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Get ready to wave your flags and launch those fireworks on 20 July, as this date marks the 60th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. This feat of human achievement remains one of the biggest events in the history of space exploration and will no doubt be celebrated the world over. With that in mind, I couldn't resist writing about my own love of all things space-related and, in particular, my vintage moon globe.

I'm a bit of a space geek – I'm currently wearing a star constellation jumper and have just put down astronaut Tim Peake's book – so it's no surprise that a certain globe caught my eye across a crowded car-boot sale field. I already had a similar-sized earth globe at home, so I headed towards the grey ball, curious to find out what it depicted. On closer inspection, the craters and 'dark side' features gave it away. I had never seen a lunar globe before

and didn't even know they existed.

The lunar globe was made by US mapping specialists Rand McNally and could be dated to before the moon landing. The Sea of Tranquillity is illustrated, but there's no mention of the Apollo mission landing in this location. More recent versions of the Rand McNally lunar globe were 'Commemorative Editions' labelled with landing sites and geological features, credited both to the USA and USSR.

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