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HEART HEALTH



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2012 BLACK HERITAGE

John H. Johnson – Born in rural Arkansas City, Arkansas on January 19, 1918. Black publisher who founded Ebony and Jet magazines. In 1996, President Bill Clinton bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Johnson. He died on June 5, 2005 of congestive heart failure. **ISSUED ON JANUARY 31st**

2012 HEART HEALTH

The 2012 annual awareness issue focuses on the benefits of physical exercise and diet to prevent heart disease. **TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 6th**

THIS YEAR IS A "LEAP YEAR"

In the Gregorian calendar, the current standard calendar in most of the world, most years that are evenly divisible by 4 are leap years, however, years that are evenly divisible by 100 are NOT leap years, unless they are also evenly divisible by 400, in which case they are leap years. For example, 1700, 1800 and 1900 were NOT leap years, but 2000 WAS a leap year.

FEBRUARY, 2012**OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET**

President: Andy Novotny
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Vice-President: Jim Senkewitz
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Secretary: Tom Reiff **Treasurer:** Ray Damico

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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.

Newsletter Editor: Tom Reiff
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THE EDITOR WRITES...

Please see page 3 for my favorite 2011 U.S. stamp. Maybe if we use it on our mail, it would get delivered faster. (VERY FUNNY)

FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING DATES

February 12th and February 26th
On February 26th we will have "SHOW and TELL"
after the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites."

***** 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.

CLUB NEWS

OFFICER APPOINTMENT: Tom Reiff has been appointed Club Secretary at the January 8th meeting to serve out the term of David Albert, who resigned.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Nominations for office of President and Secretary will be held at the February 26th meeting. 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, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

ON THE MEND: It was reported that member/dealer Mickey Iannone is recovering from recent surgery with another non-related surgery scheduled. The Club has sent him a Get Well card from the officers and members. Hope to see you real soon.

LINN'S STAMP POLL: Fred Lewis has once again volunteered to coordinate the Linn's 2011 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll. Fred will have some ballots at the next two meetings. Fred will collect the ballots and mail them. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by March 5, 2012.

WILKPEX 2012 UPDATE

Dealers: Marty Cooper, Bourse Chair, reports that we currently have 12 dealers using 19 tables.

Cachet & Cancel: Gene Bujdos reports that the cachet and cancel will be former Pittsburgh Steelers great, Jack Butler as Gene was having approval difficulties for the Pittsburgh Penguins cachet and cancel.

Souvenir Sheet: This year we will be "spoofing" the FOREVER stamps. Tom Reiff has a computer generated sheet with four different stamp images.

Exhibits: We currently have only four members who indicated that they will exhibit. **WE NEED MORE!** Please consider exhibiting this year. Voting is by popular vote by the attendees. If you want to exhibit and need some direction on how, please contact one of the Club officers. **THANKS!**

Advertising: Tom Donohue has once again volunteered to be the main advertising chair. Also, as one of our "new" advertising areas this year, Bill Badali has volunteered to hand out show fliers to some of the local Boy Scouts.

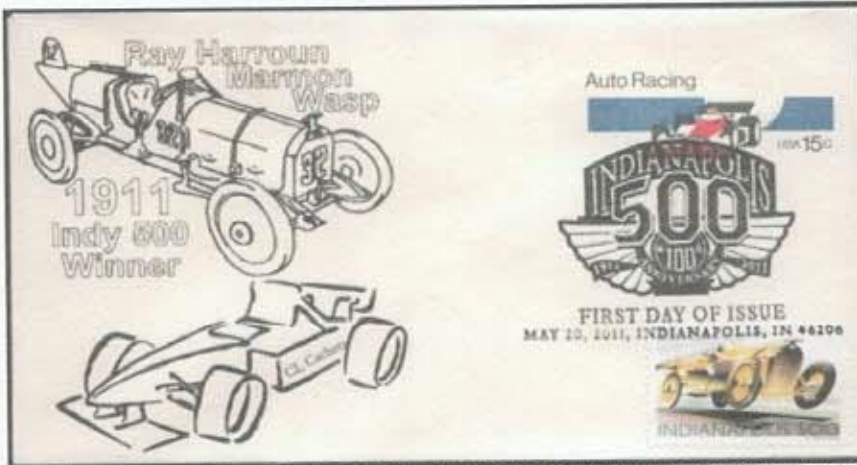
TWO INDIANAPOLIS 500 - 100th ANNIVERSARY STAMPS ISSUED



