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## A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS – 10 VIEWS OF THE TV CLASSIC

The U.S. Postal Service begins celebrating the holiday season by dedicating the Charlie Brown Christmas Forever stamps Oct. 1. The booklet of 20 FOREVER stamps features 10 still frames from the 1965 TV special “A Charlie Brown Christmas”(two of each design) celebrating the classic’s 50th anniversary.

The official dedication ceremony will take place at the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, CA, at 9 a.m. PT. The event is free and open to the public and the stamps will be available nationwide that day. Customers may pre-order the stamps now through this link only for delivery shortly after Oct. 1.

Scheduled to join Postmaster General Megan Brennan at the ceremony are: Schulz’s widow Jean Schulz; Schulz’s son Craig Schulz; and, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* Executive Producer Lee Mendelson.

The early October release of the stamp coincides with the *Peanuts* comic strip debut in seven newspapers on Oct. 2, 1950: *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, *The Allentown Call-Chronicle*, *The Bethlehem Globe-Times*, *The Denver Post*, and *The Seattle Times*. When Schulz announced his retirement in December 1999, the *Peanuts* comic strip was syndicated in more than 2,600 newspapers worldwide, with book collections translated in more than 21 languages.

### THE CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

“A Charlie Brown Christmas,” the first animated special featuring characters from Charles Schulz’s beloved comic strip *Peanuts*, aired on CBS the evening of Dec. 9, 1965. Over the years, the ode to the holiday season has become a tradition. The program now airs annually on ABC.

Work began on “A Charlie Brown Christmas” in the spring of 1965, when Schulz met with producer Lee Mendelson and animator Bill Melendez. Instead of hiring adult actors, the group decided to take the then-unusual step of having children provide voices for most of the characters.

Schulz insisted that the program should not have a laugh track, which he considered cynical and unnecessary. “Let the people at home enjoy the show at their own speed,” he

said, “in their own way.” Composer Vince Guaraldi contributed a memorable jazz score. “Linus and Lucy,” a lively piano tune that plays in the film, is still synonymous with *Peanuts*.

Watched in more than 15 million American homes, “A Charlie Brown Christmas” was a smash hit. It won the George Foster Peabody Award and an Emmy Award for Outstanding Children’s Program.



## WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - OCTOBER, 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...

The Pittsburgh Pirates have made the post-season playoffs for the third year in a row. The Steelers are hoping to have a successful season and take it further in playoffs, maybe all the way to the Super Bowl. The Penguins are already playing pre-season games.

**\*\*\* GO BUCS, STEELERS AND PENS! \*\*\***

### OCTOBER, 2015 MEETING DATES

October 11th and October 25th  
On October 25th we will have "SHOW and TELL"  
after the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites."

**FLAT SCREEN COLOR TV AVAILABLE FOR THE  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS GAMES.**

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

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

**ANNUAL DUES:** We still have 15 members who have not paid their dues for Fiscal Year 2015 (July, 2015 through June 2016.) If you haven't complied, please **DO IT NOW** while you are reading this. Please do not let your membership expire. **IF YOU OWE, A NOTICE SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON:** This year the Club is having our annual luncheon once again at Drew's Family Restaurant in Forest Hills at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 24, 2015. We will be ordering from the menu. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 25 people. For reservations, please call Danielle Weaver at 724-492-1192 or Ray Damico at 724-478-2107. Drew's is located at 2060 Ardmore Blvd. (Route 30) across the street from the Borough Building. If you are traveling east on Route 30, it is on the right side.

**WILKPEX 2016 DATES CHANGED:** Due to another stamp show in Michigan involving several vendors (dealers) that are planning to attend (set up at) our 2016 show, it has become necessary to change the dates from **April 16-17, 2016 to April 9-10, 2016 (tentatively)** to accommodate these dealers. Gateway Hall was contacted and we were informed that there is no problem changing the date.

**WILKPEX 2016 CACHET UPDATE:** Information in regards to the proposed Mike Ditka cachet has been sent to a "fan base" address in Chicago, Illinois. We are hoping for a reply soon as to whether he accepts or not, but this is a real busy season for Mike as a commentator for ESPN and CBS Radio. If it does not work out with Mr. Ditka, Plan B is to attempt to have the cachet for Steelers great Troy Polamalu.

## WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – OCTOBER, 2015

### SIR WALTER RALEIGH

#### WRITER, POET, SOLDIER, POLITICIAN, COURTIER, SPY, AND EXPLORER

Walter Raleigh (also spelled Ralegh) was born into a well-connected gentry family at Hayes Barton in Devon in around 1552 or 1554. He attended Oxford University for a time, fought with the Huguenots in France and later studied law in London.

In 1578, Raleigh sailed to America with explorer Sir Humphrey Gilbert, his half brother. This expedition may have stimulated his plan to found a colony there. In 1585, he sponsored (Raleigh himself never visited North America.) the first English colony in America on Roanoke Island (now North Carolina). The colony failed and another attempt at colonisation also failed in 1587. Raleigh has been credited with bringing potatoes and tobacco back to Britain, although both of these were already known via the Spanish. Raleigh did help to make smoking popular at court. Raleigh first came to the attention of Elizabeth I in 1580, when he went to Ireland to help suppress an uprising in Munster. He soon became a favourite of the queen, and was knighted and appointed captain of the Queen's Guard (1587). He became a member of parliament in 1584 and received extensive estates in Ireland.

In 1592, the queen discovered Raleigh's secret marriage to one of her maids of honour, Elizabeth Throckmorton. This discovery threw Elizabeth into a jealous rage and Raleigh and his wife were imprisoned in the Tower. On his release, in an attempt to find favour with the queen, he set off on an unsuccessful expedition to find El Dorado, the fabled 'Golden Land', rumoured to be situated somewhere beyond the mouth of the Orinoco river in Guiana (now Venezuela).

Raleigh served as Governor of Jersey in the Channel Islands from 1600 until 1603.

Elizabeth's successor, James I of England and VI of Scotland, disliked Raleigh, and in 1603 he was accused of plotting against the king and sentenced to death. This was reduced to life imprisonment and Raleigh spent the next 12 years in the Tower of London, where he wrote the first volume of his 'History of the World' (1614).

In 1616, Raleigh was released to lead a second expedition to search for El Dorado. The expedition was a failure, and Raleigh also defied the king's instructions by attacking the Spanish. On his return to England, the death sentence was reinstated and Raleigh's execution took place on 29 October 1618.

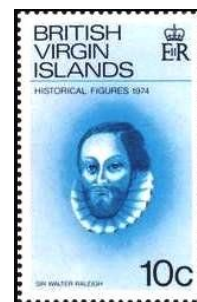
Three-hundred-ninety-seven years ago this month, Raleigh was beheaded in the Old Palace Yard at the Palace of Westminster on 29 October 1618. "Let us dispatch", he said to his executioner. "At this hour my ague (fever) comes upon me. I would not have my enemies think I quaked from fear." After he was allowed to see the axe that would behead him, he mused: "This is a sharp Medicine, but it is a Physician for all diseases and miseries." According to many biographers – for instance, Raleigh Trevelyan in *Sir Walter Raleigh* (2002) – Raleigh's final words (as he lay ready for the axe to fall) were: "Strike, man, strike!"

Having been one of the people to popularise tobacco smoking in England, he left a small tobacco pouch, found in his cell shortly after his execution. Engraved upon the pouch was a Latin inscription: *Comes meus fuit in illo miserrimo tempore* ("It was my companion at that most miserable time")

#### BELOW ARE SOME STAMP & POSTER STAMP IMAGES COMMEMORATING AND RELATING TO SIR WALTER RALEIGH – A GREAT TOPIC TO COLLECT



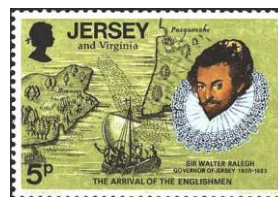
**1934 BRITISH  
GUIANA  
(Scott #221)**



