

In March 2, 1972, the Pioneer 10 was launched. A short while after takeoff it broke the speed record at 32,000 miles per hour. Eleven hours later, it passed the Moon. In December 1973 it got close to Jupiter and set another speed record: 82,000 miles per hour. Pioneer 10 took many pictures of Jupiter and measured the planet's radiation, and then it headed off to cross the orbit of Uranus on July 1979.