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TWO NEW ISSUES FOR AUGUST 2015

COAST GUARD (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IS AUGUST 4)

This stamp honors the United States Coast Guard for its role in protecting the security of the nation and advancing its vital maritime interests.

One hundred years ago the agency received its current name, when President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the 1915 "Act to Create the Coast Guard." The origins of the Coast Guard however, go back to 1790, when President George Washington signed into law an act that provided for a fleet of ten boats, or "revenue cutters," to aid in "the collection of duties ... imported into the United States."

Today's Coast Guard has 38,000 active-duty men and women; 8,000 Reservists; and many volunteer auxiliary personnel. In addition to saving lives at sea, their responsibilities include enforcing maritime law, overseeing aids to navigation, carrying out icebreaking operations, protecting the marine environment, responding to oil spills and water pollution, ensuring port security, supporting scientific research at sea, combating terrorism, and aiding in the nation's defense.



WORLD STAMP SHOW – NEW YORK (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IS AUGUST 20)

On April 17, the United States Postal Service unveiled its first salute to next year's major, once-in-a-decade stamp show taking place in New York.

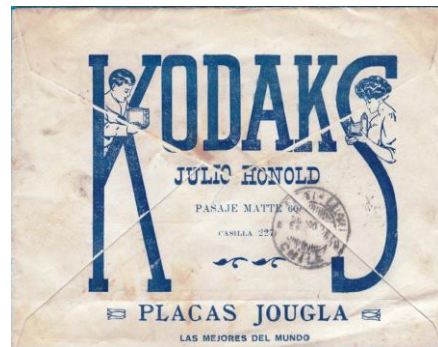
The words "2016 World Stamp Show/New York City" circle a small star in the middle of the stamp, with "USA" at top

and "Forever" at the bottom, surrounded by a variety of vintage-looking decorative motifs.

The single design is rendered alternately in red and blue through the sheet. The non-denominated first-class stamps will be officially issued this summer during the American Philatelic Society's annual Stampshow, which takes place Aug. 20-23 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Everyone likes taking and looking at pictures. Pictures instantly becomes "a part of the past." George Eastman, the inventor or "roll film" made it possible for everyone to share in this activity at a low cost. He was born in July 1854.



KODAK ADVERTISING ON BACK OF AN EARLY 20TH CENTURY COVER FROM URUGUAY.

SEE PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR AN ARTICLE ABOUT GEORGE EASTMAN AND KODAK

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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.

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THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB**

JULY - AUGUST, 2015 MEETING DATES

July 12th ONLY

August 9th 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.

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Nemus Barrett is our newest member. Joseph is from North Versailles, PA and joined shortly after WILKPEX 2015. His mom is member Dawn Richards, our "unofficial" club photographer. Please introduce yourself when you see him at one of our meetings and/or at one of our shows

SAD NEWS TO REPORT: The club has learned that Wilfried "Wil" Schomburg, age 86, passed away on April 25, 2015. Wil was a former member of our club and also was a current member and former secretary/treasurer of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.

STAMP SHOW TRAVELS: Members, known to your editor, recently "hit the road" to stamp shows in Butler, PA, Rochester NY, Hudson, OH and McLean, VA. Bill Badali, Bill Brierton and Tom Reiff attended BUTLERPEX 2015 in Butler, PA. In mid May, Andy Novotny attended ROPEX in Rochester, New York. Also in May, Dawn Richards attended the Hudson, Ohio show. In June, Herb Mendelsohn attended NAPEX in McLean, Virginia. They all reported that they enjoyed the shows and found some great additions to their collections. Dawn also reported that the Hudson show is rather small.

APS ROAD TRIP: On Tuesday, May 12, 2015 members Beth Bulebosh, Tom Reiff, Dawn Richards and Jim Senkewitz made a road trip to the APS in Bellefonte, PA. Everyone had a great time finding items for their collections and talking with some of the APS associates. The Club is sure to have more trips in 2015. We will keep you informed.

APS NEWSLETTER AWARD: The club has been awarded a GOLD award for our 2014 newsletter. The APS judges (3 this year) reviewed the last three issues of the calendar year. The judging worksheet has two sections with sub-sections; CONTENT COVERAGE (70%) and PRODUCTION QUALITY (30%). There is also a GENERAL COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS section. The APS issues the club a certificate and displays the submitted newsletters and their awards at the annual APS Stampshow. This year it will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 20-23.

There were 20 stamp clubs that entered newsletters in the competition, 17 multi-page and 3 federation. Awards were 10 GOLD, 8 VERMEIL and 2 SILVER.

CACHET & SOUVENIR SHEET SALES: Gene Bujdos reports that post-WILKPEX 2015 cachet and souvenir sheet sales have generated \$50.75 and \$24.75 respectively. In addition to the above, Tom Reiff has sold some of our souvenir sheets on eBay, generating \$40.00 for the club.

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GEORGE EASTMAN - KODAK

One hundred sixty one years ago this month, on July 12, 1854, George Eastman was born. George Eastman was an American innovator and entrepreneur who founded the Eastman Kodak Company and popularized the use of roll film, helping to bring photography to the mainstream.

