

UNITED STATES

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1918



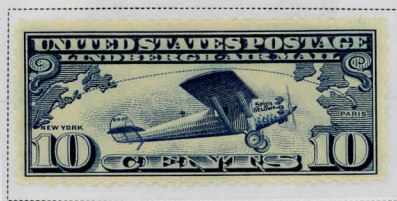
1923



1926-27



1927



1928



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1930

Graf Zeppelin Issue



Huge, rigid German dirigible built 1928. Measured 800 feet in length; 100 feet in diam. Had five engines of 530 HP each; could do better than 70 MPH. Accommodated 50 passengers. 1st airship to fly around the world.

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1930



1931-34

Perforated 10½ x 11



1933

Century of Progress Issue



From 1933 to 1937, the Graf Zeppelin (shown) operated a commercial air run between Germany and South America. This stamp was issued specially for mail carried on it at Chicago World's Fair (shown).

1935-37

Trans-Pacific Issue



Between November 22 and December 6, 1935, Pan American World Airways flew the first trans-Pacific airmail flight, from San Francisco, California, to Manila, Philippines. Only four years earlier, two fliers made the first nonstop airplane flight across the Pacific, in a little over 41 hours.

1938



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1939

Trans-Atlantic Issue



1946



1941-44



1947



1948

New York City Issue



50th anniv. of birth of Greater New York, with uniting of five boroughs: wedding ring circles city.

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1948

Coil Stamp

Perforated 10 Horizontally



1949

Coil Stamp



1949

Alexandria Bicentennial Issue



Air mail issue commemorated bi-centennial of the founding of Alexandria, Va. Gadsby's Tavern, at right, was George Washington's one-time headquarters.

Universal Postal Union Issue



3-stamp issue, 75th anniv. of the Universal Postal Union. Prior to 1874 mail traveling across international borders was subjected to a chaos of postal rates and handling customs. German postmaster Heinrich von Stephan called 22-nation conference at Berne, Switz, to form U. P. U. All nations now belong.

1949

Wright Brothers Issue



Wilbur and Orville made the first powered air flight of 12 seconds, 120 feet, on Dec. 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Longest flight that day: 59 sec., 852 ft.

1952



Issued to promote the sending of fresh Hawaiian orchids via air mail. Design shows Diamond Head in Honolulu Harbor; lavender color of stamp simulates orchids.

1953

Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight



Man came a long way by the 50th year of powered flight. 1953 saw the Douglas "Skyrocket" move at twice the speed of sound, the first time in history.

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1954-59



COIL STAMP
Perforated 10 Horizontally



Air Force Issue



Aeronautical Div. of Army Signal Corps, est. 1907 with three men. The Air Force as an independent part of the Armed Forces was est. by act of Congress, 1947.

Alaska Statehood Issue



Alaska was voted in by Congress on June 30, 1958, but did not become a State until Presidential proclamation of Jan. 3, 1959, the day this issue was released.

Balloon Jupiter Issue



1st "air mail" via John Wise's balloon *Jupiter*, 1859, between Lafayette and Crawfordsville, Ind.

Hawaii Statehood Issue



Two months after the population of Hawaii Territory's 20 islands voted to become a State, this air commemorative appeared. Star represents 50th on flag.

Pan American Games Issue



Commemorative issued at the opening of the Third Pan American Games, Chicago, Ill., August, 1959.

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1959-61



1960-63

COIL STAMP
Perforated 10 Horizontally



COIL STAMP
Perforated 10 Horizontally



1963-64

Amelia Earhart Issue

Montgomery Blair Issue



Centennial of 1st Intl. Postal Conference, Paris; result of efforts by Lincoln's postmaster-general, Blair, to promote uniform intl. postal regulations.



Held many "firsts" for women in aviation. Disappeared over the Pacific on attempted world flight.

Robert H. Goddard Issue



"The father of modern rocketry." First to perfect liquid-fuel rocket; first rockets with instrumentation; first to work out the math of rocket action, etc.

