



## Columbia Philatelic Society

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**Commentary and updates:** It's March and spring is fast approaching.



I hope you enjoyed our winter stamp show which was a great success. We will vote on the final copy of the by-laws at our March meeting.



I recently received an email from a lady who owns a resell shop in Greer. She had a stamp album that was found in an attic when she was cleaning it out. She wants to give it to some stamp club. She even offered to pay the postage. The album showed up this week. I was very surprised as the package contained over \$100 in mint postage. The most recent were 32-cent values, some in the original post office packaging. There was also a 1976 state flag sheet.

We'll auction the stamps, starting at one-half the face value, at the meeting. Any not sold will be saved for future club mailings.

I have had several other emails about donations, but they have not yet materialized. I seem to get weekly emails from people who inherited a stamp collection. They all are very historical and valuable. One person sent me some pictures of his valuable historical 50-year old stamps that were used 5 cent commemoratives.

We'll have a show and tell as usual at the next meeting. Bring something interesting you bought at the show.

We need some other members to step up and do a program. We have plenty of members that can help you put a power point together. Contact Rick Miller to volunteer. Jerry Emanuel is taking us to the Charleston Postal Museum this month.



*Fred McGary*



The next meeting will be **Sunday, March 16**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy Birthday to: Barry Rickman (2); Bruce LaFleur (6); Anna Brannin (8); Fred Davis (11); Annette Metz (18); Jerry Emanuel (22); Les Hall (24); Francois Mongeon (26; Louise Moeller (30).

## PROGRAMS:

“At ten minutes past one o’clock I was watching the clock count down on an EBAY bid for Amsterdam stamps, an item of seven Russian and American space covers,” said David Anderson.



This is a cover showing Voskhod 1, the Soviet spacecraft and the three Cosmonauts aboard.

“These are the signatures of Commander Vladimir Komarov, engineer Konstantin Feoktisov and Dr. Boris Yegorov, the crew of the spacecraft,” added Anderson.

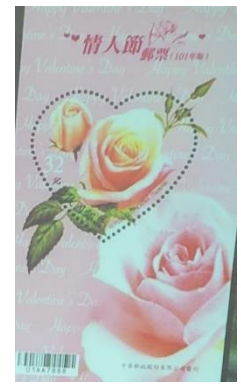
The lot also had other covers including the Voskhod 2 cover signed by Aleksey Leonov, the co-pilot and pilot Pavel Belyayev. It was from this spacecraft Aleksey Leonov became the first man to exit the vehicle and “walk” in space, March 18, 1965. Three months later, American Ed White would duplicate the feat.



“I had never seen these space covers before,” David mentioned, “10 years later, July 15, 1975, Aleksey Leonov became the Soviet commander of the Apollo-Soyuz project. American Astronaut, Tom Stafford was the commander of the Apollo space ship.” Anderson had looked online, saw the package being offered and no one was bidding on it. “These covers came with certifications of authenticity,” he concluded.



“I was wondering what kind of stamps were being issued celebrating Valentine’s Day,” asked Rick Miller. The two on the left are from France. The third is from Great Britain. Australia’s Valentine’s stamp is on the right. In the second row are stamps from Thailand and three from the People’s Republic of China.



“One thing you’ll notice with many foreign stamps, they mostly stay with flowers as a theme, particularly roses,” observed Rick.

The United States has been issuing Love stamps for many years to celebrate Valentine’s Day. “The first one, for eight cents, was issued in 1973,” Rick said.



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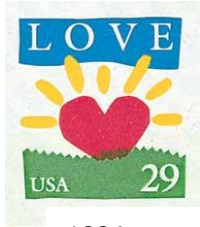


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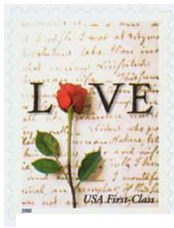


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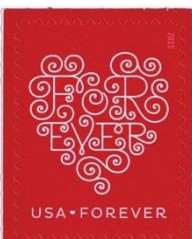


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2023

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“Some stamps were so popular they were reissued year after year,” Rick said, “This year’s stamp is a drawing by graphic artist, Keith Haring. It suggests the figures are dancing for joy,” he added.

*Rick Miller*

# THE STORY OF THE HMS ENDURANCE:



The wreck of the Endurance was discovered March 5, 2022 lying at a depth of 9,869 feet in the Weddell Sea off the coast of Antarctica.



