

Stamp Tracks

NEWS AND
INFORMATION FOR
PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Celebrating the Apollo 11 Moon Landing

The Postal History Foundation (PHF) celebrates the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 and the first lunar landing with the exhibit, *Small Steps, Giant Leaps, and Lasting Memories: Celebrating the 1969 Moon Landing*. People



Watching the Apollo 11 mission in France

all over the globe huddled around television sets on July 20, 1969, in awe and anticipation, as Neil Armstrong bounced out of the Lunar Module, and, for the first time, stepped foot on lunar soil. For a few brief moments, geopolitics disappeared; citizens around the world came together and shared the experience of witnessing an event of enormous significance.

The lunar landing was celebrated con-



Above: The design by Paul Calle on the master stamp die

Right: The 10 cent airmail stamp issued in September of 1969 to commemorate Apollo 11



Sample of foreign Apollo 11 stamps

temporaneously by postal services around the world. Over 50 stamps commemorating the Apollo 11 mission were issued by various countries from nearly every continent. Several of these stamps are represented in the exhibit. The United States issued its own 1969 stamp, designed by Paul Calle. The stamp showed what the world had been anticipating: a human's first step on the moon. A master die of the stamp's image was taken into space by the astronauts; this die was later used in the printing process to manufacture the stamps. A "moon letter" was also sent with the astronauts. The United States Post Office Department had hoped that the letter would be postmarked July 20 on the moon's surface. Unfortunately for astrophilatelists, the moon letter never made it to the surface of the moon and was postmarked on July 22 (backdated to July 20) aboard the *Columbia* on the flight home. A facsimile of the moon letter and images of the die are on display in the exhibit.

The United States has returned to the lunar landing many times as inspiration

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Message From the Chair

Bob Davis

It is summertime here at the PHF and most of our winter volunteers have gone home to milder climates.

We have accomplished a lot during the past several months, especially in the sales department. We have been putting individual stamps of the world into "red boxes" and have completed about 20 boxes with more to come. If you are interested in adding individual stamps to your collection, come in with your want list and check our stock. Prices are generally 50% of Scott and lower.

Our collection of covers is still growing and you should see our stock of postcards...wow! We also have some fantastic collections available at great discounts.

We still need more volunteers. If you have friends or relatives who could spare some time to help out, bring them down and we will show them the fun that can be had with stamps. Donations keep arriving, and we need help to get those stamps sorted for the education program and sales department.



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Postmaster, Poet, but not a Philatelist

By Lisa Dembowski, Education Director

"Top of the morning to you!" volunteer postmaster Jim Kelly used to say to us. For close to 20 years, Jim was our Tuesday volunteer in the post office at the PHF. Jim passed away this past March. Although not a philatelist, he ventured down here back in 1999 to donate two volumes of stamps and enjoyed the people so much that he became a volunteer until his retirement a couple of years ago.



Before retiring and giving of his time at the PHF, he served in the Korean War on the USS *Robinson* from 1951-55. In 1956, Jim moved to Tucson to earn a degree in architecture using the G.I. Bill at the University of Arizona. For 29 years, he worked for Pima County, retiring in 1989 as Director of Facilities. While studying at the U of A, he met and married Catherine ("Katy"), and they raised three sons and two foster sons. They all loved the desert and became involved in the community. One of their very special community commitments was volunteering at the Amerind Foundation, which they did for about 18 years.

After retirement, Jim and Katy opened Kelly's Whistle Stop, a bed and breakfast in Dragoon, Arizona. After a few years, they moved back into Tucson and he wandered into the PHF to donate those two volumes of stamps.



Jim and Katy at a PHF volunteer luncheon

Jim Kelly loved to tickle everyone's funny bone at the PHF. Throughout the years, he would pepper us with jokes and memorable one-liners. He used to say to stamp collectors here, "If you kids would stop the stamp habit, you could afford cigarettes." His artistic abilities were used by the education department for learning activities. He also loved whittling and carving wood and created many walking sticks and birdhouses for people here at the PHF and around southern Arizona. His grandkids enjoyed many a toy he carved. Although he did not collect stamps, he would send entries into *Linn's Stamp News* cartoon caption contest. Sometimes he would win.

Another passion of his was writing poetry. Instead of a biography about himself for the Volunteer Spotlight years ago, he submitted a poem titled "Me" to be printed. He would also write poems for Christmas letters.

We miss Jim, his loyalty, dependability, and sense of humor. He is a person that you never forget because of his joyful, fun personality.

"In his own words, he's now on his 'last and final excursion, to the place we'll all go for certain'" (*Arizona Daily Star*, April 7, 2019).

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Arizona Philatelic Rangers and Collectors C

Over 50 attendees enjoyed the dinner arranged by Ranger Clyde Homen, Chairman of WESTPEX. The dinner was on April 26, 2019. Photographs



Below: Arizona Philatelic Rangers and Collectors Club of San Francisco members enjoy each other's company.



