



Nature Conservancy member Richard Garriott and his Sputnik satellite at the Conservancy's Barton Creek Preserve near Austin, Texas – July 2008 © Will Van Overbeek

# Gaming legend. Space traveler. Conservationist.

In October 2008, Nature Conservancy member Richard Garriott traveled to the International Space Station, following in the footsteps of his father, former NASA astronaut Owen Garriott. As part of his mission, Richard photographed key regions of the Earth using coordinates provided by Nature Conservancy scientists. These images are being compared to the vast photographic record compiled by his father and others over the past 30 years to show how conservation—and the urgent need for more—shapes our planet.

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