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Collector's do battle with war board games

BY DOUG GRAVES

Historians and military buffs look at how the smallest decisions could have created a different set of events during military conflicts. Those who play war themed board games can change the outcome just with the roll of a die or spin of wheel.

One of the first modern massmarketed war board game was designed by Charles S. Roberts in 1953. The game, Tactics, was published by Roberts as "The Avalon Game Company" in 1954 and broke even, selling around 2,000 copies. These sales convinced Roberts that there was a market for intelligent, thoughtful games for adults. Four years later, he decided to make a serious effort at a game company, eventually changing the name of the company to The Avalon Hill Game Company.

The Avalon Hill Game Company, a division of the Monarch Avalon Printing Company, released its first three military board games: Tactics II, U-Boat, and Gettysburg, the first strategy games based on historical events.

Tactics II is a 22 by 28 inch map board and the game resembles military chess. Different pieces, called "units" have different capabilities just like chess pieces. U-Boat is a tabletop game of World War II submarine warfare. In this game one player controls an Allied destroyer armed with depth charges while the other player controls a German U-boat armed with torpedoes.

Gettysburg included 27 Confederate and 41 Union counters. Units included infantry, artillery, cavalry and outposts. The Gettysburg map of this game mimicked the terrain of the real battlefield. Colored and labeled cardboard counters about a quarterinch square represented the individual military units. Each counter contained information on its unit's capabilities, including movement speed, attack and defensive points.



Above: Milton Bradley entered the war board game scene with its game Stratego, a Napoleonic war game that was introduced in Europe in 1946, and then brought to the United States by Milton Bradley in 1961. (photo submitted)

among opposing units were determined by a dice roll charted against a set of fixed odds. Terrain, including woods or rivers, affected movement and defensive points. A defender, for example, gained points if it were on high ground or in the woods.

Avalon wasn't done with producing just those three. Collectors also search for Avalon-produced games like D-Day (1961), Stalingrad (1963), Midway (1964) and Jutland (1967). The latter was a "play on the floor" game with measured movements and range finding, enabling players to re-fight the great World War I battle with up to 72 individual ships. The Battle of Jutland was a major naval engagement of World War I, fought between the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet and the German High Seas Fleet in the North Sea on May 31 to June 1, 1916. It was the largest naval battle of the war, involving 250 ships and nearly 100,000 men.

Below: Parker Brothers introduced 1863, a Civil War game, in 1961. We all know the outcome of this war, but through stragegy gamers can control its outcome. (photo submitted)



The results of Gettysburg combat

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NEWS

Lure collectors reeled in exceptional baits at Morphy auction

BY RICHARD K. LODGE

DENVER, Pa. – Hundreds of antique fishing lures from Wayne and Lori Edens' collection hooked avid bidders willing to go high to snag exceptional baits — many of which have rarely come up for public auction.

The May 17 event by Morphy Auction rang up \$875,000 in sales with a handful of pristine boxed lures from the early 20th century more than doubling their presale high estimates. This was the second of three Morphy auctions in less than a year to showcase hundreds of the Edens' lures.

Company president Dan Morphy said the May gallery and online auction "exhibited strong, active bidding across all platforms, resulting in the highest bidder turnout we have ever seen for a fishing lure sale."

Floridian Wayne Edens got into lure collecting in 1988, almost by accident. On a whim, he paid \$400 for the lure collection of a friend who had just lost his job and needed cash. That purchase lead to many more over the years as Edens and his wife Lori zeroed in on rare baits in top condition, especially "combos," which is what collectors call lures in their original cardboard or wooden boxes.

"Once you get a couple of these things, you start appreciating the history and the beauty and the engineering," Edens explained in a 2024 article in Garden & Gun magazine. "Each one is a little work of art that has its own story."

The star of the recent 680-lure show was a rare brown spotted Wilcox Wiggler in its original box which sold for \$40,590 (including buyer's premium). That figure more than doubled the presale high estimate of \$20,000. This was one of the rarest combos in the world-class collection as there are



Above: One of the rarest combos in the collection, there are only a handful of Wigglers in this color that have been found and only a few of these Wilcox boxes are known. This combo sold for \$40,590 at Morphy's May 17 auction.

only a handful of Wigglers known to exist in this color. The auction house said this Wiggler had likely never been used, making it a treasure for a collector who would never need to upgrade. The bait sold after 37 bids.

Another investment-grade bait, a Heddon Hi-Forehead 150 Minnow combo in excellent yellow paint, brought 18 bids and hammered down for \$23,370 against a presale high estimate of \$20,000. This bait and its hardware looked as if it had barely seen water: It featured sweeping red-painted gills and immaculate glass eyes, and the paint over the belly weights was intact — not chipped or cracked as it might have been in a bait that was fished. The combo included the original paperwork from the Heddon factory, all inside the intact wooden box sporting sharp



Above: This completely correct combo dating to 1905, with solid, excellent paint on the minnow and hardware that looks as if it's barely seen water, sold for \$23,370.

