Subject: Space is the place
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I remember as a child in grade school filing into the cafeteria/gymnasium, sitting on some small bleachers to watch with wide eyed amazement to witness America's first space shot with Alan Shepard on board. It went up and the little capsule he was crammed into parachuted back down. The start of the great space race with the Soviets.
This is some background information that gives some perspective what was going on then that I though was interesting.

https://www.moonofalabama.org/2021/07/the-space-race-technical-facts-vs-popular-narrative-by-gordog.html

The Atlas missile that finally got John Glenn legitimately into space was an ICBM missile. That was dubbed by technicians from it's numerous failure attempts as, an Inter County Ballistic Missile. Prompting Gus Grissom to lament: "Are we really going to get on top of one of these thing?"