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Apollo 11 lands on the Moon

Apollo 11 was the spaceflight that landed the first two people on the Moon. Commander Neil Armstrong and lunar module pilot Buzz Aldrin, both Americans, landed the Apollo Lunar Module Eagle on July 20, 1969, at 20:17 UTC. Armstrong became the first person to step onto the lunar surface six hours later on July 21 at 02:56:15 UTC; Aldrin joined him 19 minutes later. They spent about two and a quarter hours together outside the spacecraft, and collected 47.5 pounds (21.5 kg) of lunar material to bring back to Earth. Command module pilot Michael Collins flew the command module Columbia alone in lunar orbit while they were on the Moon's surface. Armstrong and Aldrin spent 21.5 hours on the lunar surface before rejoining Columbia in lunar orbit.

Apollo 11 was launched by a Saturn V rocket from Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida, on July 16 at 13:32 UTC, and was the fifth crewed mission of NASA's Apollo program. The Apollo spacecraft had three parts: a command module (CM) with a cabin for the three astronauts, and the only part that returned to Earth; a service module (SM), which supported the command module with propulsion, electrical power, oxygen, and water; and a lunar module (LM) that had two stages – a descent stage for landing on the Moon, and an ascent stage to place the astronauts back into lunar orbit.

After being sent to the Moon by the Saturn V's third stage, the astronauts separated the spacecraft from it and traveled for three days until they entered lunar orbit. Armstrong and Aldrin then moved into Eagle and landed in the Sea of Tranquility. The astronauts used Eagle's ascent stage to lift off from the lunar surface and rejoin Collins in the command module. They jettisoned Eagle before they performed the maneuvers that blasted them out of lunar orbit on a trajectory back to Earth. They returned to Earth and splashed down in the Pacific Ocean on July 24 after more than eight days in space.

Armstrong's first step onto the lunar surface was broadcast on live TV to a worldwide audience. He described the event as "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." Apollo 11 effectively ended the Space Race and fulfilled a national goal proposed in 1961 by President John Kennedy: "before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp and Post Card Show 2019. Our theme for our show is Space for 50th anniversary of the moon landing. This year we have 13 stamp and 1 post card dealer from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps and post cards from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look. The dealers are always ready to help and answer your questions. Our stamp club maintains a table at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems, or just stop by and chat. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at our stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2019

Our annual stamp show is being held this year at The Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin Tennessee. This is a new location for us and hopefully one that will be our new home for years to come. Lastly as always we can't have our annual stamp shown without some volunteers. So if you help out please let us know so we can make our 2019 stamp show a great success! Have fun and make the dealers happy!!!

Long time member Norman Elrod passed away

Norman Elrod passed away on January 8th. He was a long time member of 31 years and he hadn't attended meetings recently because of family commitments. He was a good friend, a valued member of our club, and shall be sorely missed.

Long time member Col. Leland Gregory passed away

Col. Leland Gregory passed away on February 22nd. He was a long time member of 36 years and he hadn't attended meetings in many years because of health issues. We will all miss you, Colonel!

Nick Munn needs "Cool Postage" items

Nick needs some "Cool Postage" items for exhibits at our show. "Cool Postage" items are envelopes with lots of old stamps. Bring them to the club.

Articles for the newsletter

I need articles for this newsletter on any aspect of stamp collecting. They can be hand written, typed, or by computer in any format. I would be willing to help write them too. I have been getting some articles during the last few months, but I still need some more. If you see interesting articles in the philatelic press, please let me know. You may contact me at the club meetings or at mbenward@aol.com. Thanks.

New Members

John (Jack) Ludington

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays
of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30
p.m., Business meeting at 6:30 p.m.,
and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood
Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Pike,
Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp
packet at their first attendance.
Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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Minutes Review for December 2019 – February 2019

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/10/2018 at the Inglewood Branch Library. Approximately seventeen NPS members, their guests and invited library patrons joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!!

The NPS held its 1/14/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members were present. Minutes of the 11/26/2018 meeting were read and approved. Also an informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 10, 2018. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson discussed the program for the S. E. Stamp Show. NPS members were saddened to learn of the 1/8/2019 death of long-time member Norman Elrod. A card was sent to his family. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 225 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1074 “followers”. Nick Munn asked for more Stamp Show exhibits and support for a “children’s stamp table”. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and handout by Al Bollmeier and Matt on "German Hyper-Inflation Era Stamps".

