



## Columbia Philatelic Society

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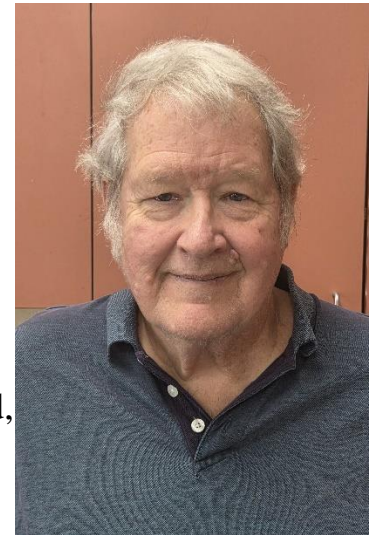
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**Commentary and updates:** It's July, and on the fourth, we again celebrated the birth of our country, this being the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are thankful we live in the United States of America.

Several of the Society's directors have been working on splitting up a collection which was donated to the club. We plan to have three mint, never hinged collections of around 1,000 stamps to auction off at a future meeting. It may not be ready for July, but you're sure to see the albums in August. When the project is finished, we will send out an email with details before the meeting date. Start saving your pennies for this big event. Total face value: +\$2,000.



Other items will be available this month. We're also planning a great sale of older Christmas stamps in November.

The Great American Stamp Show (GASS) is in Shaumburg, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago and will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have not planned a summer vacation, Chicago is a great place to visit in the summertime.

Closer to home, the Charlotte club is having their stamp show from July 26 – 27. Ask any officer for more information. It's an easy hour drive from Columbia.

Postcard rates are going up too. The new rate is 61 cents. You'll have to go a long way back to find the penny postcard.

Our stamp show days and times have also changed. The Columbia show will start Friday, October 10 and end Saturday, October 11. We'll be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. We'll have set-up from 8 – 11 Friday morning. We're going to need volunteers to help dealers bring their stuff into the Leisure Center. We'll set the tables up Thursday.

*Fred McGary*



The next meeting will be **Sunday, July 20**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy Birthday to: Ken Ferguson (1); Michael Taylor (6); O'Neil Tyler (7); Mark Postmus (8); Bob Wilson (8); Jim Sneed (11); Dale Carruth (20); John Dulaveris (26); John Withers (29); and David Anderson (31).  
Congratulations and many, many more.

## SHOW & TELL:

“Most of you know I try to come up with stamps of the month,” said Rick Miller. June 6<sup>th</sup>, he said, is D-Day, a day to remember. The allies during WWII landed in Normandy on the coast of France to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany. It was the largest seaborne invasion in history.



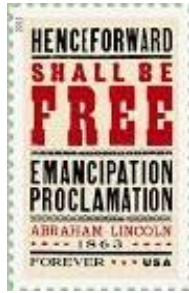
“Near and dear to my heart,” said Miller, “June 14, the birthday of the United States Army.” This stamp was just issued last month. “The Army is the most senior branch of the military and has its roots in the Continental Army which was formed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1775 to fight against the British for independence during the American Revolutionary War,” he stated. “After the Revolutionary War, the Congress of the Confederation created the U. S. Army on June 3, 1784 to replace the disbanded Continental Army,” he added.



“Flag Day is also the 14<sup>th</sup> of June,” Miller said. The U. S. flag features 13 red and white stripes representing the original 13 colonies and 50 white stars on a blue field symbolizing the 50 states of the Union. “The flag was officially adopted on June 14, 1777,” Miller mentioned. This issue shows the flag flying over the White House in Washington, D. C.



“Our president, Fred, made mention in the last newsletter about Father’s Day, which is celebrated the third Sunday in June,” Miller remarked. “Credit for the holiday is given to Senora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington whose father, a civil war veteran, raised her and her five siblings after her mother died in childbirth,” he added.