Ranger Laura Schauss pins a Deputy Sheriff badge on Scott D. English, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society.



Ranger Seny Birkinbine pins a new badge on WESTPEX chairman Clyde J. Homen, elevating him to Sheriff.

Can you find yours



The next Ranger Dinner is at SESCAL in Ont

Club of San Francisco Joint WESTPEX Dinner

The guest speaker and the cocktail bar were sponsored by the Collectors Club of San Francisco. are provided by Lloyd Chan and Clyde Homen.



Sheriff Clyde Homen introduces Edward Laveroni, President of the Collectors Club of San Francisco.



Ranger Sheriff Stephen Schumann asks Edward Laveroni to introduce the guest speaker.



Guest speaker Dr. Michael Dixon addresses the attendees. He is one of only two Ranger Chiefs, indicated by the red handkerchief.

self at the dinner?



ario, California, on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Library News

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for postage stamps. Despite United States Postal Service (USPS) regulations restricting anniversary commemorations on stamps to every 50 years, the U.S. issued a 20th anniversary stamp in 1989, a 25th anniversary stamp in 1994, and a commemoration in 1999 as part of the Celebrate the Century (1960s) series. The exhibit shows stamps and covers of all these events and more, as well as from stamp commemorations from other countries.

The USPS's 50th anniversary stamps will be issued on July 19. There are two designs. The first is a photograph taken by Neil Armstrong of Buzz Aldrin, unrecognizable in his space suit. The second is a photograph of the moon taken by Gregory H. Revera. A pictorial postmark for the stamp issuance has also been created by the USPS. This postmark and the two stamps will be used with a design (cachet) by Don Regole. The cachet incorporates the original Apollo 11 patch on a collectible envelope for display in the exhibit and for sale to benefit the PHF. See below for instructions about ordering the collectible envelope. The envelope and a portion of the exhibit will also travel on July 20th to a 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing event (open to the public) hosted by the University of Arizona's Lunar Planet Laboratory.



The 50th Anniversary Stamps will be issued July 19, 2019

In the 50 years since humans first walked on the moon, much has changed. Toasters, pocket calculators, and smart phones have more advanced components than the technology that was used in one of the most significant achievements of humankind. Yet, it is still with amazement that most people remember July 20, 1969. The memories of those who experienced it are powerful and lasting. They are a shared moment with millions of others around the world. If you were on this planet in July 1969, what are your memories of Neil Armstrong's small steps, and giant leaps?

Small Steps, Giant Leaps, and Lasting Memories: Celebrating the 1969 Moon Landing will run through mid-October 2019 in the Slusser Library at the Postal History Foundation. Please check <https://postalhistoryfoundation.org/calendar/> or call 520-623-6652 to ensure the library is open during the time you'd like to visit.

At right are images of the postmark and cachet to be used with the stamps above on the collectible envelope. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check or money order for \$2.50 to the PHF. Use the address below left.

Apollo 11 Cover
Postal History Foundation
920 N. First Ave.
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Summer Merit Badge Workshops

This summer the Education Program hosted two Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshops. The use of the Slusser library, (top right), Old Naco post office (below left), and our own contract post office (below right) make for a perfect way to check off some of those requirements that are harder to complete at other venues.

We are enjoying the new and more diverse Scouts BSA as both boys and girls participate in the merit badge process and other scouting opportunities.



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PHF Calendar

July 2019

Apollo 11 exhibit in the Slusser Library, July - Mid-October

PHF at the University of Arizona
Lunar and Planetary Laboratory
Apollo 11 50th Anniversary event
July 20, 2019, 10am - 4pm

Tucson Birthday Stamp Design
Contest Entry Deadline
July 26, 2019

Board of Directors Meeting
July 27

August 2019

Awards Ceremony for the Tucson
Birthday Stamp Contest
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November 2019

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In Memoriam

Jim Kelly
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Tucson Postcard Club

Meets every second Sunday
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Contact **Joyce Kagarise** at
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520-682-8424

The Tucson Post Card Exchange
Club (TPCEC) is on summer
hiatus until September 8, 2019

Civil War Roundtable

Meets every second Friday in the
Slusser Library, except summer.

Contact **Bob Burdick** at:
bob.burdick45@gmail.com

The Civil War Roundtable will
have its first meeting this fall on
Friday, October 11th.

Tucson Stamp Club

First and third Saturdays at the
Postal History Foundation
11 am Bourse • 12 pm Meeting

July 6, 2019
Finance

July 20, 2019
Space Missions

August 3, 2019
World War I

August 17, 2019
Robert Fulton

September 7, 2019
Brazil

September 21, 2019
Supreme Court

October 5, 2019
Calendars

October 19, 2019
Yorktown

November 2, 2019
The State of Dakota

November 16, 2019
Fall Auction
Contact Dan Sherry at
dan.sherry@hotmail.com

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