

An illustration of the Pioneer 10 spacecraft in space. The spacecraft is a complex of orange and silver components, featuring a large parabolic dish antenna on the left and a long boom with a smaller antenna extending to the right. It is set against a dramatic background of a bright, orange-hued celestial body, likely the Sun, and a dark, star-filled space.

Today in History

June 13, 1983

▲ The U.S. spacecraft Pioneer 10 became the first man-made object to leave the solar system, after passing Jupiter and clearing the orbit of Neptune

2007: A gigantic birdlike dinosaur was found in Inner Mongolia

2008: China and Taiwan agreed to begin regular civil aviation flights across the Taiwan Strait for the first time since 1949

2009: North Korea threatened to take military action against the U.S. and its allies over UN sanctions

2015: The Philae space probe briefly reawakened seven months after landing on comet 67P/CG