



Perforations

A very quiet meeting where we discussed future programs, current events, tabled the Winter Brunch and traded a few stamps.

This month we will continue on last months ideas – and if anyone has old English coinage (farthings/pence/shillings/crowns) – please bring. The topic may come back later as a presentation



Treasures' Report: On Vacation



Scott 1992

Was it Just Forty Years Ago? The Moon Landing

Between 4 October 1957 the day the, then, Soviet Union launched Sputnik and the challenge President Kennedy gave the nation “to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade”, the United States fumbled helter-skelter as NASA strove to consolidate the many 'personal' space/rocket related projects that flourished after WWII.

President Kennedy did not live to see the successful accomplishment to his challenge that was achieved on 20 July 1969, with Apollo 11's landing of two men on the moon, and their safe return to Earth.



Scott 1246



Scott 966
3¢ Mt. Palomar
Observatory

Scott 976
3¢ Fort Bliss
Centennial

It was one of the most historic events in our lifetime - it demonstrated what we can do with focused effort and ingenuity.

With that, the space race also ushered in a whole new topical area with respect to stamp collecting.

The US started in 1948 with two stamps, Mt. Palomar Observatory, with, then the world's largest (200 inch) telescope (Scott 966) and the Fort Bliss Centennial issue depicting the launch of a captured German V2 rocket.

Local Stamp Shows

MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL July 25-26	 MSDA Midwest Stamp Dealers Association	NSDA White Eagle 6839 N Milwaukee Ave Niles, IL 60714 August 1-2	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL October 3-4	 MSDA Midwest Stamp Dealers Association	CHICAGOPEX 2009 Sheraton Northwest 3400 West Euclid Ave Arlington Heights IL November 20-22		MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL December 12-13	 MSDA Midwest Stamp Dealers Association
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Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday 28 July 2009
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



Officers:
Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Walter F. Veile - Treasurer



Scott 1173
 4¢ Echo 1 -

Communications for Peace

It would be 12 years before the US would issue another space related stamp - the first successful communications satellite, Echo 1 on 15 December 1960.

In 1962, after Project Mercury - 1st Orbital Flight of US Astronaut - John Glenn (Scott 1193), space topical stamps would become more common.

This stamp was placed on sale within an hour of the flights completion - completely unannounced to the public.

In 1964, we saw the issuance of a air post stamp honoring Robert Goddard, seen by most, as the father rocket propulsion. His efforts were ridiculed/ignored by all but the Germans during his experimentation starting the 1910's to his death in 1945.



Scott 1193



Scott C69

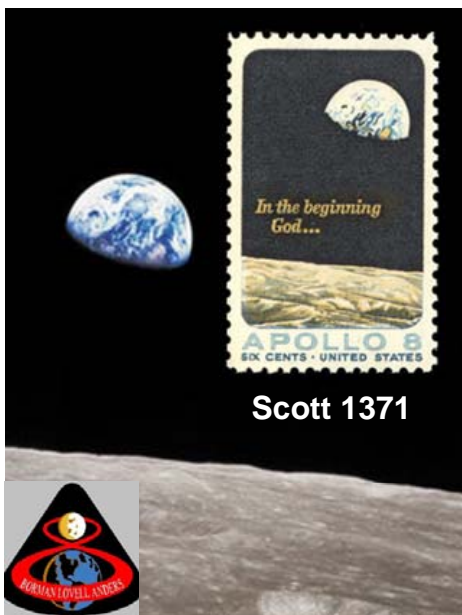
8¢ Robert Goddard
 (1882-1945)



Scott 1331 & 1332



1967 noted our first 'Space Walk', which lead to Apollo 8 orbiting the moon which gave us the first picture of Earth taken by man from space (Scott 1371) and finally the first manned landing on the moon 20 July 1969.



Scott 1371



Scott C76

10¢ First Man on the Moon



The Apollo 11 crew from left to right: Neil Armstrong, Commander; Michael Collins, command module pilot; and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot



Scott 3188c

With a foot print on the moon, maybe there will be again landings on the moon or other bodies in our future ... *"These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life and new civilizations; to boldly go where no man has gone before...."* or *"Space the final frontier ..."* and into new areas of space stamps.



Scott 3188e