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EARLY ISSUES FOR 2016

THE MOON – GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL RATE (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE WAS FEBRUARY 22)

The U.S. Postal Service introduced *The Moon*, a new Forever international rate stamp. Issued at the \$1.20 price, this Global Forever stamp can be used to mail a one-ounce letter to any country to which First-Class Mail International® service is available. As with all Global Forever stamps, this stamp will have a postage value equivalent to the price of a single-piece First-Class Mail International one-ounce machinable letter in effect at the time of use. To distinguish this stamp from other Forever stamps, the shape of the international stamp is round and bears the words “Global Forever.” *The Moon* features a detailed photograph of the full moon. The image captures the brilliant surface of Earth’s only natural satellite. The selva features a tree line silhouetted against the night sky. The new Global Forever stamps are being issued in self-adhesive panes of 10. William J. Gicker was the art director. Greg Breeding illustrated the selva and he designed the stamp with an existing photograph by Beth Swanson. Issued in panes of 10 stamps



MUSIC ICONS: SARAH VAUGHN (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29)

Sarah Vaughan was one of America’s greatest singers, successful in both jazz and pop, with a talent for improvisation and skillful phrasing and a voice that ranged over several octaves.

The stamp art is an oil painting of Vaughan in performance based on a 1955 photograph by Hugh Bell. A few lines of selva text explain her importance as a Music Icon. The cover side of the pane features a larger version of the stamp art, a list of some of Vaughan’s popular songs, and the Music Icons logo. Bart Forbes was the artist and Ethel Kessler was the art director. The 11 a.m. First-Day-of-

Issue dedication ceremony will take place in Newark, NJ, at the Sarah Vaughan Concert Hall.



LEGENDS OF HOLLYWOOD: SHIRLEY TEMPLE (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME IN THE SPRING)

Shirley Temple becomes the 20th inductee into the Postal Service’s Legends of Hollywood series. As a child she was the most famous film star in the world. As an adult, Shirley Temple Black had a distinguished career in diplomacy, serving as delegate to the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia and U.S. Chief of Protocol. She received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1998 and a lifetime achievement award from the Screen Actors Guild in 2006.

The stamp art for this Forever stamp features a painting by Tim O’Brien based on a 1935 still image from *Curly Top*, one of her iconic rolls in movies. The selva, or area outside of the stamps, features a publicity photo from the 1933 short film “Managed Money.” Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD, was the art director for the stamp.



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - MARCH, 2016

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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 finished and ready to go.
How about yours?
I always look forward to seeing the really nice exhibits that
our members display.

MARCH, 2016 MEETING DATES

March 13 ONLY - PLEASE JOIN US

NO MEETING ON MARCH 27th (EASTER)



1941 SEAL



50 YEARS OF EASTER SEALS

EASTER SEALS - Founded in 1919 as the National Society for Crippled Children – First seal issued in 1934.

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 & ELECTIONS:

Nominations for office of Vice-President and Treasurer were held at the February 14th and 28th meetings. Elections for those offices will be held at the March 13th meeting. Term of office is from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

APS ROAD TRIP: The February 16th road trip to the APS was cancelled due to inclement weather. We will reschedule for a better weather day, Maybe in March.

WILKPEX 2016 UPDATE – APRIL 9 & 10

Dealers: We will have 11 dealers using 19 tables. No more dealer space is available.

Cachet & Cancel: The Robert Patrick "Rocky" Bleier cancel has been designed and approved by Rocky. The cachet design is in progress.

Souvenir Sheet: The souvenir sheet is ready to be printed (200 sheets of 3) and once printed will be cut into single sheets.

Exhibits: We have seven (7) members committed to exhibit: David Albert (1 exhibit), Bill Badali (2 exhibits), Eugene Bujdos (1 exhibit), Laura Kaczynski (1 exhibit), Tom Reiff (1 exhibit), Lorraine Vincent (2 exhibits) and Danielle Weaver (1 exhibit). These members exhibiting, we have filled all 15 frames. We still have five (5) open frames to be filled. PLEASE CONSIDER EXHIBITING. THANKS! If we do not get anymore member to exhibit the club will fill those frames with non-competitive exhibits.

