

SOS Signal

U.S. 1969 10¢ Man on the Moon Stamp

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On July 20, 1969, the United States landed the first man on the moon via the Apollo 11 Lunar Lander *Eagle*. It was an incredible feat in furthering the Space Age. The event has been commemorated on many stamps.

As chance would have it, on that day, I was on my honeymoon on a camping trip throughout Europe. That night my husband and I tented in Martigny, a charming town in southwestern Switzerland. The evening's activity found all the campers huddling around radios listening to the lunar module delivering astronaut Neil Armstrong to the Sea of Tranquility on the moon. My most vivid memory of that evening is how our excitement was being directly shared by people from around the world who were in that campground with us. Of course, the entire world indirectly shared in this. Any of you who are more than 50 years old doubtless know where you were for that highly memorable event, too. July 20, 2009, marked the 40th anniversary of that event.

On September 9, 1969 the United States issued one of the most gorgeous stamps of all time to commemorate the landing of the first man on

the moon. The 10¢ airmail stamp (Scott C76), shown in Figure 1, is lithographed and engraved, and depicts Armstrong descending the ladder from the lunar module and putting his left foot on the moon's surface.

The popularity of this stamp is reflected in the fact that 8.74 million first-day covers were serviced, which was 20-30 times the quantity produced for a typical airmail stamp at that time. Not surprisingly, the stamp has subsequently been recaptured on many stamp-on-stamp designs.

On July 20, 1994, the United States issued two stamps to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first moon landing, a 29¢ Astronaut with Flag stamp and a \$9.95 Astronauts with Flag and Moon Lander Express Mail stamp (Scott 2841-2, Figure 2). These three stamps often appear together in stamp-on-stamp designs.

The first two stamp-on-stamp issues to use the U.S. 10¢ First Man on the Moon airmail stamp in their designs are shown in Figure 3.

Paraguay's stamps on stamps with this design are shown in Figures 4 and 5.

In the 1980s, Tonga and The Gambia produced the four stamps shown in Figure 6.



Figure 1



Figure 2



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Figure 3. Ras al Khaima 1.50-riyal issued in 1970 and an Equatorial Guinea 22-eukele souvenir sheet of one (Scott 7469) issued in 1974.



Figure 5. Paraguay also issued a 25g souvenir sheet of one (Scott 1696) in 1976 and an 8g stamp (Scott 1948f) featuring the Man on the Moon stamp and an inset showing Sir Rowland Hill.

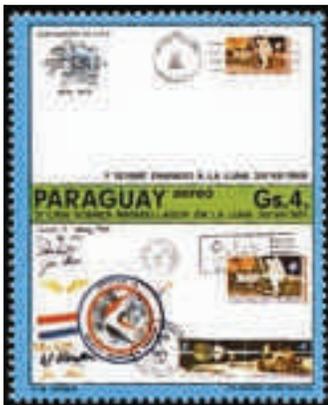


Figure 4. Paraguay's 10¢ first Man on the Moon stamp-on-stamp designs include a 4-guarani air-mail stamp (Scott C384) issued in 1974 and a 25g souvenir sheet of one (Scott 1673) issued in 1976.

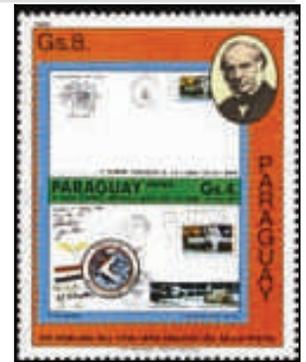


Figure 6. A Tonga 2-pa'anga World Communications Year stamp (Scott 548) issued in 1983; a Gambia 1.25-dalasy 200 years of Manned flight stamp (Scott 496) issued in 1983; a Tonga 57-seniti stamp from a sheet of 12 (Scott 730) showing the Apollo 11 Mission emblem, a flight cover and planetary bodies; and a Tonga 57s stamp with a stamp-on-stamp-on-stamp design (Scott 729). Both 57s stamps were issued in 1989.