Below: This early combo 1904 introductory Heddon model 150 all-brass minnow in solid yellow with black gill marks sold for \$20,910.



graphics. Morphy said that the bait, which dated to 1905, was "easily one of the rarest, highest grade, and most visually ap-

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Tech enthusiasts can hunt tubes to transmitters at Dayton Hamvention

By William Flood

XENIA, Ohio — The 2025 Dayton Hamvention® took place May 16–18 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. For over 70 years, this globally recognized gathering has drawn amateur radio enthusiasts from around the world. But with thousands of flea market and commercial vendors, the event is also a hidden gem for antiques collectors whose interests run to vintage radios, electronics, and rare restoration parts.

If you're new to the term, a hamfest is a meetup for amateur radio operators known as hams - to buy, sell, and trade equipment. These events feature vendors, seminars, and often license exams. Though aimed at hams, these gatherings are also filled with vintage technology — including antique radios, classic audio gear, and retro computing. Whether you're searching for a turnkey shortwave radio, restoring a 1940s console, or hunting for a rare part, it's a great place to find gear you won't easily locate elsewhere.



Above: An Ohio seller had two similar 1940s Hammarlund communication receivers, both in good working condition, priced at \$190 and \$225.

who persuaded the Dayton Amateur Radio Association to sponsor a convention. Originally held at Dayton's historic Biltmore Hotel, the first event was expected to draw 300 attendees. More than 600 showed up! The FCC was even on-hand to provide radio licensing exams. The next year, the event was renamed Dayton Hamvention® and registered as a trademark. In 1964, growth necessitated a move to Dayton's Hara Arena, and not long after, it expanded from a one-day to a full SEE DAYTON HAMVENTION PAGE 5



The gathering began in 1952, thanks to local amateur radio operator John Willig,

Above: Antique radio collectors have a lot of choices ranging from early table radios to beautiful consoles like this "waterfall" style Firestone console, just \$60.

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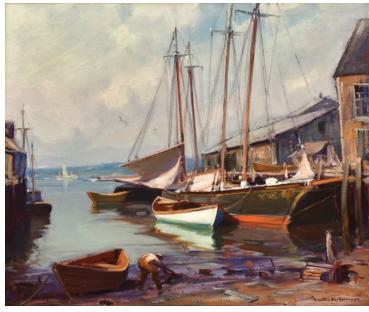
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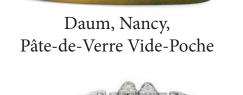


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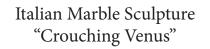




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Above: This circa 1903 Rhodes Musky Minnow with aluminum base with green back and multiple red gill decorations on each side sold for \$11,685.

Above: This combo features a 300 Surface Dowagiac Minnow in special order frog spot. The bait has a tiny bit of chipping at the nose and tail, and some varnish micro bubbling. It sold for \$8,610 against a presale high estimate of \$1,000.

Minnow, rated in "excellent minus" or

better condition, finished at \$11,685, just

a notch under its \$12,000 presale high es-

timate. At 6 1/2 inches long, this bait was

much larger than its 4-inch cousins. Two

had been removed from the lure to protect

finish sold for \$11,070 after 22 bids. The

bait, dating to 1913, was in remarkably

good condition with some varnish spi-

dering and a few flakes in the paint. The

1300 came in its correctly marked box that

One lure that might have caught

less-knowledgeable collectors by surprise

was a Heddon 300 Minnow in an uncata-

loged, special-order frog spot finish. The 3

³/₄-inch bait had a tiny bit of chipping at the

nose and tail, according to the catalog, but

A Heddon 1300 Musky lure in "sucker"

of its side hooks --included in the sale -

against nicks in the paint.

showed minor staining.

Morphy Auction

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pealing High Forehead 150s in existence."

Collectors had a shot at a 1904 introductory model Heddon 155 all-brass minnow in solid yellow paint with black gill marks, also in its original box. The three belly weights were completely sealed, and the bait showed only a few tight age lines in the paint.

"There are very few Heddon minnows that combine this magnitude of rarity with condition to be found in any collection," according to the catalog listing. This rare 3 ½-inch Heddon sold for \$20,910 after 20 bids, topping its presale high estimate of \$20,000.

A very rare circa 1903 Rhodes Musky

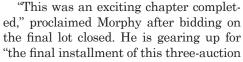
Below: Sporting Neverfail hangers and uniquely shaped bimetal spinners, this iconic classic was made around 1915. It sold for \$4,920.

the hardware was spotless, the glass eyes were perfect and paint completely sealed the belly weight. The lure was in the correct "Downleaping Bass" box with bright graphics and clean surfaces. A Heddon insert in the box dated the lure to 1923. After 35 bids, this bait went home for \$8,610, soaring past its presale high estimate of \$1,000.