Advertising: The show ad is currently (or soon will be) in the APS American Philatelist magazine. Gene Bujdos has created and submitted an article for Linn's Stamp News including images of the Rocky Bleier cancel and the souvenir sheet. Show fliers and postcards for mailing are currently in progress.

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COLLECTING ALBERT EINSTEIN by Tom Reiff

On March 14th we celebrate the birthday of the most famous and influential theoretical physicist/scientist in the 20th Century.

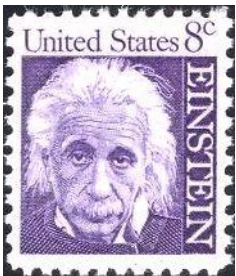
Albert Einstein (14 March 1879 – 18 April 1955) was a German-born (Ulm) theoretical physicist. He developed the general theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics (alongside quantum mechanics). Einstein's work is also known for its influence on the philosophy of science. Einstein is best known in popular culture for his mass–energy equivalence formula $E = mc^2$ (which has been dubbed "the world's most famous equation"). He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his "services to theoretical physics", in particular his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect, a pivotal step in the evolution of quantum theory.

He was visiting the United States when Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 and, being Jewish, did not go back to Germany, where he had been a professor at the Berlin Academy of Sciences. He settled in the U.S., becoming an American citizen in 1940. On the eve of World War II, he endorsed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt alerting him to the potential development of "extremely powerful bombs of a new type" and recommending that the U.S. begin similar research. This eventually led to what would become the Manhattan Project. Einstein supported defending the Allied forces, but largely denounced the idea of using the newly discovered nuclear fission as a weapon. Later, with the British philosopher Bertrand Russell, Einstein signed the Russell–Einstein Manifesto, which highlighted the danger of nuclear weapons. Einstein was affiliated with the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, until his death in 1955.

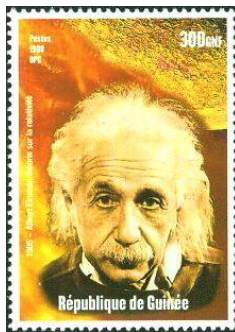
Albert Einstein was still in the news in February of this year when scientists for the first time have detected gravitational waves, ripples in space and time hypothesized by Einstein a century ago, in a landmark discovery announced on Thursday that opens a new window for studying the cosmos.

COLLECTING ALBERT EINSTEIN ON STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

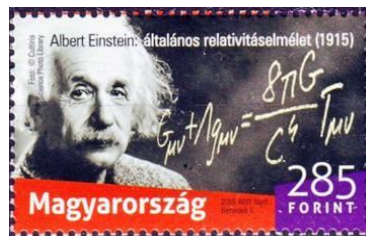
Many countries have honored Albert Einstein on stamps. Collection may include stamps, souvenir sheets, cover, first day covers and related collectible. The American Topical Association has a checklist for Einstein currently having 151 entries.



