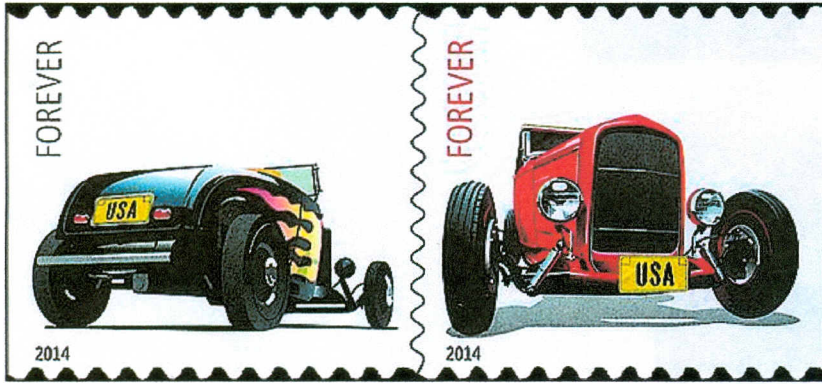


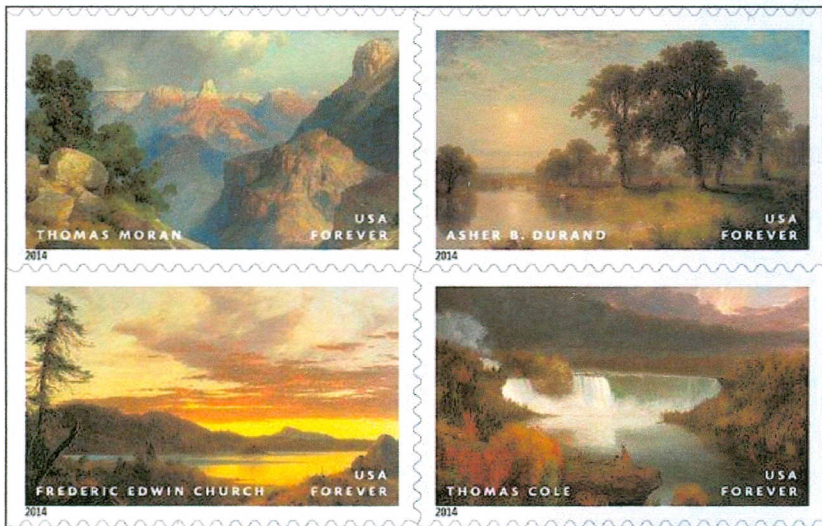
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1932 FORD HOT RODS



AMERICAN ART TREASURES - HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL



2014 DUCK STAMP

The 2014-2015 Duck stamp features Adam Grimm's painting of a pair of canvasback ducks in flight. Duck stamps are not postage stamps. The new stamp is valid from July 1, 2014 through June 30.

ISSUE DATE WAS JUNE 27, 2014 IN WASHINGTON D.C.

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HOT RODS

Hot Rods, the fast, powerful vehicles that thrill-seeking enthusiasts have been modifying for nearly a century, are celebrated on these two eye-popping stamps. Each features an iconic 1932 Ford "Deuce" roadster. One showcases a black '32 Ford with orange flames running down the car's body; the other showcases a red '32 Ford roadster. Hot rodding first took hold in the 1920a, when young men began modifying their cars. They souped up engines, lowered chassis, chopped bodies, and cut excess weight, creating light, fierce machines that looked and moved unlike anything that had rolled off the assembly lines. The first-day-of-issue dedication ceremony took place at the National Street Rod Association (NSRA) Street Rod Nationals East Plus at the York Expo Center in York, PA

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE WAS JUNE 6

HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL

The "Hudson River School" was a group of New York-based landscape painters who emerged in the mid-19th century. English emigre Thomas Cole is credited as the inspiration for those who followed him, and included such noted American artists as Frederic Edwin Church, Albert Bierstadt and Asher Durand. The Hudson River School stamps will become the 12th issue in the American Treasures stamp series. The series began in 2001 with four 32¢ Amish Quilts stamps (Scott 3524-3527).

