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The first U.S. Postage issue to depict a U.S. space vehicle was issued on the 100th anniversary of Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, in its honor. Third Assistant Postmaster General Joseph L. Lawler dedicated the stamp in El Paso on November 5, 1948. The issue depicts what appears to be a rocket designed after the V-2 in the center, which technically makes it a "space stamp" in the Topographical world of philately.



This was the first 'Space Stamp' with an actual subject of a real space vessel, unlike the generic or symbolic rocket depicted in the Fort Bliss issue of 1948. The U.S. Post Office issued this 4-cent Echo I "Communications for Peace" commemorative stamp through the Washington, D.C., post office on December 15, 1960. The stamp was produced and issued to honor the world's first communications satellite. Designed by Ervine Metz, the stamp was printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in panes of fifty stamps each. Quantities issued totaled more than 120 million.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is over and Fall is just about over and it's getting close to Winter. It seems like 2021 has just flown by. I hope everyone has done OK so far this year. Only a few more months and we'll be looking forward to 2023. Things to look forward to:

- 1) Higher postal rates! Of course.....
- 2) More stamp shows (hey!)
- 3) A new year (hopefully a better one)
- 4) prices (up, down, right, left - who knows)
- 5) The economy (you don't want to know my prediction)
- 6) and 23 stamp club meetings!!! :>)

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2023

Our annual stamp show will be held next year on March 18-19 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin Tennessee. This is a same location we used in August and it seems be our new home for years to come. I've sent out the contracts to all the dealers in all the states nearby Tennessee and have received positive responses from previous dealers and a few new ones too! Thanks to everyone who volunteered at our stamp show this year and we couldn't have been such a successful one without you! Of course we'll need people for next year's show too. Please volunteer!

Roger Hunt asks for donations of old albums

Roger Hunt asked the members to donate old, partially-filled stamp albums for the "children's stamp table" our forthcoming stamp show. As you may remember during our 2019 show there were tables setup between the dealers tables and exhibits with loose stamps for children and some adults to pick through. So if you have any old albums just sitting around the house please think about donating them to help get children interested in stamp collecting again. You may contact Roger at the club meetings or contact the club and we'll get your message to him. Please email: show@nashvillephilatelic.org.

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.

Dave Bodkin's wife passes away

David Bodkin's wife, Sharon, passed away on Saturday September 10th, 2022. Dave has been a member of the club for many years. A card was sent from the club, expressing our sympathy.

Our New Members

Lance Baugher
Jackie Cargill

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Philatelic Fellowship at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., Program or Auction at 6:45 p.m., out by 8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Bavarian Bierhaus, 121 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

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

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Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for July 2022 – September 2022

The NPS had its 7/11/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/27/22 meeting were read and approved. John Kwasnewski won the door prize. Doug Almy won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1195 “followers” on Twitter and 626 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson provided the Treasurer’s Report and a list showing NPS members with 2022 paid dues. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on “Stamp Cancellations and Post Marks” by Matt and other club members.

The NPS had its 7/25/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-three members and one guest were present. The minutes of the 7/11/22 meeting were read and approved. Randy Coble won the door prize. Andrea Goodrow won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1195 “followers” on Twitter and 634 “likes” on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 8/8/22 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/25/22 meeting were read and approved. Lance Baugher’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Bill Bowman won the Door Prize. Courtney Cochran won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. Our social media websites had 1195 “followers” on Twitter and 642 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our 2023 Stamp Show was scheduled for March 18-19, 2023 at the Gallatin Civic Center. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on “Counterfeits and Forgeries” by Matt and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 8/22/22 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/8/22 meeting were read and approved. Lance Baugher’s application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Rudy Caduff won the Door Prize. Bob Winters won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Our social media websites had 1196 “followers” on Twitter and 657 “likes” on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with Al Bollmeier as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 9/12/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-eight members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 8/22/22 meeting were read and approved. Courtney Cochran won the door prize. Dennis Fielding won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. A card was sent to Dave Bodkin in memory of his wife’s passing. Matt reported that social media websites had 1200 “followers” on Twitter and 684 “likes” on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “Large and Small Hole Perforations on American Liberty Series Stamps” by Dennis Fielding.

The NPS had its 9/26/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/12/22 meeting were read and approved. Application for NPS membership from Jackie Cargill received first reading. Gerry Speich won the door prize. Doug Almy won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson reported on stamp shows that he had recently attended. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. A “Get Well” card was sent to Daveen Robinson. Matt reported that social media websites had 1197 “followers” on Twitter and 691 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be in late March of 2022. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for April 2022 – June 2022

NPS held its 4/11/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members were present. Minutes of the 3/28/2022 meeting were read and approved. Courtney Cochran's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and she was welcomed to the club. Dennis Fielding won the door prize. Linda Boyd won the Participation Award. NPS members were saddened to learn of the death of Honorary Member Bruce Tribke. His funeral service was to be held on 4/12/2022 at the Harpeth Hills Memorial Gardens. It was also mentioned that postal rates were to go up again on July 10th. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 589 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1200 "followers". Matt thanked everyone again who participated in our Stamp show for the good job done. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting presentation on "Searching for Philatelic Gems in Postage Stamp Collections" by Ray McIntire.

The NPS held its 4/25/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 4/11/2022 meeting were read and approved. Stanley Doles' application for NPS membership received first reading. Courtney Cochran won the door prize. Mike Gillespie won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 592 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1200 "followers". The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by David Perry.

