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rob.langender...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Hi.

I enjoyed Andrew Chaikin's A Man on the Moon tremendously. I am also in the process of reading This New Ocean and am enjoying it a great deal. I also own a number of others.

Anyway, I was just wondering if anyone had any opinions on what books they liked (or did not like) about the space program. Which ones were your favorites and why?

...In no particular order:

* Tom Kelly's "Moon Lander". I'm currently re-reading this, and it's still as riveting as the first time I read it. It also holds a special place for me as it reveals that my family had a bit of a direct input of sorts into the LM design and proposal phase; when Grumman bought the Gulfgate Gardens apartment complex for office space in 1962, my father was managing the Thornhill's Cafeteria across 610 from the complex. He was in charge of the big Grumman-NASA luncheon that Kelly notes in the book, and my pop remembers Tom Kelly eating at the

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cafeteria on several occasions during the fall of 1962. They had a couple of conversations about several things – mostly about life in Houston for someone not used to its unique brand of humidity, where to get your car serviced by a mechanic who won't cut your fan belts just to make a few extra bucks, etc – but one that stood out was Kelly's