

Where are the Apollo-11 astronauts now (2004)

Neil Armstrong

Armstrong lives on his farm in Lebanon, Ohio, where he pursues business interests and his love of flying. He occasionally accepts invitations to events around the country, such as the Centennial of Flight in 2003 and the Columbia shuttle crew memorials, but not very often. He was most recently in public in Houston to receive an award from the Space Rotary Club, and an Ohio news report described him performing jury duty earlier this year. He continues to absolutely refuse to sign anything, either received in the mail or presented in person. With the rest of the crew, he will be at the Air & Space Museum for the 35th Anniversary, to receive token moon rock samples.

Michael Collins:

Collins lives quietly and very privately in a remote Florida community, where he is a gourmet cook and now a watercolor artist and nature photographer of the wildlife near the Everglades, close to his home. His health has bounced back in recent years and he is tanned from his twice weekly fishing junkets, although he also claims to be "deaf as a post". Collins has authored four books (himself, no co-authors or ghost writers), and is widely considered the best ex-astronaut author. He occasionally attends events and does autographs for what collectors call "a high base price".

Buzz Aldrin:

Aldrin lives in the Los Angeles area, and remains active promoting futuristic space activities, including space tourism and unique Earth-Mars-Earth trajectories (his MIT PhD was in orbital rendezvous). He also is organizing historical commemoration events for the Apollo veterans.