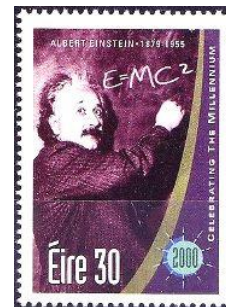
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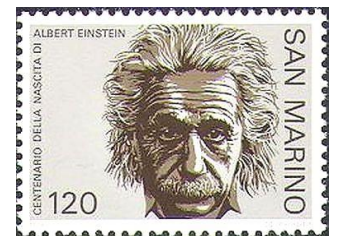
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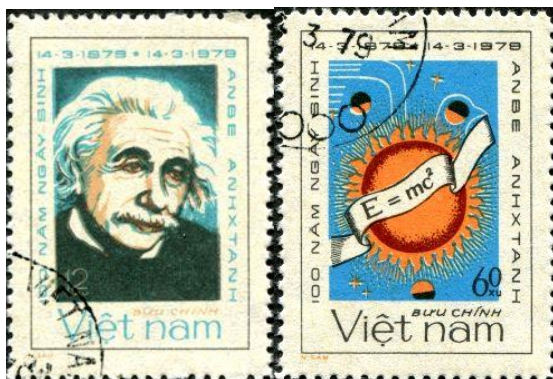
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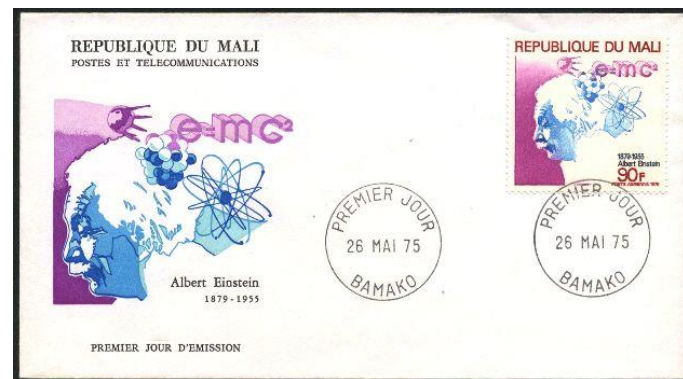
2000 IRELAND



1979 SAN MARINO



1979 VIET NAM – SET OF 2



MAY 26, 1975 MALI – FIRST DAY COVER

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – MARCH, 2016**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – March 6 - **PITTSBURGH, PA** - K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) – Masonic Temple (Hall), Lower Level, 9521 Saltsburg Road, Plum Boro, PA 15239. Sunday 10AM – 4PM

STAMP SHOW - March 7-8 - **NORTH CANTON, OHIO** - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW Saturday 10AM – 5PM; Sunday 10AM – 4PM

STAMP SHOW – March 10-12 – **CLEVELAND, OHIO** – Garfield Perry March Party – 126th Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse. La Villa Conference and Banquet Center, 11500 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130. Thursday 11AM – 6PM, Friday 10AM – 5:30PM, Saturday 10AM – 4PM

POSTCARD SHOW – March 25-26 – **LANCASTER, PA** - Lancaster Spring Postcard Show (Morlatton show), Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Friday 10AM -6PM, Saturday 10AM - 4PM Admission charged.

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW – April 2 – **PITTSBURGH, PA** - Three Rivers Postcard Club, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd. (Route 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Saturday, 9AM – 4PM. Admission \$2.00

STAMP SHOW – April 9-10 – **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 6-7 – **BUTLER, PA** – BUTLERPEX Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora. PA. Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM 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.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

50 YEARS AGO – MARCH 1966

1968 GUINEA
(w/FRAWLEY)



1966 ANGOLA



1966 ISRAEL



1966 SOUTH AFRICA
(HENDRIK VERWOERD)

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
I LOVE LUCY, ANGOLA, ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA**

MARCH 3, 1966 - Died: William Frawley, 79, American actor best known for portraying "Fred Mertz" on *I Love Lucy*, suffered a fatal heart attack as he was walking back from a movie to his apartment at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Hollywood.

MARCH 13, 1966 – In Portuguese West Africa (now Angola), separatist leader Jonas Savimbi broke with other anti-colonial fighters and announced the foundation of his own group, UNITA .

MARCH 24, 1966 - Television in Israel was introduced in 1966 with the first transmission of the Israeli Educational Television, using black-and-white television technology, intended to be received by 32 schools.

MARCH 30, 1966 - South African general election, 1966: White voters in South Africa gave a comprehensive victory to the National Party, led by Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd, capturing 126 of the 166 seats. On September 6, 1966, Verwoerd was assassinated in Cape Town, shortly after entering the House of Assembly