

March 27, 2008

### **ATA ADDS FIFTH COVER for NTSS2008**

The American Topical Association has scheduled three USPS Show cancels, each on different cachets, for their next National Topical Show on June 13-15, 2008 in Clackamas, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. Each commemorates an historical event: 50 years since the US entered the Space Age with the first US satellite – Explorer 1; 100 years since Robert Peary set out to locate the North Pole; and 150 years since David Livingstone set out on his Zambesi River expedition into Africa.

Additionally, an as yet to be identified foreign nation has been scheduled to have a First Day of Issue on Friday of the show for a sheet of four stamps, all related to Exploration and Discovery in the Oregon Territory. The stamps have been painted by Chris Calle, and the cachet features artwork of his father, Paul Calle.

Now, with the recently announced issuance of the first five stamps in a USPS series honoring US Flags on Saturday, June 14th (Flag Day), a fifth special cover will be released at NTSS 08 using the already established Saturday cancel, for the First Day of Issue of these commemorative sized coil stamps. The First Day Ceremony for the four foreign stamps will be held at 9:15 AM, Friday, June 13th. The First Day Program for the Flag Coil stamps will be held at noon on Saturday June 14th. Prices will appear later on the ATA website, [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).

This annual stamp show rotates to a different city each year in order to allow more people to become aware of the fun and education of building a collection on a topic of their own choice. Topical collecting is fulfilling to those with a creative bent who wish to add to their existing collection activity.

In addition to the covers, NTSS 08 will feature a free presentation at the Friday First Day of Issue ceremony by Oregon Public Historian, Mr. Richard H. Engeman. He will cover the exploits of those early explorers featured on the new foreign stamps: Francis Drake; Joel Palmer; Robert Gray; and Lewis and Clark.

On-line philatelic radio talk show host Nancy Clark will provide a 9:00 AM presentation on Saturday morning detailing the explorations of Lewis and Clark. This is an audio visual show last given at Washington 2006.

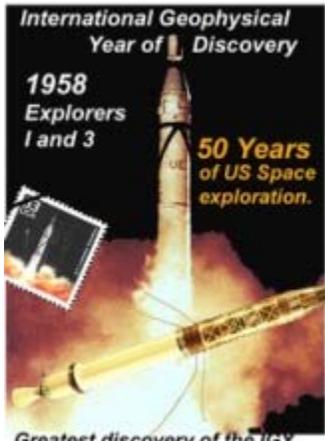
A search among the exhibit pages for a stamp showing the Oregon Trail will result in someone receiving \$25 to spend at the show on Saturday at 2:30PM. All of the above are in conjunction with the show theme of Exploration and Discovery.

The ATA introduced the Roll a Six. Win a DVD! Promotion at MegaShow in early March in which show attendees have a chance to win a free ATA DVD presentation, a \$10 value, simply by rolling a six on a die at the ATA Table. By the time of this show, the new promotion will have been held at SPRINGPEX in Virginia, NAPEX in Washington, DC and two other shows prior to its being held at NTSS 08. This promotion acquaints visitors to ATA Society tables with topical collecting as well as with the ATA's new DVD program for clubs and individuals. The ATA now has twenty titles in their offering with two more to be ready by the date of the National Topical Stamp Show. ATA Handbooks and lists of checklists and articles on a wide range of topics from the past 59 years of Topical Time will also be made available to visitors. Many free meetings on a variety of topics will also be held.

Vendor's tables will include several non-topical dealers so that the show will have something for everyone: US, UN, Canada, Israel, US Plate Blocks, duck stamps, autographs, postcards, British Empire, Europe, Asia, Scandinavia, postal history and more will be represented along with topicals. Antiques and Collectibles Insurance will also host a booth at this show. See the ATA Website ([www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org)) for a listing of the dealers of stamps, covers and postcards who will be participating at this event.