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The 1990s saw more 10¢ first Man on the Moon stamp-on-stamp designs. On May 3, 1990, Guyana commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Penny Black of Great Britain with several souvenir sheets of nine stamps. Among them was one that includes a \$20 stamp with the First Man on the Moon stamp-on-stamp design (Scott 2273). In 199s, the souvenir sheet was overprinted “ALBERTVILLE 92” with the Olympic Ring symbols (Scott 2551) and the \$20 stamp was surcharged to \$190. Both stamps are shown at right in Figure 7.



Figure 7



Figure 9. The Sierra Leone 200-cent stamps (Scott 1729f) issued in 1994 shows the Apollo 11 crew holding full panes of the 10¢ First Man on the Moon stamp at the first-day ceremony for the stamp.



Figure 8. Uruguay's 1-peso stamp (Scott 1519c) depicts the 10¢ First Man on the Moon stamp and a Uruguay 200p Neil A. Armstrong Stepping onto the Moon airmail stamp (Scott C372).



Figure 10. This Micronesia souvenir sheet of one \$2.90 airmail stamp (Scott C49) was issued July 20, 1994, the 25th anniversary of the landing.

Antigua and Barbuda celebrated the anniversary by issuing a sheet of six \$1.50 stamps and a souvenir sheet of one \$6 stamp on August 4, 1994 (Scott 1822). One of the \$1.50 stamps shows a cover bearing the 10¢ First Man on the Moon stamp. The \$6 souvenir sheet (Scott 1823) is a unique design showing three Apollo 11 astronauts and U.S. Postmaster General Winton M. Blount at the first-day ceremony with an enlarged image of the 10¢ First Man on the Moon stamp in the selva. Both stamps are shown in Figure 11 at right.



Figure 11



Marshall Islands joined the club on May 2, 2005 with an interesting block of four 37¢ se-tenant stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the American First Day Cover Society (Scott 856). One of the stamps has a stamp-on-stamp-on-stamp design showing the block of four. This is a stamp-design technique of which I'm especially fond. See Figure 12.

Figure 12



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U.S. 1969 10¢ Man on the Moon Stamp—SOS Checklist

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>Dy</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Reason for Issue</u>	<u>Stamp Shown</u>	<u>Scott #</u>
1994	08	04	Antigua & Barbuda	6x1.50	25th Anniversary Moon Landing	US #C76	1822a-f
1994	08	04	Antigua & Barbuda	1.5	25th Anniversary Moon Landing	US #C76	1822e
1994	08	04	Antigua & Barbuda	6	25th Anniversary Moon Landing	US #C76 in margin	1823
1974	05	30	Equatorial Guinea	225	Centenary, UPU	US #1434, 1435, C76	7469
1983	12	12	Gambia	1.25	200th Anniversary, Manned Flight	US #C76	496
1983	12	12	Gambia	1.25d	200th Anniversary, Manned Flight	Australia #C1, US #C76, Others	496a
1990	05	03	Guyana	20	150th Anniversary, Penny Black	US #C76	2273i
1992	00	00	Guyana	9 x 20	Overprint #2773i "ALBERTVILLE '92"	US #C76	2551i
2005	05	02	Marshall Islands	4x37	American FDC Society 50th Anniversary	US#610,C76; Marshall Is. #31-4,856	856
1994	07	20	Micronesia	2.9	Moon Landing	US #C76	C49
1974	12	02	Paraguay	4	Anniversaries and Events	US #C76, 1434, 1435	C384
1976	06	18	Paraguay	25	U.S. and U.S. Post Office Bicen-	US #C76	1672
1976	06	18	Paraguay	25	U.S. and U.S. Post Office Bicen-	US #C76	1673
1976	06	18	Paraguay	25	U.S. Bicentennial	US #1. 2. 245.C76	1696
1980	04	14	Paraguay	8	Death Centenary of Sir Rowland Hill	Paraguay #C384 [with US	1948f
1970	09	30	Ras al Khaima	1.5	Philympia '70	US #C76	MK 491
1994	07	11	Sierra Leone	6 x 200	25th Anniversary, First Moon	United States #C76	1729a-f
1994	07	11	Sierra Leone	200	25th Anniversary, First Moon	United States #C76	1729f
1983	06	22	Tonga	2	World Communications Year	US #C76, 1434a	548
1989	11	17	Tonga	57	World Stamp Expo '89	Tonga #730k, 730l	729
1989	11	17	Tonga	12 x 57	20th UPU Congress	G.B.#1, France#11[?], Tonga #548	730k
1993	11	18	Uruguay	1	150th Anniversary, Swiss Stamps	Switzerland Basel #3L1, Germany #C40, Uruguay #C426c and #372, US #C76	1519
1993	11	18	Uruguay	1	Anniversaries and Events	Uruguay #C372, US #C76	1519c

This compilation of stop-on-stamp issues that depict the 10¢ First Man on the Moon airmail stamp might not be complete. If you know of other issues, please apprise me of them by contacting me in care of the SOSCC Secretary, Michael Merritt.