A high school dropout, he began his business career as a 14-year old office boy in an insurance company and followed that with work as a clerk in a local bank. During this time he became completely absorbed in photography and sought to simplify the complicated process. Using a formula taken from one British journal, Eastman began making gelatin emulsions. After three years of photographic experiments, Eastman had a formula that worked. By 1880, he had not only invented a dry plate formula, but had patented a machine for preparing large numbers of the plates. He quickly recognized the possibilities of making dry plates for sale to other photographers. Success of the dry plate venture so impressed businessman Henry A. Strong, that he invested some money in the infant concern.

On January 1, 1881, Eastman and Strong formed a partnership called the Eastman Dry Plate Company. Late that year, Eastman resigned from his position at the Rochester Savings Bank to devote all his time to the new company and its business. In 1883, Eastman startled the trade with the announcement of film in rolls, with the roll holder adaptable to nearly every plate camera on the market. In 1884, Eastman patented the first film in roll form to prove practicable; he had been tinkering at home to develop it. In 1888, he perfected the Kodak camera, the first camera designed specifically to use roll film. In 1892, he established the Eastman Kodak Company, in Rochester, New York. It was one of the first firms to mass-produce standardized photography equipment. The company also manufactured the flexible transparent film, devised by Eastman in 1889, which proved vital to the subsequent development of the motion picture industry.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GEORGE EASTMAN AND KODAK

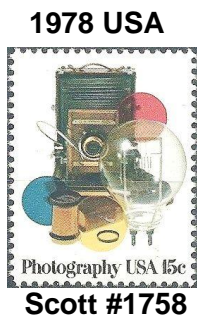
The word "Kodak" was first registered as a trademark in 1888. There has been some fanciful speculation, from time to time, on how the name was originated. But the plain truth is that Eastman invented it out of thin air. He explained: "I devised the name myself. The letter 'K' had been a favorite with me -- it seems a strong, incisive sort of letter. It became a question of trying out a great number of combinations of letters that made words starting and ending with 'K.' The word 'Kodak' is the result."

In 1917, Kodak developed aerial cameras and trained aerial photographers for the U.S. Signal Corps during World War I. Eastman also offered the U.S. Navy supplies of cellulose acetate for coating airplane wings and producing unbreakable lenses for gas masks.

A "Liberty Type" ship was named after George Eastman (but not until 3 July 1963) was built 1943 and served as a merchant cargo ship, operated as a merchantman in the Far East during the Korean War., Acquired by the U.S. Navy on 2 April 1953, she was designated YAG-39 (Miscellaneous Service Craft) the following month and supported atomic testing, scientific research and biological and chemical warfare testing. The ship was scrapped in 1977.

In his final two years, Eastman was in intense pain caused by a disorder affecting his spine. On March 14, 1932, Eastman shot himself in the heart, leaving a note which read, "To my friends: my work is done. Why wait?"

BELOW ARE SOME STAMP IMAGES COMMEMORATING AND RELATING TO GEORGE EASTMAN AND PHOTOGRAPHY – A GREAT TOPIC TO COLLECT



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – July 19 – **HUDSON, OH** -- Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

POSTCARD SHOW – August 1 – **HAVRE DE GRACE, MD** - Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair 100 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD. Sat 9AM – 4PM Admission \$3.00.

POSTCARD SHOW – August 15 - **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 20-23 - **GRAND RAPIDS, MI. APS STAMPSHOW.** DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids. Thu: 10 AM-6 PM. Fri: 10 AM-6 PM. Sat: 10 AM-6 PM. Sun: 10 AM-4 PM. FREE ADMISSION

STAMP SHOW – August 22 - **PITTSBURGH, PA** - K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) – Masonic Temple (Hall), Lower Level, 9521 Saltsburg Road, Plum Boro, PA 15239.

STAMP SHOW – August 30 – **HUDSON, OH** -- Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

STAMP SHOW – September 4-6 – **HUNT VALLEY, MD (BALTIMORE)** — BALPEX 2015 – 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. See website for discount coupon, etc. at: <http://www.balpex.org/balpex.html>

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

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.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

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

50 YEARS AGO – JULY - AUGUST 1965



**1988 GERMANY
(JIM MORRISON)**



1964 NORTH VIETNAM



1965 COOK ISLANDS



1967 SINGAPORE

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
JIM MORRISON & THE DOORS, THE VIETNAM WAR, COOK
ISLANDS AND SINGAPORE**

JULY 8, 1965 - Jim Morrison runs into former UCLA classmate Ray Manzarek in Venice Beach, California. After hearing some of Morrison's songs, Manzarek agrees to form the rock group The Doors with him.

JULY 10, 1965 – July 10 - Two F-4C Phantom II fighters of the 45th Tactical Fighter Squadron shoot down two MiG-17 (NATO reporting name "Fresco") fighters over North Vietnam, scoring the U.S. Air Force's first aerial victories of the Vietnam War

AUGUST 4, 1965 – August 4 - The Cook Islands officially become self-governing, with Albert Henry as their first prime minister.

AUGUST 9, 1965 - Singapore is expelled from the Federation of Malaysia, which recognizes it as a sovereign nation. Lee Kuan Yew announces Singapore's independence and assumes the position of Prime Minister of the new island nation