL

>> suit.

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>Plus, look at that hatch behind him... if that's representative of the Block I

>design (of which I've never seen a pic) then no wonder it took ages to get the

>thing open! I assume that's a boilerplate capsule. Sure looks like it.

....Looks to me like an a7 series training suit, which makes sense since that hatch is hinged to open outwards. Block I's didn't have that kind of hatch, remember?

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his country. He won it by making the othe