The NPS held its 1/28/2019 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 1/14/2019 meeting were read and approved. John (Jack) Ludington’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Nick Munn won the door prize. Jim Young won the Participation Prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. Nick Munn and Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! It was reported that our Twitter site had 1074 “followers”. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 2/11/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/28/2019 meeting were read and approved. John (Jack) Ludington’s application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was mentioned that a new first class postal rate of 55 cents now in effect. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 225 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1074 “followers”. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution for our 2019 show. Matt mentioned that over 400 post card Stamp Show notices had been sent out to invite past show attendees to come again to our show. Nick Munn discussed possible themes for our 2020 Stamp Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on “A Survey of German Stamps” by Al Bollmeier.

NPS held its 2/25/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/11/2019 meeting were read and approved with amendments. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. NPS members were again saddened to learn of the death of another long-term NPS member, Col. Leland Gregory, on 2/22/2019. A card was sent to his family. Mark Thompson read an interesting article about recently deceased member Norm Elrod. Mark also mentioned that his exhibit in the Phoenix Stamp Show had won a gold award. Congratulations! Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! It was reported that our Facebook site had 225 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1,080 “followers”. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Nick Munn advised his Granddaughter would run the “Children’s Stamp Table” for our 2019 show. Nick also distributed a list of possible themes for our 2020 Stamp Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on “A Survey of German Stamps – Part 2” by Al Bollmeier.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for September 2018 – November 2018

The NPS held its 9/10/2018 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/27/2018 meeting were read and approved. Tom Murphy won the door prize. Ken Owen won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1031 “followers” on Twitter and 212 “likes” on Facebook. Nick Munn presented several awards from past shows to Jim Cate. Congratulations! Matt advised that Fifty-Forward would not hold our 2019 Stamp Show and that the search for another location was on-going. Members were reminded that our 2019 Show theme is “Space” since it would be 50 years since the “First Moon Walk”. The business session was then adjourned for a continuing presentation the History of Stamps and Stamp Collecting – Part 3” by Matt.

The NPS had its 9/24/2018 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 9/10/2018 meeting were read and approved. Due to the level of activities and dining distractions, minimal notes were recorded during the evening. The limited business session was then adjourned for our auction with Al Bollmeier as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 10/8/2018 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/24/2018 meeting were read and approved. Ron Rose won the door prize. Nick Munn won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamps and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1048 “followers” on Twitter and 212 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that the search for another location for our 2019 Stamp Show scheduled for March 9 & 10, 2019 was on-going. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “Different Types of Stamps – Part 1” by Matt and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 10/22/2018 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and six guests were present. Minutes of the 10/8/2018 meeting were read and approved. Jim Cate won the door prize. Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt and Al Bollmeier gave reports on the Evansville Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Matt mentioned that the Gallatin Civic Center appears to be available as a location for our 2019 show on March 9 & 10, 2019 and arrangements for its use are in progress. The business session then adjourned for a continuing presentation on “Different Types of Stamps – Part 2” by Matt and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 11/12/2018 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and six guests were present. Minutes of the 10/22/2018 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Amelia Munn won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Social media reports that we had 1146 “followers” on our Tweeter site. Matt mentioned that the Gallatin Civic Center was confirmed as the location for our 2019 show on March 9 & 10, 2019. The business session then adjourned for our auction with Al Bollmeier as the auctioneer.

The NPS meeting for 11/26/2018 was held at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/12/2018 meeting was read and approved. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was mentioned that a new postal rate of 55 cents would go into effect in January 2019. Bill Bowman provided copies of the APS November Ambassador Newsletter. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Larry Pacl and Ken Owen donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Social media reports that our sites had 217 “likes” on Facebook and 1161 “followers” on Tweeter. It was reported that notices had been sent out for our 2019 Stamp Show scheduled for March 9 & 10, 2019 at the Gallatin Civic Center. In order to use the Civic Center \$1 million liability coverage was required. Tom Tribke will see about arranging this coverage. Matt mentioned that six foot tables were available with new table rates to reflect this change. He also mentioned that help would be needed for setup and takedown of the Show. The business session then adjourned for a continuing presentation on “Different Types of Stamps – Part 3” by Matt and other NPS members.

Stamps of Dead Countries

Many stamp issuing entities are historic and some were very short-lived. These are often referred to by stamp collectors as dead countries. The following are some of the criteria for when a country becomes “dead”:

- Overthrow of an absolute monarchy style government (not merely a dynasty)
- Overthrow or withdrawal of colonial rule
- Annexation of a country into a larger country
- The start or end of a “transitional government”
- Joining of two or more political entities
- Change of political control of an outside entity
- Occupation by an external entity
- Defeat or withdrawal of occupational forces

A complete list can be found here: <http://www.dcstamps.com/list-of-dead-countries/>.

