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EARLY ISSUES FOR 2015

WAR OF 1812 (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE WAS JANUARY 8)

The Postal Service completes its commemoration of the War of 1812 with a stamp that depicts the famous January 8, 1815, 'war-ending' Battle of New Orleans, which took place two weeks after the Treaty of Ghent, which officially ended the war—with neither nation declaring victory—but before news reached the U.S. The victory over the British in New Orleans left Americans with a feeling of victory and made famous the future President, Andrew Jackson.



\$1 AND \$2 PATRIOTIC WAVES STAMPS (FIRST DAYS OF ISSUE WERE JANUARY 12 FOR THE \$1.00 ISSUE AND JANUARY 30 FOR THE \$2.00 ISSUE)

The first round of high denomination Waves stamps were issued in December 2012. The new, red-white-blue designs are intended to lend a patriotic appearance to packages and other mailings that need extra postage. The \$1 and \$2 Patriotic Waves stamp features red and blue intersecting lines on a white background in an abstract pattern reminiscent of billowing flags. A portion on the lower right side of the stamp provides white space to display the dollar sign and numerals 1 and 2 respectively.



LUNAR NEW YEAR: YEAR OF THE RAM (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IS FEBRUARY 7)

The Year of the Ram begins on February 19. In time to use for mailing greetings, the Postal Service issues the 2015 stamp in San Francisco. New York artist Kim Mak once again brings us a design that features a traditional form of celebration, a wooden candy tray, known as the chuen-hop or "Tray of Togetherness." The tray is filled with dried fruits, candies, and other treats to provide a sweet beginning to the New Year.



ROBERT ROBINSON TAYLOR FOREVER STAMP - BLACK HERITAGE (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IS FEBRUARY 12)

The 38th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors architect and educator Robert Robinson Taylor (1868–1942). For more than three decades, Taylor supervised the design and construction of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama while also overseeing the school's programs in industrial education and the building trades. He is believed to have been both the first black graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the country's first academically trained black architect. The stamp features a photograph of Taylor taken circa 1890, when he was around 22 years old and a student at MIT.



SEE PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR AN ARTICLE TITLED "SOME BLACK HISTORY EVENTS DURING FEBRUARY – 1868 THROUGH 1990"

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - FEBRUARY, 2015

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and fourth Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER YEAR (JULY-JUNE)

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

My show exhibit is almost ready to go.

How about yours?

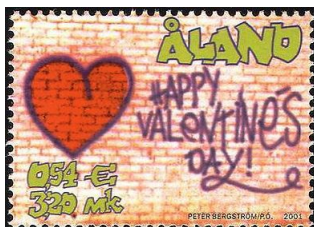
I always look forward to seeing the really nice exhibits that our members display.

FEBRUARY, 2015 MEETING DATES

February 8th and February 22nd

On February 22nd we will have "SHOW and TELL" before the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites."

******* PLEASE JOIN US *******



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
(2001 ALAND – Scott #156)**

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

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Nominations for office of Vice-President and Treasurer will be held at the February 8th and 22nd meetings. All regular members, in good standing, shall be permitted to be nominated. A second will not be required. Term of office is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

AUCTION HELD: An auction was held after the January 25th meeting. The Club auctioned catalogues and some of the collection that we received late last year. There also were member items in the auction. The "winners" were pleased with their purchases.

MEMBER FEATURED IN LINN'S STAMP NEWS: Gene Bujdos, long time member and part-time stamp dealer, had one of his stamp mixtures favorably reviewed in the regular feature "Kitchen Table Philately" in the January 26, 2015 issue of Linn's Stamp News. **WAY TO GO, GENE!**

WILKPEX 2015 UPDATE – APRIL 18 & 19

Dealers: Laura Kaczynski and Danielle Weaver, Bourse Co-Chairs, reported at the January 11th meeting that we currently have 11 dealers using 19 tables. No more dealer space is available.

Cachet & Cancel: Gene Bujdos reports that the cachet and cancel for Pittsburgh Pirate pitching great Kent Tekulve is in the design stages.

Souvenir Sheet: Tom Reiff reports that the souvenir sheet is ready to be printed and copies made.

Exhibits: We have six members committed to exhibit. Bill Badali (2 exhibits), Herb Mendelsohn (2 exhibits), Laura Kaczynski (1 exhibit) and Tom Reiff (1 exhibit.) With these members exhibiting, we have filled all 20 frames. **THANKS!** Voting is by popular vote by the attendees.

Advertising: Tom Donohue continues to pursue additional areas to advertise. The show ad is currently in the APS American Philatelist magazine. Tom Reiff will prepare and get copies made of our show fliers and postcards for mailing.

**SOME BLACK HISTORY EVENTS DURING FEBRUARY - 1868 THROUGH 1990
WITH RELATED STAMPS (AND OTHER IMAGES) by Tom Reiff**

February 23, 1868 - Birthday - African American educator and leader **W.E.B. Du Bois** (1868-1963) was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

February 3, 1870 - The **15th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States.

February 1, 1878 - Birthday - **Hattie Caraway** (1878-1950) the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, was born in Bakersville, Tennessee. Her husband became the U.S. Senator from Arkansas. Following his death in 1931, she filled the remainder of his term, then was elected herself, serving a total of 14 years.