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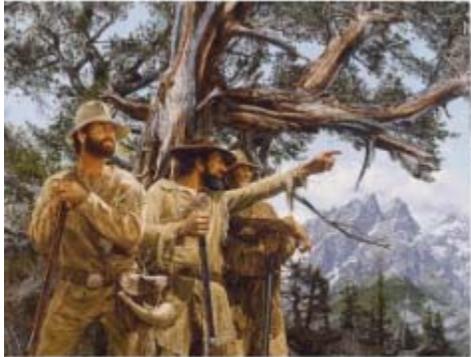
For information on the world's largest all-topical philatelic organization, contact the ATA Central Office, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, Texas 76004-0057 (telephone: 1-817-274-1181; email [americantopical@msn.com](mailto:americantopical@msn.com)); or visit their website at [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).



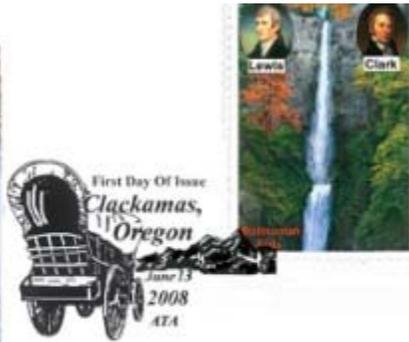
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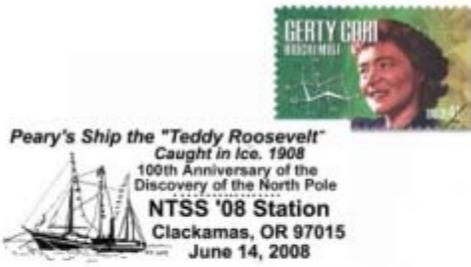
Clackamas, Oregon - June 13, 2008



"Just Over the Ridge" artwork by Paul Calle.  
Postage stamp artwork by Chris Calle.



On July 17, 1908, Robert Peary led an expedition to the North Pole with his assistant Matthew A. Henson & four Inuits.

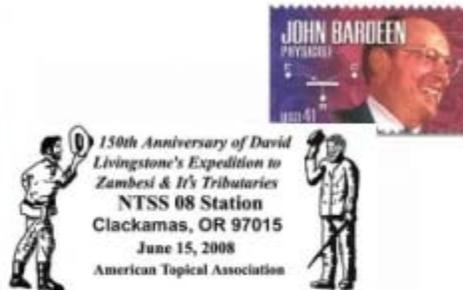
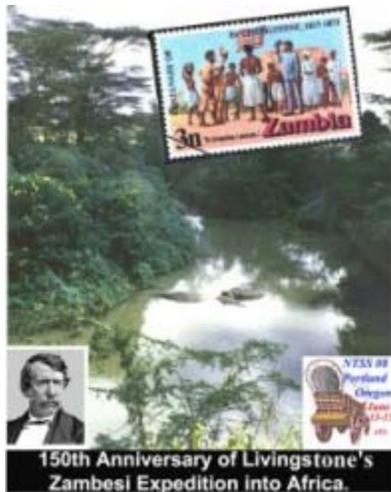
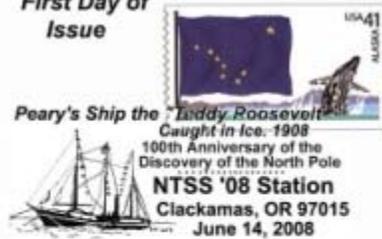


**Official ATA Flag Stamp FDCachet**  
National Topical Stamp Show 2008



Clackamas, Oregon - June 14, 2008

**First Day of Issue**



Left: Three Show Cachets and Cancels for:  
 a) 50th Anniversary of Explorer 1 launch  
 b) 100th Anniversary of Peary leaving for No. Pole  
 c) 150th Anniversary of Dr. Livingstone leaving for Zambesi Expedition  
 Above: First Day of Issue with one of four stamps shown  
 USA FDC for one of 10 stamps to be issued