Sir Ernest Shackleton put an advertisement in *The Times* of

London which read, “men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success.” Twenty-seven men answered the call.

Shackleton wanted to be the first to cross Antarctica from one side to the other. He had missed his opportunity to be the first to reach the South Pole when Roald Amundsen accomplished the feat in 1911.

“On August 1, 1914, the day Germany declared war on Russia, the 33-year old Shackleton left London on his third voyage to Antarctica,” Rick Miller said.

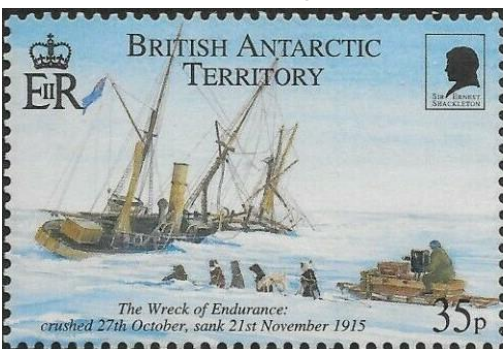


By late fall, the expedition had reached South Georgia, an island in the southern Atlantic Ocean.

“On January 15, 1915, the Endurance became trapped in ice which forced the men to leave the ship and build a camp on the ice,” Rick said.

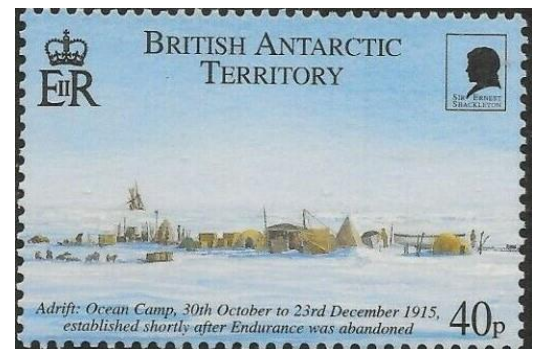


“The ship finally sank into the Weddell Sea in November 1915,” Rick added. “If they were going to survive, they had to take drastic and dangerous measures,” he said.

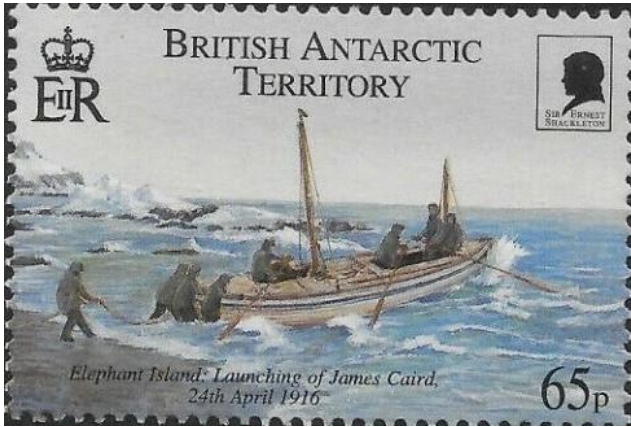


No one in England knew where they were so a rescue was not going to happen. Using lifeboats, they made it to Elephant Island.

During the 10 months



The Endurance was embedded, the ice flow floated with the ocean current bringing them closer to land.



On April 24, 1916 Shackleton and five of the crew left Elephant Island bound for South Georgia where Shackleton hoped to find people to initiate a rescue. They used one of the Endurance lifeboats, named the James Caird. Shackleton tried three times to return to Elephant Island but was thwarted by the ice. On his fourth attempt, with the help of the government of Chile, he rescued the rest of his crew. The date was August 30, 1916.

## UPCOMING SHOWS:

April 4 – 5 Greater Metro East Postcard and Paper Show  
Community Center, 909 S. Main Street, Caseyville, Illinois 92293

Thousands of picture postcards; states, topics, foreign, paper and postcards of:  
sports, travel, autos, aviation, Native Americans, ships, holidays, etc.

April 12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 21<sup>st</sup> Shelbyville Regional Postcard and Paper Memorabilia Show  
204 Main Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee

Old cancelled checks, old currency, historic photos, stamps, books, maps, Civil War,  
newspapers, sheet music, old calendars, vintage comic books, etc.

April 25 – 26 Western Reserve Post Card Society's Collectibles Show  
Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, (Cleveland) Ohio 44116

## NEW STAMP ISSUES:



Battlefields of the American  
revolution – April 16  
Concord, Massachusetts

Powwows – April 25  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dahlias – April 26  
Burlingame, California  
at WESTPEX