Billionaires in Space, what a Joke!

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I’ve just spent the time to watch billionaire Jeff Bezos go into “space”. In a word, it was a complete joke. Watching this 20-minute episode was far from being spectacular or amazing. This was not watching the 1983 movie “The Right Stuff” which depicted the early development of the space program for the United States which subsequently would lead to NASA and a man circumnavigating the planet, landing on the Moon, the creation of Skylab, and the Space Shuttle. Regrettably, this event did not have Ed Harris, Scott Glenn, Sam Shepard, Dennis Quaid, Fred Ward, Lance Henriksen, Charles Frank, and Scott Paulin (all of whom portrayed US Astronauts) in the capsule, the ‘Blue Origin’, rather it contained Jeff Bezos, his brother Mark Bezos, Oliver Daemen, and Mary “Wally” Funk. None of these individuals have any experience about flying into space. Bezos brothers and Daeman are financial wizards operating hedge funds and the like. Jeff Bezos as everyone knows is the founder of Amazon. The only person of the four who closely would have any experience in space flight is Mary Funk aka Wally. She is an aviator, pilot of Mercury 13 and a commercial astronaut.

Initially, at the start it was like watching any typical “space launch”. Waiting for the count down then the booster rockets engaging and the rocket lifting off the pad. Watching this event, was much like watching all previous Apollo space launches. Seeing the rocket travel up into the lower stratosphere but with one difference, there was no separation of the rocket stages. Actually, as time progressed, I began to view the ship, the ‘Blue Origin’, as a giant dildo flying through the air as if this was some cheap ‘B’ rated porn movie. Certain images at certain angles with the giant round head resembled this most fortuitously. I began to expect to see interior cabin shots of Brandi Love and Stormy Daniels jumping around inside the capsule nearly if not all the way naked pleasuring each other. The only thing worth noting was the main stage of the rocket returning and landing on the pad from which it took off.

The recovery was another joke. Watching the capsule return to earth, the parachutes deploying was as I always felt with Apollo, a scene of release for you know all is seemingly well. Landing on the ground I am certain was a jolt, but this too was concerning for I was thinking that given the amount of time that transpired from when the capsule actually touched down to when anyone showed up was too long. Truly, as the capsule was floating back down to earth the recovery team along with the so-called ‘mission control’ could have calculated and projected where and when the capsule would be landing so that they could be readily available. However, what transpired was anything but urgent for it took several if not 15 minutes for the recovery crew to arrive across an open field of desert in Van Horn, Texas and then they arrived in pick up trucks as if Billy-Bob and Joe from the nearby farm came by in their four wheeled drive vehicles. Once the first guy got out of the vehicle and approached the capsule, he could not figure out how to open the capsule door and had to return to the truck to get his toolbox. Really? , Is this what future space travel is to be like a joke. Time was dragging on all in order so that the media on-hand could be in position take pictures of Bezos coming out of the capsule. Once all the crew team members had vacated the capsule, I noticed the recovery team members standing around taking selfies. Branson and Bezos are both billionaire buffoons. Both events were nothing more than media events showing casing these two individuals in the starring roles. If they really wanted to travel into space, then do what Alan Shepard and John Glenn did, Shepard who was the first American into space traveled 116 miles into the upper stratosphere and Glenn was the first American to orbit the earth taking some 4 hours and 55 minutes. Branson went 53 miles and Bezos went just over 66 miles taking some 10 minutes, barely coming anywhere near what was accomplished in 1961 and 1962 by Shepard and Glenn. Come on, this was not an historical event and sadly, FOX News, CNN, MSNBC, and others wasted costly precious airtime showing this lack luster of an event. Unfortunately, for now own we all have to listen to the bragging of these two about how this was such a major accomplishment for them when truth be told, all it shows is if you have enough money, you too can but a ride into space as if it were a ride at Disneyland in California or Disney World in Florida. I guess the only good thing was not for at least 30 minutes there was no political commentary on these news platforms so there was no constant repeating of how bad Biden-Harris administration is or how much criminal activity has risen. Thank goodness for the break.