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1967-68

Alaska Purchase Issue



Air Mail Service Issue



50th anniv. of 1st scheduled airmail service in U. S. Stamp based on photo of early Curtiss-Jenny mail plane. Runs were flown by officers of Army Signal Corps.



1968-71



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Vertically



1969

Moon Landing Issue



Commemorating man's first landing on the moon, July 20th, 1969 by Neil A. Armstrong of Apollo 11 Mission.

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1972-73

National Parks Centennial

Olympic Games



To honor the 11th Winter Games, Sapporo, Japan, Feb. 3-13, 1972; stamp shows skiing.



Commemorates centenary of National Parks Service; stamp shows statue of aboriginal god Kii, located at City of Refuge, Honaunau, Hawaii.

Electronics Progress



To honor vital discoveries in electronics; stamp shows DeForest's Audion 3 electrode electron tube.

COIL STAMP

Perforated 10 Vertically



1974



1976



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1979-80

Wright Brothers



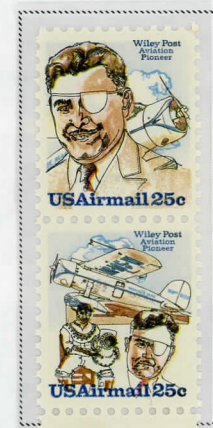
The Wrights operated the first motor powered airplane in 1903, after experimenting with kites and gliders. Both were elected to the American Hall of Fame.

Octave Chanute



Chanute's major impact on aviation came in 1896 when he designed the famous bi-plane hang glider, noted for its exceptional stability in flight.

Wiley Post



Post became interested in airplane flights of the barnstormers at county fairs. He bought his own plane and set many astonishing records. During this time he flew around the world twice.

Summer Olympics



This 31-cent international airmail stamp for the Summer Olympic Games features a high jumper in action.

Philip Mazzei



Honors Philip Mazzei, Italian-born patriot. Promoting American independence through his writings, he secured European support for the Revolution while representing Virginia overseas.

Blanche Stuart Scott



Blanche Stuart Scott (1886-1970), the first American woman to make a solo flight, later became a barnstorming stunt pilot.

Glenn Curtiss



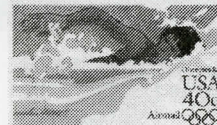
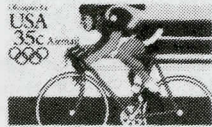
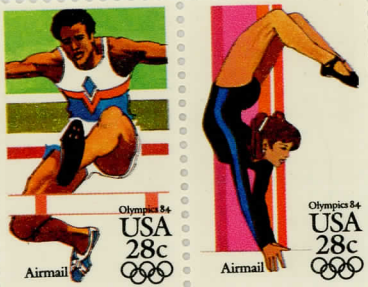
An early aircraft designer and manufacturer, Curtiss invented the aileron and produced the first successful seaplanes.

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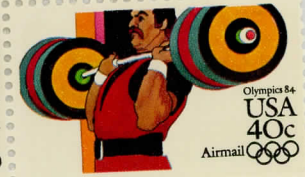
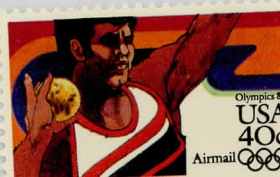
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1983

Olympics



These stamps promote the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.



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1985-88

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Alfred V. Verville



Verville was a pioneer aircraft designer who worked with Glenn Curtiss and Lawrence Sperry.

Lawrence and Elmer Sperry



Inventions by Elmer Sperry which revolutionized flying include the gyro-compass and the turn-and-bank-indicator. His son helped perfect the automatic pilot and retractable landing gear.

Transpacific Airmail



The first transpacific airmail flight made by the "China Clipper," commenced in San Francisco Bay where exactly 100 years before the first clipper ship had docked.