February 22, 1956 - In **Montgomery, Alabama, 80 participants in the three-month-old bus boycott** (began in December, 1955) voluntarily gave themselves up for arrest after an ultimatum from white city leaders. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks were among those arrested. Later in 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court mandated desegregation of the buses.

February 1, 1960 - In Greensboro, North Carolina, **four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store**. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.

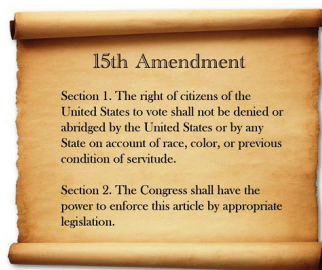
February 18, 1965 - **Jimmie Lee Jackson**, 26, African-American civil rights activist in Marion, Alabama and a deacon in the Baptist church. On February 18, 1965, he was beaten by troopers and shot by Alabama State Trooper James Bonard Fowler while participating in a peaceful voting rights march in his city. Jackson was unarmed. He died on February 26, 1965 in the hospital. His death inspired the Selma to Montgomery marches, an important event in the American Civil Rights Movement. In 2007 former trooper Fowler was indicted in Jackson's death, and in 2010 he pleaded guilty to manslaughter. He was sentenced to six months in prison.

February 21, 1965 - Former Black Muslim leader **Malcolm X** (1925-1965) was shot and killed while delivering a speech in a ballroom in New York City.

February 2, 1990 - In South Africa, the 30-year-old ban on the African National Congress was lifted by **President F.W. de Klerk**, who also promised to free **Nelson Mandela** and remove restrictions on political opposition groups. Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison on February 11, 1990 after serving 27 years of a life sentence on charges of attempting to overthrow the apartheid government. In April 1994, he was elected president in the first all-race elections



W. E. B. DUBOIS



15th AMENDMENT



HATTIE CARAWAY



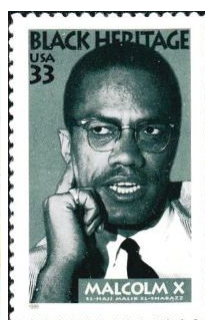
MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT



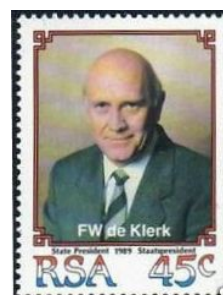
LUNCH COUNTER SIT-IN



JIMMIE LEE JACKSON



MALCOLM X



F. W. de KLERK



NELSON MANDELA

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – FEBRUARY, 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

ANTIQUÉ & COLLECTIBLE SHOW – Castle Shannon Fire Hall, **CASTLE SHANNON, PA - REMAINING WINTER DATES ARE:** February 15, March 8 and April 12. 8AM – 3PM FREE

STAMP SHOW - February 15 – **HUDSON, OHIO** - Hudson Stamp Bourse Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway.

STAMP SHOW - March 7-8 – **NORTH CANTON, OHIO** - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegate St., NW

STAMP SHOW – March 19-21 – **CLEVELAND, OHIO** – Garfield Perry March Party – 125th Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse – Thursday 11AM – 6PM; Friday 10AM – 5:30PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM La Villa Conference and Banquet Center, 11500 Brookpark Road, Cleveland OH (Near I-480 & West 130th)

NOTE: THIS SHOW IS BEING HELD THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY IN 2015

STAMP SHOW – March 22 – **CRANBERRY, PA**, Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA 10AM – 4PM FREE

POSTCARD SHOW – March 27 - 28 – Lancaster, PA The Morlatton Postcard Club, Inc., Fall Show, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Fri. 10AM - 6PM, Sat. 10AM - 4PM Admission charged.

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW – April 11 – **PITTSBURGH, PA** - Three Rivers Postcard Club, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd. (Route 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15234. 9AM – 4PM Admission \$2.00

STAMP SHOW – April 18-19 – **MONROEVILLE, PA** - WILKPEX Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, Gateway Firehall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146. Saturday 10AM – 4PM; Sunday 10AM – 3PM Special Cachet, Special Cancel. Admission FREE

STAMP SHOW – May 8-9 – **BUTLER, PA** – BUTLERPEX Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora, PA Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 5PM Admission FREE

ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE

PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES

Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

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

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

50 YEARS AGO – FEBRUARY 1965



2005 BOSNIA (SERB)



1971 MALI



1965 GAMBIA



1990 STAN LAUREL

HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR WALT DISNEY, NAT KING COLE, THE GAMBIA AND STAN LAUREL

FEBRUARY 5, 1965 - The Walt Disney studio buys the Disneyland theme park along with the WED Enterprises name. The theme park design and architectural group had become integral to the Disney studio's operations.

FEBRUARY 15, 1965 – Nat King Cole (Nathaniel Adams Coles) dies from lung cancer at age 49. He was the first African American to host a television variety show "The Nat King Cole Show" in 1954 and widely noted for his soft, baritone voice. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000 (under the category Early Influence).

FEBRUARY 18, 1965 - The Gambia becomes independent from the United Kingdom.

FEBRUARY 23, 1965 - Stan Laurel (Arthur Stanley Jefferson), comedian (Laurel & Hardy), dies of heart attack at age 74. After some success as a lone actor, he teamed up with Oliver Hardy (Norvell Hardy). Together they became a very successful career as a comedy double act during the early Classical Hollywood era of American cinema.