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE WILL BE AUGUST 21 AT THE APS SHOW IN HARTFORD, CT

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - JULY-AUGUST, 2014**OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET**

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IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DUES NOTICE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO THE MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE. PAYABLE TO: THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

JULY – AUGUST 2014 MEETING DATES

July 13th ONLY

August 10th ONLY

(Only 1 meeting in June, July and August)

***** ENJOY YOUR SUMMER *****

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

****** OUR FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 – JUNE 30 ******

CLUB NEWS

2015 WILKPEX BOURSE CO-CHAIR: We need a bourse (dealer) co-chair for next years show. Danielle Weaver has volunteered to take this position but only if she gets another member to help. It involves working with show dealer contracts, keeping track of dealer payments, etc. It is not hard. If this sounds like something you would like to do to help the Club, we would appreciate it very much. If interested or if you want more details, please contact Andy Novotny, Laura Kaczynski or Tom Reiff via e-mail (see e-mail addresses at the left on this page). **THANK YOU FOR GETTING INVOLVED!!**

STAMP SHOW & APS TRAVELS: Members, known to your editor, recently "hit the road" to stamp shows in Butler, PA and New York. Bill Brierton and Tom Reiff attended BUTLERPEX 2014 in Butler, PA. In mid May, Andy Novotny attended ROPEX in Rochester, New York. They reported that they enjoyed the shows and found some great additions to their collections.

2015 SCOTT CATALOGUES: The Club purchases new catalogues every other year with the exception of the U.S. Specialized which is purchased every year. Andy Novotny was able to purchase Volumes 1 and 2 at ROPEX for a very reasonable price. The remaining volumes will be purchased from the same dealer as released.

APS NEWSLETTER AWARD: The Club has been awarded a VERMEIL award for our 2013 newsletter. The APS judges (2 this year) reviewed the last three issues of the calendar year. The worksheet has been modified to two sections with sub-sections; CONTENT COVERAGE (70%) and PRODUCTION QUALITY (30%). There is also a GENERAL COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS section. The "points" system has been removed and the only AWARD LEVEL BOXES are marked as to which award is won. Awards are: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The APS issues a certificate and displays the submitted newsletters and their awards at the annual APS Stampshow. This year it will be in Hartford, Connecticut, August 21-24.

There were 19 stamp clubs that entered newsletters in the competition, two single-page, 16 multi-page and one federation.. Awards were 7 GOLD (two with Felicitations), 9 VERMEIL and 3 SILVER.

JIM REEVES SHOW HELD: Jim Reeves held his latest stamp and coin show at the Lou Yagle room of the Churchill Borough Building on June 7th. A good time was enjoyed by all. As you most likely know, this show is sponsored by The Wilkinsburg Stamp Club and is held at certain times during the year.

AIRMAIL PICKUP & DELIVERY SYSTEM - CAM Contract Air Mail AM-49 by Tom Reiff

On April 12, 1939, a bright red Stinson Reliant plane swooped down out of the sky in Latrobe, Pennsylvania snatching a container of mail suspended on a rope between two poles. This event kicked off a unique chapter in airmail history. At that time, airmail service was restricted almost exclusively to metropolitan centers, out of reach of the majority of the country's population.

The Air Mail Act of 1925 (Kelly Act) authorized the postmaster general to contract for domestic airmail service with commercial air carriers. It also set airmail rates and the level of cash subsidies to be paid to companies that carried the mail. By transferring airmail operations to private companies, the government effectively would help create the commercial aviation industry. Various routes were designated and contracts for carrying the mail over these routes were then awarded to many different private air service companies. The Contract Air Mail routes became known as CAM's.

This nonstop airmail pickup and delivery system was invented by Lytle S Adams a dentist and part-time inventor, who believed that airmail service could be expanded to rural areas. He eventually sold All American Aviation (AAA) his patent rights.

The station consisted of two poles some fourteen feet high and twenty feet apart a container of mail was attached to a rope stretched between the poles. An experienced messenger could set up the station in about two minutes. The messenger monitored flight status on a company radio.

The Stinson was equipped with a long take-up boom with a hook and a winch that operated through an opening in the fuselage. The Stinson would swoop down snatching the container of mail suspended on a rope between two poles.