Father Junipero Serra



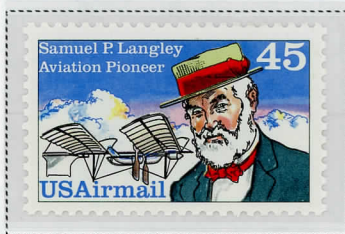
Father Junipero Serra founded the first Catholic mission in San Diego, California, in 1769.

Settling of New Sweden



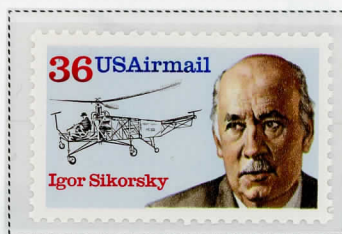
Sweden, Finland and the United States jointly commemorated the 250th anniversary of the founding of New Sweden, a colony on the Delaware River. The design of the stamps released by the three nations is based on a book illustration published in 1702.

Samuel Pierpont Langley



Samuel Pierpont Langley provided inspiration and crucial groundwork for the Wright Brothers, and many other aviation pioneers, with his experiments in aircraft design and unmanned flight.

Igor Sikorsky



Honored here is Igor Sikorsky, aviation giant. Among his great achievements are the world's first strategic bomber, transoceanic aircraft and a helicopter.

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1989-93

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America Issues



When Columbus first arrived in the Caribbean, he and his men may have seen an island coastline similar to the one pictured on this stamp.



This cat figure made by the Calusa Indians was found on Key Marco, FL.



This stamp depicts how the new world might have appeared to Asians crossing the Bering Strait into what is now known as Alaska.

French Revolution Bicentennial

Harriet Quimby



Harriet Quimby was the first licensed American woman pilot and the first woman to fly solo across the English Channel.



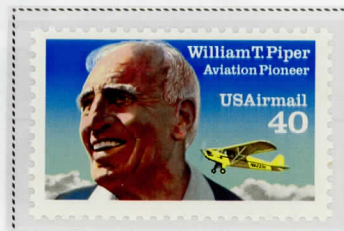
The motto of the French Republic is represented by the figures Liberte, Egalite and Fraternite on this issue celebrating the bicentennial of the French Revolution.

Antarctic Treaty



The Antarctic Treaty enacted in 1961 dedicates the region to peaceful purposes, promotes international cooperation and guarantees freedom of scientific research.

William T. Piper



William T. Piper promoted the Piper Cub two-person airplane which became one of the most popular light aircraft sold in the U.S.

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1989

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Futuristic Mail Delivery



A glimpse at the future is offered in this block of four stamps featuring space-age vehicles. Will our mail be delivered by a hypersonic airliner, a shuttle transferring mail to a space station, a surface rover transporting mail to a moon colony or a hovercraft rushing along on a cushion of air?

20th Universal Postal Congress



A glimpse at several potential mail delivery methods of the future is the theme of these four stamps issued by the U.S. in commemoration of the convening of the 20th Universal Postal Congress in Washington, D.C. from November 13 through December 14, 1989. The United States, as host nation to the Congress for the first time in ninety-two years, welcomed more than 1,000 delegates from most of the member nations of the Universal Postal Union to the major international event.

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1999-2001

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SELF-ADHESIVE

Niagara Falls



This breathtaking natural wonder occurs where the Niagara River crosses the U.S. - Canadian border. Amazingly, twenty percent of the world's fresh water flows over these falls.

Rio Grande



This historically rich river forms the border between Mexico and the states of New Mexico and Texas. Too shallow for commercial navigation, the Rio Grande supports numerous irrigation projects.

Grand Canyon



This magnificent geological wonder is a treasured national park area. Although the Colorado River runs through it, the canyon is wholly contained in the state of Arizona.

Nine-Mile Prairie, Nebraska



Located near Lincoln, Nebraska, lies over 200 acres of unplowed tall-grass prairie. This area is being preserved for nature research.

Mt. McKinley



Towering above Denali National Park, Alaska, is the highest mountain in North America. Mt. McKinley rises to a height of 16,320 feet.

