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## Mariner 4 – the Mission that put JPL Front and Center in Robotic Space Exploration

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Come hear the story about Mariner 4. Launched November 28, 1964 the spacecraft flew past Mars on July 14, 1965 – collecting the first close-up photos of another planet. As it passed the planet it revealed lunar-type impact craters, some of them touched with frost in the chill of the Martian evening. Many JPLers know that Mariner 4 was the mission that dispelled myths of an advanced civilization on Mars—but to those who lived it, Mariner 4 accomplished even more. Find out why Mariner 4 was JPL's watershed, possibly our most important mission ever.