

Fair to Feature Space Capsule Here Aug. 19-22

Persons attending the 1965 Tanana Valley Fair August 19-22 will get a chance to try their hand at being a space age astronaut. A full size Mercury Space Capsule like the one in which American astronauts John Glenn, Scott Carpenter and Gordon Cooper orbited the earth will be on display.

The exhibit comes to Fairbanks from the New York World's Fair where it was first shown by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Mercury Spacecraft is cut away on one side so that visitors can get in and take imaginary rides into space. A motion picture film shows the earth as it would look to an astronaut in orbit while a tape recording narrates the progress of the orbital flight.

The spacecraft is being shipped to Fairbanks and will be set up by a NASA technician. The exhibit will be free to the public. Viewing hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily during the Fair.

Janet Baird, fair manager, says the Mercury Space Capsule has been a big hit wherever it has been shown.

Parents who want pictures of their children playing at astronaut are reminded not to forget their cameras.

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