Editor's note: This article first appeared in *Scott Stamp Monthly* for July 2010.

The author reports she was disappointed that no countries reproduced US #C76 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the moon landing.

Judy Hornaday has been a member of SOSCC for more than 40 years. She has written a number of interesting articles for the SOS SIGNAL during that time.

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Ships on Stamps on Stamps By Wolf Brille

You'll love to know how it all began . . .

THE FIRST SHIPS SHOWN ON STAMPS AND 'SHIPS ON STAMPS ON STAMPS'

Sir Rowland Hill invented postage stamps in 1840. For years, they depicted only heads of rulers, seals of states, crowns, and numerals. *But seven years later —*



In 1847, in Trinidad, the world's first pictorial issue featured the *Lady McLeod*, a small sail-and-steam sidewheeler carrying mail and passengers between Port-of-Spain and San Fernando.

[Scott 2005 values: \$50,000 unused, \$12,500 used.]

The world's rarest and most expensive stamp, the fabled British Guiana 1¢ Magenta of 1856, shows a sailing ship.

The current owner — *NOT A UNIT MEMBER!* — paid \$935,000 buying it in 1980.



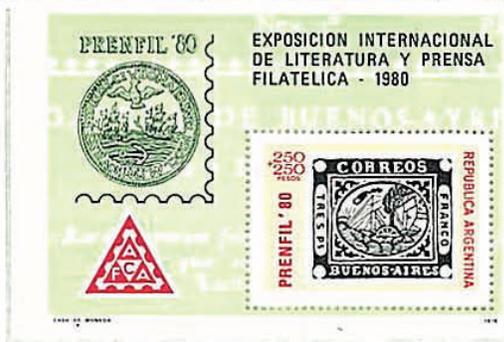
Reportedly, he slept with the stamp under his pillow.

In 1997, he was convicted of murder and sentenced to thirty years in prison.

[Today's estimated value is \$3 million to \$4 million.]

In 1857, the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. gave two stamps to the Peruvian government showing their mail steamers *Chile* and *Peru*. *[Scott 2005 values: \$1,250-1,600 each unused or used.]* They are also seen on eight 1858 stamps of Buenos Aires. *[Scott 2005 values: Each up to \$4,500 unused, \$1,750 used.]*

All stamps on this page were issued 1957-1979.



Their total cost today is still well below \$10.



The United States issued her first ship stamp in 1869 with the S.S. *Adriatic*, represented on the title page to the left. *[Scott 2005 values: \$1,100-2,600 unused, \$160 used.]*

None of the rarities depicted here are within the reach of most of us.

So, we enjoy their images with 'Ships on Stamps on Stamps' — and stay out of prison!

This display was brought to the editor's attention by Plinio Richelmi, the club's European Representative. It is one of sixteen pages in an exhibit prepared by Wolf Brille, a director of the Ships on Stamps Unit of the ATA.

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Re-designed By Mistake

By Lou Guadagno

Over the years, I have added a large number of stamp on stamp errors and varieties to my collection—imperf, part perfs, missing colors, color shifts, paper folds, etc.—you name it, I bought it. Perf shifts are probably the most common varieties to be found in the market, and so make up the largest part of this facet of my collection.

Some bisect the design anywhere from a few millimeters on up, some even on a bias that make for a very striking display, but my most recent acquisition topped them all as the perf shift perfectly created a new design!

On February 22, 1986, Zaire issued a stamp on stamp design (Sc #1230) to commemorate the centenary of the stamps of the Belgian Congo; reproduced inside a map of Zaire is a 25c stamp with the head of King Leopold II inscribed "Etat Ind. Du Congo" (Sc #3) with large year dates "1886-1986" above and the 25z value below.