Acadia National Park



Some 3 million outdoor enthusiasts visit this 45,000 acres of rugged landscape annually. John D. Rockefeller Jr. donated forty-five miles of carriage roads, restricted to hikers, runners, cyclists and horseback riders, to the park.

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2007-08

AIR POST SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS

Okefenokee Swamp



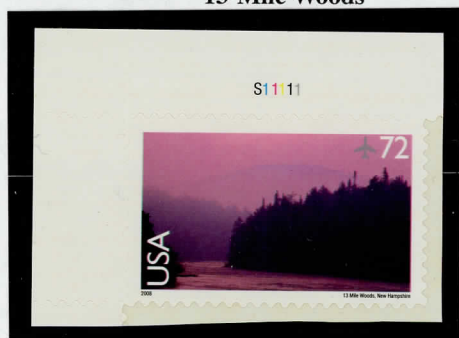
This vast swamp covers some 700 square miles of southern Georgia and northern Florida. This is home to a large variety of plant and animal life. Okefenokee is a Native American term meaning "land of the trembling earth."

Hagatña Bay



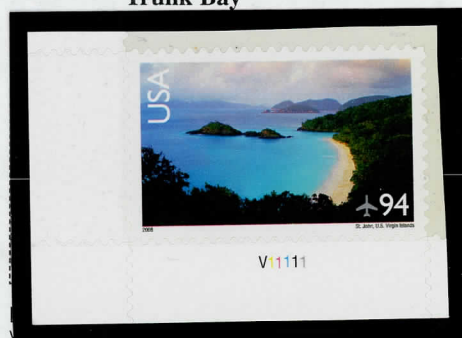
The beautiful U.S. territory of Guam is beautifully represented here. Located 1,600 miles east of the Philippine Islands this 212 square mile member of the Mariana Island chain is home to 158,000 natives and settlers from Europe and Asia.

13-Mile Woods



13-Mile Woods is a 13-mile stretch of forest near Enclis, New Hampshire. The area is dedicated to preservation of wildlife, as well as outdoor recreation. Also part of the development is plan for sustainable logging practices.

Trunk Bay



Trunk Bay is one of the world's most beautiful beaches. The hills of this island paradise look down on the calm white sand beaches. This bay is considered a world-class snorkeling destination.

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2009-11

AIR POST SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS

Zion National Park



ed as a national park in 1909. The park which now covers more than 229 square miles, contains more than 120 miles of hiking trails.

Grand Teton National Park



The park was established in 1929 to protect the Teton Range and lakes near its base. The park has been expanded to 310,000 acres and includes most of the neighboring Jackson Hole valley a highly popular climbing and hiking area.

Voyageurs National Park



Explore the park via the interconnected waterways.

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1998

SEMI-POSTAL STAMP

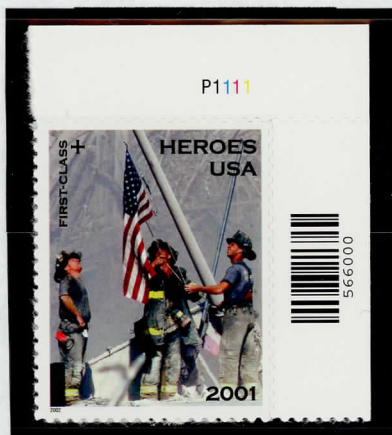
**Breast Cancer
Awareness**



This first U.S. semi-postal stamp will raise funds to help find a cure for the most common cancer among women.

UNITED STATES

2002
Semi-Postal



UNITED STATES

2011

SEMI-POSTAL SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS

Save
Vanishing Species



for a number of endangered species, including the Asian Elephant, the Great Ape, the Rhinoceros and Tiger and the Marine Turtle fund.

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1983-88

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1989-2001

OFFICIAL STAMPS



COIL STAMPS



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2002-06

OFFICIAL STAMPS



COIL STAMPS