2011 UNITED STATES (#4530)



2011 MONACO



FDC – MAY 20, 2011 ON 15-CENT STAMPED ENVELOPE (SCOTT #U587)



COMMEMORATIVE COVER & CANCEL – 1963 "500" FESTIVAL



FDC – MAY 20, 2011 ON AN ALL-OVER MAP COVER OF INDIANAPOLIS

A BRIEF HISTORY

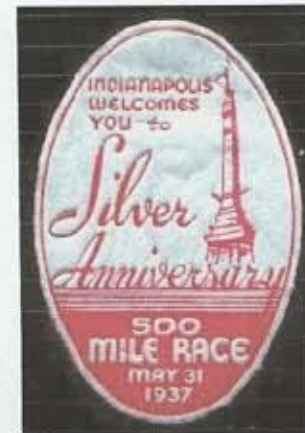
The 500, is an American automobile race, held annually, typically on the last weekend in May (specifically over the Memorial Day weekend) at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Speedway, Indiana. The event lends its name to the IndyCar class, or formula, of open-wheel race cars that have competed in it.

The event, billed as *The Greatest Spectacle in Racing*, is considered one of the three most significant motorsports events in the world.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway complex was built in 1909 as a gravel-and-tar track and hosted a smattering of small events, including ones for motorcycles.

The first "500" was held at the Speedway on Memorial Day, May 30, 1911, run to a 600 cu in (9,800 cc) maximum engine size formula. It saw a field of 40 starters, with Harroun piloting a Marmon Model 32-based *Wasp* racer — outfitted with his invention, the rear view mirror. Harroun (with relief from Cyrus Patschke) was declared the winner, although Ralph Mulford protested the official result. 80,000 spectators were in attendance, and an annual tradition had been established. Many considered Harroun to be a hazard during the race, as he was the only driver in the race driving without a riding mechanic. Ray started in 38th position and his average winning speed was 74.602 mph.

The race was not held in the years 1917, 1918, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 due to WWI and WWII.



Interesting "go-with" Indy 500 item, a 1937 Silver Anniversary Label.

The 1937 race was won by Wilbur Shaw, his first of three Indy wins in four years.

FEBRUARY, 2012**MARK YOUR CALENDARS****Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows**

ANTIQUÉ & COLLECTIBLE SHOW – Castle Shannon Fire Hall, **CASTLE SHANNON, PA.**
REMAINING WINTER DATES ARE: February 12 and March 11. 8AM – 3PM FREE

STAMP SHOW - February 12 -
HUDSON, OHIO - Hudson Stamp Bourse
Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway.

STAMP SHOW - March 3-4 -
NORTH CANTON, OHIO - McKinley Stamp Show
McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW

STAMP SHOW – March 11 – **CRANBERRY, PA.**
Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA. 10AM – 4PM FREE

STAMP & COIN SHOW – March 17 -
PITTSBURGH, PA – James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy.
2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM. FREE.

STAMP SHOW – March 23-25 – **CLEVELAND, OHIO** – Garfield Perry March Party – 122nd Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse

STAMP SHOW – April 14-15 – **MONROEVILLE, PA**
- WILKPEX Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, Garden City Hall, 600 Garden City Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146.
Saturday 10AM – 4PM; Sunday 10AM – 3PM
Special Cachet, Special Cancel. Admission FREE

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW – April 21 -
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 – May 11-12 – **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

INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)

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://personal.wpa.net/~jvaughn/WCPS/Wcps.htm>

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

U.S. POST OFFICES
http://www.postalhistory.com/Post_Offices/index.htm

U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS 1847-1970 and MORE
<http://www.1847usa.com/>

50 YEARS AGO – FEBRUARY 1962

PROJECT MERCURY – FIRST ORBITAL FLIGHT OF A U.S. ASTRONAUT, LT COL. JOHN H. GLENN, JR. FLIGHT FLOWN & STAMP ISSUED FEBRUARY 20, 1962

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH
PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS**

OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR CHARLES de GAULLE, JACQUELINE KENNEDY, JOHN GLENN & THE MERCURY SPACE PROGRAM AND JOHN F. KENNEDY

FEB 5, 1962 - French President Charles de Gaulle calls for Algeria to be granted independence.

FEB 14, 1962 - First Lady of the United States Jacqueline Kennedy takes television viewers on a tour of the White House.

FEB 20, 1962 - Project Mercury: While aboard *Friendship 7*, John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the Earth, three times in 4 hours, 55 minutes.

FEB 23, 1962 - President of the USA John F. Kennedy visits Cape Canaveral.