



Why does the Aero-Space Club have a hyphen in its name?

The Aero-Space Club was formed in 1976.

The founders of the club wanted it to include vehicles that travel through **air**, “**aerospace**”, and vehicles that travel through **outer space** where there is **no air**.

Why?

What was happening in 1976 when the club was forming.

- In 1976, the Concorde, a supersonic passenger jet, began scheduled service for British Airways and Air France, marking the first time a supersonic aircraft was used for commercial passenger transportation:
 - May 24, 1976: The Concorde's first commercial flight to the United States took off from London and landed at Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C.
- In 1976, NASA's Viking Project sent two identical spacecraft, Viking 1 and Viking 2, to Mars to orbit and land on the planet:
 - Viking 1
 - Launched on August 20, 1975, Viking 1 arrived at Mars on June 19, 1976, and landed on the Chryse Planitia region on July 20, 1976. It was the first US spacecraft to land on another planet and returned the first close-up images of Mars's surface.
 - Viking 2
 - Launched on September 9, 1975, Viking 2 landed on Mars on September 3, 1976
- On Sept. 17, 1976, NASA rolled out its first space shuttle, named Enterprise, from its manufacturing plant in Palmdale, California.

The above are examples of the exciting times for both **aerospace** and **outer space** and the Aero-Space Club wanted to ensure that its topics and speakers were not limited to just what flies through the air.

Hence the use of the hyphen between **aero** and **space**.

The Aero-Space Club of Laguna Woods Village, through the air and beyond!