One example would be the Confederate States of America. Their first stamps were issued in 1861 and used until 1865. In the intervening four years 14 stamps were created and 13 of them were issued. There are many varieties in those issues and collecting these issues are very popular with philatelists. There is a specialty society devoted to the study of these issues called the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

A second example would be a country that issues stamps in the past and stopped. Then at some point in the future starts issuing them again. An example of this would be Estonia. During the First World War Estonia declare its independence from Imperial Russia on April 12, 1917. Then from that date Estonia issued stamps until August 6, 1940 when it was annexed into the Soviet Union. During World War II it was occupied by Germany and then reoccupied and unwillingly remained part of the Soviet Union until it regained its independence on August 20, 1991. It then created its own postal system and then started issuing stamps again.

Another example would be a country that was partitioned. An example of this would be East and West Germany. This nation existed from January 1, 1871 until May 23, 1949 when the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was formed from the American, British, and French occupied zones. On October 7, 1949 German Democratic Republic (East Germany) was created from the Soviet occupied zone. Other German lands were given to Poland and the Soviet Union. Both countries issued stamps from there establishment until the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe between 1989 and 1990. Germany was reunified on October 3, 1990 when the five states of the German Democratic Republic joined the Federal Republic of Germany. From then the Federal Republic of Germany issued stamps first in Marks and then Euros beginning in 2002.

Collecting stamps from ‘dead countries’ can be a fascinating challenge! One advantage is there are only a specific number of stamps found to be complete. Another thing the collector need not worry about yearly updates to their albums. There is a website dedicated to the study of this topic. For more information on ‘dead countries’ please visit <http://www.dcstamps.com/>.

Postal Stationery

Postal stationery is a stationery item, such as a stamped envelope, letter sheet, postal card, lettercard, aerogram, or wrapper, with an imprinted stamp or inscription indicating that a specific rate of postage or related service has been prepaid.

An aerogram consisting of a blank sheet of paper with folding instructions and adhesive flaps that becomes its own envelope, and carries prepaid postage at either the international airmail letter rate or at a special lower aerogram rate. Letter sheets lend themselves to airmail usage because they are lightweight. Enclosures are not permitted in an aerogramme.

A letter card almost has the advantages of a postal card as far as weight and size, but also the advantage of privacy of contents is concerned. It is a double card, folded over, with gum or adhesive applied to the three open edges. It is then opened by the recipient by tearing perforations on the three sides that are on the message side of the gum. The gummed strip around the card is then discarded, giving rise to the problems collectors have in finding intact used cards.

Before 1845 correspondence was not enclosed in an envelope. Letters were folded, sealed, addressed and postmarked on the outside. This continued even after adhesive postage stamps were introduced. The popularity of folded letters led postal authorities to introduce stamped letter sheets. These became available in the U.S. in 1861, but the first official postal stationery were the 1838 embossed letter sheets of New South Wales. These were followed by the Mulready stationery that was issued by Great Britain at the same time as the Penny Black in 1840. Since then, most postal services have issued a steady stream of stationery alongside stamps. Often the design of the stationery mimics the contemporaneous stamps, though with less variety and lower printing quality, due to the limitations of printing directly onto the envelope.

Postal cards are postal stationery and have a printed or embossed indicium and are sold by governmental postal authorities. In the United States, they were first produced in 1873. Some of the forms taken by postal cards include the regular single card, the attached message-reply cards, airmail postal cards, and official postal cards used for official government business with a "penalty for private use".

A strong envelope with an imprinted stamp sold only for use with the registered mail service. Confusingly, these are usually marked Registered Letter, but that term strictly only relates to a normal letter or packet that has extra postage and markings applied so that it may travel under the registered mail service.

The envelope form may be called a stamped envelope or, alternatively, a postal stationery envelope (PSE for short). In August 1852 an act of the U.S. Congress authorized the Postmaster General to provide "suitable letter envelopes with such watermarks or other guards against counterfeits... with the addition of the value or denomination of the postage stamps so printed or impressed thereon..." The first result was the 1853 Nesbitt issues of stamped envelopes, named after the contractor who produced them for the government. Considering the different envelope sizes, knives, colors, dies to print the indicia, and denominations there are literally thousands of different stamped envelopes produced for the US.

The manufacture of wrappers for the sending of newspapers or periodicals began in the U.S. in 1861. The first wrappers were rectangular pieces of paper with gum to seal it on one end and an embossed envelope stamp or indicium on it. By 1870, the form was that of a rectangle with the narrow side rounded and gummed at the top. They were manufactured from piles of 300 - 500 sheets of paper which were then cut to shape by a knife. After around 1900, they were cut individually from long ribbons of paper which had been printed with an embossed envelope die.

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