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For someone who learned to drive a Model T car, to someone who saw the space shuttle

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and saw a man landing on the moon, there's really no words to explain my time at Goddard.

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Hello, my name's Alberta Moran.

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I've worked at Goddard for forty plus years, both as an employee and a volunteer.

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I came to Washington D.C. during World War II.

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Worked for the Post Office Department as a GS-1 making \$1,440 a year.

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Well, at the Post Office Department, I was detailed to the White House and then I was

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recruited to work at the Beltsville Space Center.

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It was only Beltsville Space Center for about two weeks and it became the Goddard Space

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Flight Center.

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I worked for the director for forty something years and as his Administrative Assistant;

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he insisted I also work for the 5,000 employees that was here.

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And I reviewed all the letters and packages that had to go out from Goddard.

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I believe one of the more interesting and proud moments of my career here at Goddard

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was being the International Coordinator.

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I got to meet President Nixon, and we had like, Mrs. Goddard was here very often.

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We even had Star Trek here, the whole crew, which was fun.

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And um... well let's see, I am still here for several reasons.

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The people are really great and in the early days of Goddard, we were a family and you

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know, you don't just divorce your family when you get older or retire.

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So, I came back to volunteer at the Visitor

Center and I still do the Maryland Space Business

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Roundtable.

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Many times a student will ask me, well, can we work at NASA?

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I am not a scientist.

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You don't have to be a scientist, an engineer, a mathematician.