

SPACE: The Final Frontier

# MARS

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1. Broad public outreach to introduce and popularize the concept of pioneering Mars;
2. Support of ever-increasing government-funded Mars exploration programs worldwide; and
3. Conducting privately-funded exploration of Mars.

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**The Mars Desert Research Station** — <http://desert.marssociety.org/>

## LOCAL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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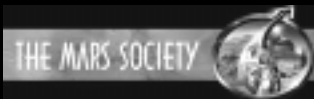
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