Since many of these communities did not have airports, the pick-up station was set up on golf courses, pastures or even cemeteries on the edge of town. Most stations were located in the Allegheny mountains, which had gained a reputation as the graveyard of aviation during the early days of airmail service thanks to inhospitable terrain and weather.

AAA was founded in 1937 by the "du Pont" brothers (Richard C & Alexis F). AAA was successful winning the bid from the Post Office Department for the AM-49 air mail route. This award was predicated on the 1939 success of experimental air service (AM-1001 & AM-1002) which tested the feasibility of feeder lines to serve the smaller communities where airport facilities or volume of mail

were insufficient to justify full air mail service. It would radiate from terminal city hubs and would utilize the rugged Stinson Reliant aircraft.

In the first year of service, All American Aviation flew over 438,000 miles, making over 23,000 pickups and handling 75,000 pounds of mail and 6,500 pounds of freight without a single casualty. With the reliability of the system proved, AAA received a certificate of convenience and necessity to engage in air transportation with respect to property and mail.

As the second year of operation began, the AAA Stinsons flew four flights daily on five different routes radiating from Pittsburgh to towns and villages in six states— Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Delaware.

In January 1949 the discontinuance of this nonstop airmail pickup and delivery system was authorized by the CAB (Civil Aeronautics Board) as it was becoming too costly for the benefits obtained. The last flight was flown on June 30, 1949 from Pittsburgh PA. It was replaced by regular air mail service under AM-97.

COLLECTING AM-49 FIRST FLIGHT COVERS

You can build a nice collection of Pick-up Route AM-49 First Flight covers showing the special cachet with the various town names. Some covers can be found signed by the Postmaster like the one of the left from Blairsville, PA. Postmarked July 14, 1941, franked with a plate single of Scott #C23 and mailed to Calumet City, Illinois.

Mrs. Leila P. McGillick became Blairsville Acting Postmaster on March 16, 1935 and Postmaster on August 27, 1935 serving until March 30, 1950



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - JULY-AUGUST, 2014**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – July 20 – **HUDSON, OH** – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

POSTCARD SHOW – August 2 – **HAVRE DE GRACE, MD** - Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair 100 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD. Sat 9AM – 4PM Admission \$3.00.

STAMP SHOW – August 15 – 17 – **SOMERSET, NJ** – AMERICOVER 2014 – American First Day Cover Society. DoubleTree Somerset Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Fri & Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 3PM (**Times not confirmed**)

POSTCARD SHOW – Aug 16 - **LANCASTER, PA.** 22nd Annual Postcard Expo. Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road (off Manheim Pike Rte 72, at the Honda Sign), Lancaster. Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM. Admission: \$2.50. FREE parking.

STAMP SHOW – August 24 – **HUDSON, OH** – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

STAMP SHOW – August 29 - 31 – **HUNT VALLEY, MD (BALTIMORE)** – BALPEX 2014 – Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, I-83 Exit 20 E Hunt Valley, MD. Fri & Sat 10AM – 6PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM. Admission Charged.

And don't forget, during the year, weather permitting, Trader Jack's Flea Market (every Sat-Sun), Hannastown (MAY-SEP 2nd Sunday), Bull Creek (MAY-OCT 3rd Sunday), Washington Antiques Fair (Consol Energy Park – Last Sunday of the month), etc.

ATTEND A SHOW - FIND A TREASURE

INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepta.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

50 YEARS AGO – JULY - AUGUST 1964

MALAWI (Scott #26)



USA (Scott #3188g)



KOREA (Scott #544)

HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS

OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, MALAWI, VIETNAM WAR AND LYNDON JOHNSON

JULY 2, 1964 - President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law, abolishing racial segregation in the United States

JULY 6, 1964 - Malawi (formerly Nyasaland) declares independence from the United Kingdom

AUGUST 4, 1963 - North Vietnamese torpedoes US ships (USS Maddox and USS C. Turner) in the Gulf of Tonkin. Air support from the carrier USS *Ticonderoga* sinks 1 gunboat, while the other 2 leave the battle. The next day aircraft from carriers USS *Ticonderoga* and USS *Constellation* bomb North Vietnam in retaliation for strikes against U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin (Operation Pierce Arrow).

AUGUST 24 - 27, 1964 - The Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City nominates incumbent President Lyndon B. Johnson for a full term, and U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota as his running mate.