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HUNTSPEX 2011 SPECIAL ISSUE

44TH ANNUAL HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AND BOURSE

This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107 Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING CALENDAR

Jun. 7 **Swap-n-Shop Night**, bring your extras and duplicates to trade and sell with other members

Jun. 21 **Philatelic Auction Night**

All regular club meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Auction sellers are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to allow for viewing of auction lots.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4384
Huntsville, AL 35815-4384

Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 per additional family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January.

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a great source for information about stamp collecting activities in the Southeast region. Please visit www.stampclubs.com

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- This month we welcome all club members, friends, families, guests, and stamp collectors from northern Alabama, southern Tennessee, and the surrounding areas to our annual stamp show, HUNTSPEX 2011.
- Be sure to visit the club services table at the show to register for the door prizes, get a free show-theme souvenir sheet, and buy this year's cacheted cover. Very limited quantities of covers from many past years' shows are also available at reduced prices.
- For any additional information please contact one of the club officers listed to the left, or at the show.

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- Dates: **Saturday, June 4, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**
Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
at the Bevill Conference Center & Hotel
550 Sparkman DR NW, Huntsville, AL
- Theme: 50th Anniversary of America's First Manned Space Flight (May 5, 1961, Mercury-Redstone 3, Freedom 7, 15m-28s, Alan B. Shepard, Jr.)
- Events: 11 Dealer Stamp Bourse
U.S. Postal Service Station
Philatelic Exhibition, 400-500 page
Annual Dinner at the Soldatenstube

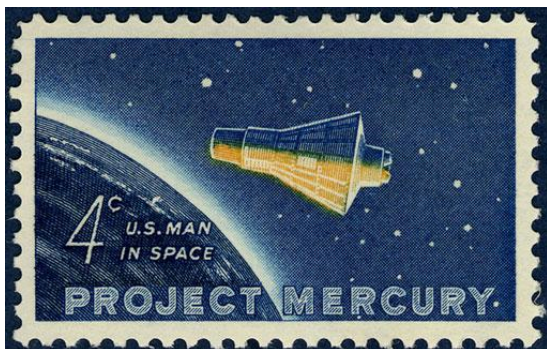
SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

June 11-12 **LOUIPEX 2011**
Metro Louisville Stamp Society, St. Leonard's Catholic Church, 440 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY. German Dillon, 502-558-0046, german.dillon@insightbb.com
<http://www.louisvillemetrostampsociety.org>

**COMMEMORATIVE SPACE STAMPS
OF THE 1960's**



ECHO I issue of 1960 - The U.S. Post Office issued the 4-cent Echo I Communications for Peace stamp at the Washington, D.C. post office on Dec, 15, 1960 to honor the world's first communications satellite. Designed by Ervine Metzler, the stamp was printed by the rotary process and electric-eye perforated.



Project Mercury issue of 1962 - The USPO honored this first orbital flight of a United States astronaut on Feb. 20, 1962, with the Project Mercury stamp, placed on sale at 3:30 pm, the exact time Colonel John Glenn's historic flight officially had returned to Earth safely.



Robert Goddard issue of 1964 - On Oct. 5, 1964, the USPO issued a postage stamp depicting an image of Robert Goddard next to a rocket launching from the Kennedy Space Center.



Accomplishments in Space issue of 1967 - Two 5-cent stamps comprise one illustration of an astronaut during a space walk, honoring the space accomplishments of the United States. First placed on sale on Sept. 29, 1967, at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the offset press and intaglio press were combined to produce this issue.



First Man on the Moon issue of 1969 - On Sept. 8, 1969 the USPO issued its first airmail stamp to depict a space exploration theme, the First Man on the Moon issue. The man depicted in the space suit is Neil Armstrong taking man's first step on the moon. This stamp was designed by Paul Calle and more than 152 million were issued.



Apollo VIII 1969 Issue - This stamp was released in Houston, Texas on May 5, 1969. Leonard E. Buckley based this design on a photograph taken by the Apollo 8 astronauts with words they read from Genesis, and was printed on the multi-color Giori Press.