**1974 BRITISH  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(Scott #271)**



**1973 GREAT  
BRITAIN  
(Scott #692)**



**1976 JERSEY  
(Scott #160)**



**2005 ST. HELENA  
(Scott #877a)**



SIR HUMPHREY GILBERT  
(ca. 1539–1583)  
DISCOVERER OF NEW  
FOUNDLAND AND WAS SIR  
WALTER RALEIGH'S  
HALF-BROTHER  
(SAME MOTHER)  
**1983 CANADA (Scott #995)**

**WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - OCTOBER, 2015****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****Upcoming  
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows**

**STAMP SHOW** – October 3 - Chambersburg, PA. Cumberland Valley Philatelic Society Fall Stamp Expo. Chambersburg Recreation Center: Route 30 at I-81 Exit 16; go west to 3rd Street - turn left at Post Office; go 2 1/2 blocks, on right. Sat: 10 AM-5 PM. Bourse Only (no exhibits.) U.S. Post Office. Snack Bar. FREE admission. Cumberland Valley Philatelic Society.

**POSTCARDS, STAMPS, ETC.** - October 10 - Columbus, OH. 40th Annual HEART OF OHIO POSTCARD SHOW and EPHEMERA SHOW. Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Road (0.9 miles east of I-71, exit 116), Columbus. Presented by the HEART OF OHIO POSTCARD CLUB, this popular event offers a spacious facility with good food, FREE parking, and lots of great postcards, stamps, comics, books, magazines, covers and much, much more!  
20+ dealers. Saturday 9 AM-4 PM. ADMISSION \$3.50.

**STAMP SHOW** – October 11 – Fall CAPEX 2015 - Capital City Philatelic Society, Sara Lindenmuth Elementary School, 1201 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg, PA. Bourse Only (no exhibits.)

**STAMP SHOW** – October 17 – GETTYPEX '15 – Gettysburg Fire Company, 35 N. Stratton St. – Blue & Gray Stamp Club, SAT 10AM – 5PM

**STAMP SHOW** – October 24-25, 2015 - Rocky River, OH. Cuy-LorPex 2014. Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Boulevard (near corner of Hilliard Blvd. & Wagar Road), Rocky River. Sat: 10 AM-5 PM. Sun: 10 AM-4 PM. 15 dealers. FREE admission. FREE parking. Show cachets & postmarks. Exhibits. USPS sales.

**STAMP SHOW** – November 7-8 – PITTPLEX '15 South Fayette Fire Hall, 661 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville, PA. Sat. 10AM – 5PM Sun 10AM – 4PM FREE

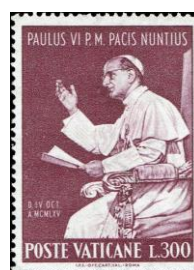
**STAMP SHOW** – November 14 – Johnstown Stamp Show – Johnstown Stamp Club, Johnstown Activities Center (Main Hall), 550 Main Street, Johnstown. Sat. 10AM – 4PM

**ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE****PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES**

Here are our local stamp clubs 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.muleshoeepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

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

**50 YEARS AGO – OCTOBER 1965**

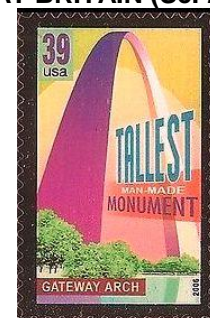
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GREAT BRITAIN (Sc. #439)



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**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS  
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR POPE  
PAUL VI, POST OFFICE TOWER, JIMI HENDRIX  
AND THE GATEWAY ARCH.**

**OCTOBER 4, 1965** - Pope Paul VI visits the United States. He appears for a Mass in Yankee Stadium and makes a speech at the United Nations.

**OCTOBER 7, 1965** - The Post Office Tower in London, UK, is officially opened by Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

**OCTOBER 15, 1965** - Guitarist Jimi Hendrix signs a three-year recording contract with Ed Chaplin, receiving \$1 and 1% royalty on records with Curtis Knight.

**OCTOBER 28, 1965** - In St. Louis, Missouri, the 630-foot (190 m)-tall inverted catenary steel Gateway Arch is topped out and an opening ceremony is held. A time capsule, containing the signatures of 762,000 students and others, is welded into the keystone before the final piece is set in place.