The NPS held its 5/9/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/25/2022 meeting were read and approved. Buzz Bolton's application for NPS membership received first reading. Stanley Doles' application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to the club. Jim Young won the door prize. Dimples won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1203 "followers" on Twitter and 594 "likes" on Facebook. The business session then adjourned for an interesting program and handout on "Stamp Watermarks" conducted by Matt, Tom Tribke and other members.

NPS held its 5/23/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 5/9/2022 meeting were read and approved. Buzz Bolton, John Kwasniewski and Jack Payne's applications for NPS membership all received second readings and they were approved and welcomed to the NPS membership. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1201 "followers" on Twitter and 601 "likes" on Facebook. The business session then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS had its 6/13/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and two guests were present. The minutes of the 5/23/2022 meeting were read and approved. Daveen Robinson's application for NPS membership received first reading. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Linda Boyd won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and any stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1198 "followers" on Twitter and 614 "likes" on Facebook. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program on "Stamp Perforations and Roulettes" by Matt, Tom Tribke and other NPS members.

NPS held its 6/27/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/13/2022 meeting were read and approved. Daveen Robinson's applications for NPS membership received second reading and she was approved and welcomed to the NPS membership. Ruse Tucker won the door prize. RG Wolf won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1196 "followers" on Twitter and 620 "likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our 2023 Stamp Show would be held on March 18 – 19 at the Gallatin Civic Center. The business session then adjourned for an Auction conducted by David Perry.

United States Space Stamps continued



Project Mercury was the first human spaceflight program of the United States. It ran from 1959 through 1963 with the goal of putting a human in orbit around the Earth. The Mercury-Atlas 6 flight on February 20, 1962, was the first Mercury flight to achieve this goal. The Post Office Department honored this first orbital flight of a United States astronaut on February 20, 1962, when it released the Project Mercury commemorative stamp, placed on sale throughout the country at the exact hour Colonel John Glenn's historic flight officially had returned to Earth safely. The 4-cent stamp features an image of the Mercury Friendship 7 capsule circling the Earth, against a field of stars.



Gemini IV was a June 1965 manned space flight in NASA's Gemini program. It was the second manned Gemini flight, the tenth manned American flight and the 18th spaceflight of all time (includes X-15 flights over 62 miles). It was crewed by James McDivitt and Ed White. The highlight of the mission was the first space walk by an American, during which White remained tethered outside the spacecraft for 22 minutes. Tied to a tether, White fired his oxygen powered "zip gun" and floated out of the capsule. He traveled fifteen feet out, and began to experiment with maneuvering. He found it easy, especially the pitch and yaw, although he thought the roll would use too much fuel. Ed White, first American astronaut to perform a spacewalk. Two 5-cent se-tenant stamps comprise one illustration of an astronaut during a space walk, honoring the space accomplishments of the United States. These issues were first placed on sale on September 29, 1967, at Kennedy Space Center.



The Apollo 11 mission landed the first humans on the Moon. Launched on July 16, 1969, the third lunar mission of NASA's Apollo Program was crewed by Commander Neil A. Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins, and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin E. 'Buzz' Aldrin, Jr. On July 20, Armstrong and Aldrin flew the Lunar Module Eagle to the surface and became the first humans to walk on the Moon, while Collins orbited in the Command Module Columbia. The Apollo 11 mission reached President John F. Kennedy's goal of putting a man on the Moon's surface by the end of the 1960s. On September 9, 1969, the U.S. Post office issued its first airmail stamp to depict a space exploration theme, the First Man on the Moon issue. The man depicted in the space suit is Neil Armstrong taking man's first step on the Moon. This issue was designed by Paul Calle. The stamp's original master die was actually flown to the Moon, and a letter with the stamp canceled on the way back. The quantities issued were more than 152 million making the issue quite common, and quite popular.

United States Space Stamps continued



With the Apollo–Soyuz mission, two nations collaborated on a space project for the first time. In July 1975, the United States launched the manned Apollo Command module to rendezvous with Russia's manned Soyuz module. A special docking station facilitated interaction among the astronauts. Television stations worldwide broadcast the historic docking and bi-national greeting made by the astronauts. The modules remained docked for two days, during which the teams performed numerous experiments. The U.S. Postal Service issued this se-tenant pair of two 10-cent multicolored stamps on July 15, 1975, at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Inexplicably, the circular program insignia on the left-hand stamp is rotated to the Soviet configuration, showing the red Soyuz section on the left. The Soviet Union also released stamps of similar design at the same time. This denomination paid the domestic first-class rate for letters weighing less than half ounce.



Skylab was the first United States space station, launched by NASA,[3] occupied for about 24 weeks between May 1973 and February 1974. It was operated by three separate three-astronaut crews: Skylab 2, Skylab 3, and Skylab 4. Major operations included an orbital workshop, a solar observatory, Earth observation, and hundreds of experiments.

Unable to be re-boosted by the Space Shuttle, which was not ready until 1981, Skylab's orbit eventually decayed, and it disintegrated in the atmosphere on July 11, 1979, scattering debris across the Indian Ocean and Western Australia.

The United States Postal Service issued the stamp honoring Skylab on the one-year anniversary of its launch, May 14, 1974.

On line resources for Space stamps:

Space-Themed Stamps of the USA: <https://alphabetilately.org/Space.html>

Space Topic Study Unit: <http://www.space-unit.com/>

Astro Space Stamp Society: <http://www.astrospacestampsociety.com/>

Un-Manned Satellite Philately: <http://rammb.cira.colostate.edu/dev/hillger/satellites.htm>

Astronomy Study Unit: <https://www.astronomystudyunit.net/>

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