From Kent to the Moon:
Lunar Roving Vehicles I, II, & III

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Boeing's new Space Division will headquarter near the Space Simulation Laboratories building shown here following completion of the new building announced for the Boeing Space Center at Kent today. A two-story office building is the latest expansion step at the center. Use of infrared film and a red filter exaggerated the blackness of space stretching beyond the clean outlines of the buildings, perhaps symbolic because the building contains some of the industry's most modern facilities for space flight simulation and environment simulation.
The Green River Valley Turns to 'Gold'

Boeing Valley Plants Boost Area's Future

4,000 at Dedication Of Boeing Space Center

By ROBERT L. TWISS
Aviation Editor, The Times

The $20 million Boeing Space Center at Kent officially opened today. The newest and most advanced space research center in the nation, it will provide a venue for the nation's expanding aerospace industry. The center is dedicated to the advancement of space exploration, and it has already welcomed more than 4,000 visitors.

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Boeing Co. facilities in the Green River Valley and the employees assigned there will play a major role in shaping the future of the Puget Sound region.

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Research-and-development programs at the new $20 million Boeing Space Center at Kent, aimed at systems to probe the vastness of interstellar and eventually interplanetary space, are expected to lead to major contributions to national aerospace and Space Administration and perhaps Defense Department space assignments.

COMMERCIAL-TRANSPORT programs at the commercial-airplane division headquarters at Renton are expected to continue at a high level of activity as far ahead as mind forecasters can look.
LRV FLIGHT VEHICLE

- 4-WHEEL DRIVE, BATTERY ELECTRIC POWERED
- CREW OF TWO PLUS 170 LB SCIENCE EQUIPMENT
- SPEED 16 KM/HR; RANGE 70 KM
- VARIABLE SPEED, FORWARD AND REVERSE WITH BRAKING
- FRONT AND REAR STEERING
- BOX-TYPE CHASSIS AND WHEELS FOLD FOR COMPACT STORAGE IN LM

AFT CHASSIS FOR EQUIPMENT STOWAGE

BATTERIES

CONTROL CONSOLE

T-HANDLE

TRACTION DRIVE MOTOR (ONE PER WHEEL)

ATTACHMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT MOUNTING

CENTER CHASSIS WITH CREW STATION

WIRE MESH WHEELS WITH INDEPENDENT TORSION BAR SUSPENSION
Kent claims moon buggy as its own
Lunar rover examined by mayor

Kent Mayor Isabel Hogan, center, in striped jacket, leaned forward intently as she and her children examined the Lunar Vehicle that will go to the moon on Apollo 18. Almost out of the picture far left is Dennis Hogan. From left of an unidentified guard and Boeing Co. official Hal McClellan are Sharon, Mrs. Hogan, Judy, Carol and Barbara Hogan. Mrs. Hogan’s older son, Mike, was unable to make the tour.
KENT, WASHINGTON
HOME OF THE BOEING MOON BUGGY

He’s stuck on the moon buggy
No ordinary car

This tin-foil replica of the Boeing Co. lunar rover is being “manned” by Little Miss Kent, Kendall Brookbank, 10. The lunar rover and Kendall will be riding the Kent float during the Meeker Days parade July 24. Unfortunately, the Boeing Co. wouldn’t provide the Meeker Day decorating committee with a real replica of the lunar rover, so the imaginative crew, under the direction of Chairman Mrs. Lana Vander Stoep, made their own version.
Boeing Attempts to Cushion Impact of Employee Layoffs

Mass-Layoffs Rumors Countered
Boeing Layoffs Set at 1,500 a Month

Boeing Payroll Down 5,000

Kent space center employment ‘stable’