Ad Astra

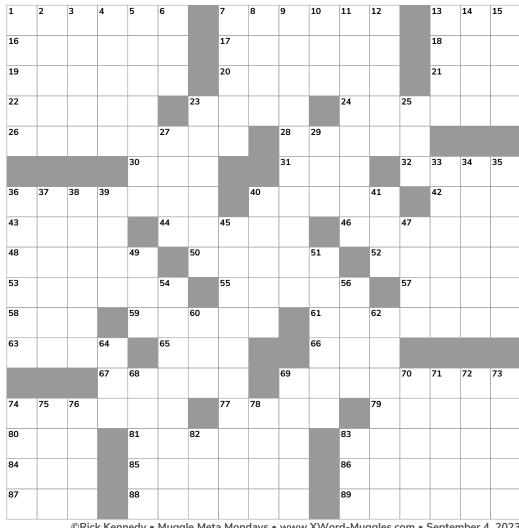
ACROSS

- 1 ___down, final stage in Apollo missions
- 7 Saucer contents?
- 13 See 1-Down
- 16 Device that produces special electric guitar effects
- 17 Heavy-duty soap brand
- 18 "You there!"
- 19 Singer Mann and evangelist McPherson
- 20 Avoid retirement?
- 21 Mined-over matter
- 22 Spike on a sports shoe
- 23 Modernists, informally
- 24 Attorney
- 26 Terrestrials
- 28 Too ___ handle
- 30 Gym unit
- 31 Madrid Mrs.
- 32 Flavorful plant with medicinal benefits
- 36 Olympics squad in red, white and blue
- 42 Speak with a Jersey accent?
- 43 Razor brand
- 44 Native Alaskan
- 46 Kitchen whistler
- 48 Get on
- 50 How confident solvers solve
- **52** Absinthe ingredient
- 53 Circus venue
- 55 Actress Thompson of "Westworld"
- 57 "Kill Bill" role for Lucy
- 58 "Evil Woman" band
- 59 Crystal-ball user
- 61 Neptune's spear
- 63 Fender flaw
- 65 Sun. talk
- 66 Many moons ___
- 67 ___ in the right direction
- 69 Crockett's milieu
- **74** Type of deli roll
- 77 Hitters' stats
- 79 Big name in wine
- 80 Finish
- 81 "Worship of Venus" painter
- 83 Media mogul Murdoch
- 84 Music producer Brian
- 85 Japanese entertainer
- 86 "Limit: customer"
- 87 Online chuckle
- 88 Bone-related
- 89 Lofty readings

DOWN

- 1 With 13-Across, era when a certain form of exploration became possible
- 2 Liberty Bell locale, in short

The answer is someone who may really enjoy this meta.



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- 3 More flimsy, as an excuse
- 4 "Please take ___"
- 5 Sheer, informally
- 6 Day divs.
- 7 Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 8 Movie pooch
- 9 Roswell and a friend's couch, perhaps
- 10 Creature found in shallow coastal waters
- 11 Joyful
- 12 Tom of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
- 13 Sailor's greeting
- 14 Richard of "Pretty Woman"
- 15 One who stares dreamily
- 23 Kathmandu native
- 25 Stir-fry pan
- 27 Flat-topped elevation
- 29 Assn.
- 33 Darth Vader's dominion
- 34 Untie
- 35 Packing a punch
- 36 Indented, perhaps
- 37 Prima ballerina
- 38 Catherine of ____ **39** Shopping venue

- 40 "Great!"
 - 41 Salty expanse
 - 45 Avis rival
 - 47 "And giving ____, up the chimney he rose"

Cap'n Rick

- 49 Follow relentlessly
- 51 Celestial bodies that are kinda cool (and in this puzzle n=7)
- **54** Dessert cart display
- 56 Jason's ship
- 60 Last letter
- 62 Sci-fi weapons
- 64 Profs' helpers
- 68 "Ready, ___!"
- 69 Ultimate
- 70 Nixon's undoing
- 71 "___ Song Go Out of My Heart"
- 72 Jetson boy
- 73 Rosters
- 74 Section of a ship
- 75 Part of A.D.
- 76 Fan favorite
- 78 ___ Men ("Who Let the Dogs Out" band)
- 82 ___ for tat
- 83 Fish eaas