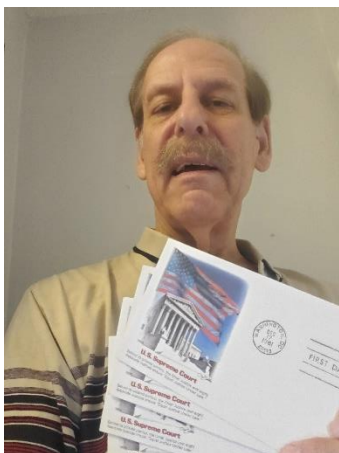
“There’s no particular stamp commemorating Juneteenth,” Miller said, but its history goes back to 1863 and the Emancipation Proclamation.” After Abraham Lincoln’s speech freeing the slaves in Confederate states, some areas in Texas never got the word. Even after the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution many enslaved people were not aware of the news.

“On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger and Union troops landed in Galveston, Texas to tell the slaves the civil war had ended, and they were all free,” Miller added.

A year later, 1866, formerly enslaved black Texans began celebrating the event with annual “Jubilee Day” festivities, which became the holiday of Juneteenth.

These stamps were issued in 1940, 1963 and 2013 respectively.

*Rick Miller*



“At our last stamp show, I bought five first day covers honoring the Supreme Court,” said Jerry Emanuel. “I sent them to five justices asking for their autographs,” he added.

To make sure they were aware of the two former justices who had signed their covers, he included a copy of those signatures.

To make it more enticing he included a self-addressed stamped envelope using stamps from each justice’s home state.



“The first justice to return my correspondence was Amy Comey Barrett, followed by Chief Justice John Roberts,” Emanuel described. “As I removed the contents of the envelope I saw a notice amid my unsigned covers. It read: *‘From the Supreme Court of the United States, office of the Chief Justice. Thank you for your recent letter requesting an autograph from the Chief Justice of the United States. Unfortunately, due to the large volume of requests he receives, the Chief Justice is unable to respond personally. We are accordingly returning the*

*material received in your letter.*’ A similar notice was included in Justice Barrett’s response,” he stated. To date, he has not heard from the other three justices, “However, I expect the same response,” he lamented.

*Jerry Emanuel*

“Swiss military units issued stamps which they then sold to their service people, they got free franking, free postage, but they also sold them to collectors,” David Anderson remarked. Collecting Swiss Soldier Stamps from WWI and WWII is a pretty interesting and arcane hobby, he said.

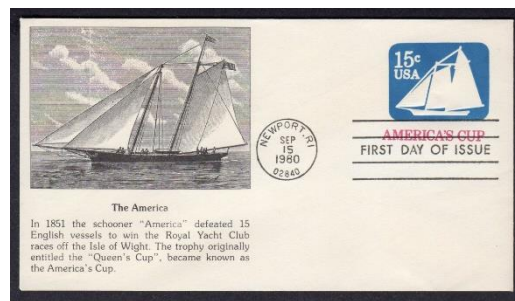
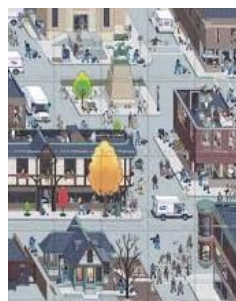
“There are formal catalogs on them and I picked up a few stamps I was missing,” he mentioned. “Unfortunately, I’ve got 10 albums of soldier stamps, one from World War One and nine from World War Two.”



“I buy Swiss Soldier Stamps about once every month,” Anderson said, “the money from the sale of these stamps go to support the soldiers and their families.”

*David Anderson*

## NEW STAMP ISSUES:



July 18: Schooner 61-cent postcard. First day city is Crystal, Minnesota 55429

July 23: 78-cent Benjamin Franklin stamp. First day city is Washington, D. C. 20066

Franklin has appeared on over 130 U. S. postage stamps since the first one was issued, the blue 5-cent stamp of 1847.

July 23: 250 years of delivering the mail. First day city is Washington, D. C. 20066.

In 1980 the postal service issued a stamped envelope honoring the America’s Cup yacht race that is similar to the postcard issued this month.