My variety has the perfs shifted upwards so much that the year dates and value are now set below the map, making a perfect new design layout! Even nicer, since my stamp is from the top of the sheet, the portion above is imperf, and now part of the inscribed margin.

This variety is listed but not pictured in the Cob specialized Belgian catalog which also includes stamps of Zaire, as # 1306-Cu with a value of 65 Euros. I bought my stamp in a Delcampe auction, where it had gone unsold for over 6 months! The seller had only listed it in stamps of Zaire and not in Stamps on Stamps, and I found it by accident while looking for a scan of another Zaire issue; being the only bidder, I got it for the opening bid price of 15 Euros!

I hope you find this variety as interesting as I do, and wish you good hunting (as long as I got mine first)!



Variety with perforations shifted upward. Since the stamp is from the top of the sheet the portion above is imperf, and now part of the inscribed margin.



Zaire Sc #1230 as designed



Variety with perforations shifted upward

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New Issues By Lou Guadagno (Substituting for Gaston Barrette)

<u>Year</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Dy</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Reason for Issue</u>	<u>Stamp Reproduced</u>	<u>Scott #</u>
2010	06	17	Argentina	P\$ 1.50	National Phil Exh (Imprinted postal card)	Argentina # 583b (from s/s)	Pending
2010	08	27	Austria	6 x €	Stamp Day (sos on 6 margin labels)	Austria # 382-387	Pending
2010	09	28	China-Taiwan	5, 25 Y\$	Great Chinese Educators (2 v)	China-Taiwan # 1647, 1798	Pending
2010	01	04	Dominica	\$ 5.00	Year of the Tiger (s/s)	China(PR) # 2019	2727
2010	00	00	Dominica	12 x \$.60	30th Ann'y Chinese Lunar New Year Stamps (sheetlet 12 v)	China(PR) # 1588, 1647, 1764, 1832, 1966, 2019, 2074, 2131, 2193, 2258, 2315	Pending
2010	08	25	Ecuador	3 x \$ 1.00	Milestones in Philately (s/s 3 v-2 sos)	Ecuador # 2, 3a, 5, 6, 212, C1, C3, C4	Pending
2010	06	21	France	8 x 20g priority	40th Ann'y Printing Plant (shtlt 8v-1 sos)	France, 2 stamps 2010, pending	Pending
2010	08	26	Ireland	55 c	Art of Engraving-Joint Issue with Swe-	Sweden # 1141(Modified--Slania engr	Pending
2010	07	29	Korea (So)	2 x 250 W	Philately Week	Korea (So) # 1197-8	Pending
2010	07	29	Korea (So)	2 x 250 W	Philately Week (s/s-2 v)	Korea (So) # 1197-8	Pending
2010	08	20	Mauritius	Rs 30	Shanghai Expo 2010	Mauritius # 2	Pending
2010	09	14	Netherlands	1(undenom.)	Stamp Day	Netherlands # 127(multiples)	Pending
2010	00	00	Neth. Antilles	25- 600 c	Stamps From the Past (Sheetlet, 8 v)	Neth. Antilles # 109, 140, 77, 144, 290, 75, C34, 200 with decorative perfs	Pending
2010	00	00	Neth. Antilles	700- 800 c	Stamps From the Past (s/s-- 2 v)	Neth. Antilles # 204, 141 perfs as above	Pending
2010	07	06	Sri Lanka	2 x 5.00 r	National Postal Museum (2 v-1 sos)	Ceylon # 2, 5	Pending
2010	07	06	Sri Lanka	2x5 sold for 60	National Postal Museum (s/s--2 v-1 sos)	Ceylon # 2, 5	Pending
2010	08	26	Sweden	3 x 12 Kr	Art of Engraving (s/s--3v-1 Type B sos)	Sweden # 1141, + detail in s/s background	Pending
2010	06	24	Thailand	2 x 3, 5 b	70th Ann'y G.P.O. Bldg (3 v-2 sos)	Thailand # 93, 232 —as if embossed	Pending
2010	06	24	Thailand	2 x 3, 5 b	As above (Imperf deluxe sheet in folder)	As above	Pending



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Bottom row: Mauritius, Netherlands Antilles, Netherlands, Sri Lanka

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