If anyone doubted the value of a bait's original box, the sale of an empty Shake-speare maroon box with a white label for a No. 44 Five Hook Wooden Minnow put that to rest. That box, made for a lure from the 1907-10 era, had a \$400-\$800 estimate. After 32 bids, it sold for \$4,428.

An unusual strawberry spot Miller's Reversible Wood Minnow in a picture box brought 11 bids and sold for \$4,920, just under its \$5,000 presale high estimate. Made with Neverfail hangers and uniquely shaped bimetal spinners, this classic fishing lure was manufactured around 1915. The lure was rated in "about excellent"

Below: This is the earliest iteration of this bait dating to 1913. In "Sucker" finish, the paint is still in remarkably nice condition with only the typical varnish spidering and a few flakes. This bait sold for \$11,070.



condition with a few nicks and pointers.

"the final installment of this three-auction trilogy," scheduled for September 13. The first installment, which was on December 9, 2024, topped \$900,000 in sales, including one of only eight James Heddon handcarved frogs, which sold for \$30,000.

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Above: This empty box will hold a No. 44 Five Hook Wooden Minnow from the 1907-10 era. It sold for \$4,428 against a presale high estimate of \$800.







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Dayton Hamvention

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weekend event. In subsequent years, it became widely recognized as the world's largest hamfest.

In 2021, the event was again relocated - this time to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia to accommodate the crowds. This year, it welcomed over 30,000 attendees from across the U.S. and abroad. A sampling showed visitors arriving from as far as Florida, Minnesota, and Vermont. Dealers confirmed interactions with patrons from countries as far-flung as Australia, England, and Turkey. And while amateur radio has a reputation as an older, male-dominated hobby, the convention painted a broader picture. Women make up at least 15 percent of U.S. licensees, and about 20 percent are under 40, and all those demographics were well-represented and actively engaged with the myriad of activities.



Above: This novelty phone was spotted alongside several novelty radios from the 1970s

Below: Vintage amateur radio gear is what most buyers are after. This Swan 500C transceiver was very popular in the 1970s



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Above: A good-condition circa 1980 Commodore-64 computer and matching disc drive was available for \$100

The focal point was shopping at more than 2,000 flea market spaces occupied by 600+ vendors, along with 360 commercial booths housing nearly 200 communications firms spread among five buildings. Guests also came to partake of a full calendar of educational forums scheduled in four buildings - with topics ranging from homebrewing (building radios from scratch) and basic Morse Code to the history of women in amateur radio. And, those licensing exams were still available for people wanting to enter the hobby.

Arguably, it was the flea market that drew the most excitement. Thousands descended on those spaces in search of vintage transmitters, receivers, amplifiers, and related gear. Some of the best communication equipment ever produced - from names like Drake, Collins, and Kenwood were made in decades past and licensees were on the hunt! Non-licensed buyers can also legally purchase this equipment and use it for listening, though transmitting requires a valid amateur radio license.

Shortwave radios were another major attraction, particularly for antiques collectors. Once a popular window to the world, serious rigs from companies like Hallicrafters, Hammarlund, and Yaesu, are now enthusiasts' favorites. Consumer shortwave sets from brands like Sony and Zenith are also popular and were widely available.

Then, there were the antique and vin-Below: With an uptick in Morse Code usage, morse code keys are becoming rarer finds. This 1946 paddle keyer was \$150



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Above: This Korean War-era Navy issue CRT-43044 was available for \$100. Similar models were used by Navajo Code Talkers during WWII.

tage broadcast radios that came in every form: elegant Atwater Kents from the dawn of the radio age, wood-cased 1940s and 1950s models, and sleek 1960s transistor models in bright plastics. Collectors sought them as decorative pieces and as restoration projects.

For those with specialized interests, the gathering didn't disappoint. Morse code enthusiasts found vintage keyers, while a different contingent went after classic communication microphones. Veterans were often found browsing military surplus radios

- though the latter, according to some sellers, is becoming harder to find. Collectors of radio ephemera (paper items) found plenty to enjoy: vintage magazines, manuals, advertising displays, and QSL cards - colorful postcards used to confirm radio contacts across the globe. Even old phones and a few "boat anchor" teletypes made appearances.

For more modern tastes, vintage computers and retro video games were sprinkled throughout the flea market. For audiophiles, there was classic audio gear including tape decks, speakers, and turnta-

Below: This Creed teletype was once used by Spiegel Corporation (\$100) to help process orders.





Above: A rare chrome 1950s Gonset amateur radio transmitter/receiver pair (\$200) holds appeal for both radio collectors and hams.

bles available.

Tucked among all of it were repair parts: resistors, tubes, dials, transformers, and other essentials for restoration work. Test equipment was there as well, a necessity for any serious restoration work.

Whether you're a ham operator in search of a vintage transceiver or a collector hunting for a rare radio, the Dayton Hamvention remains a must-visit event. Fueled by dedicated volunteers, it celebrates the enduring spirit of radio, honoring radio's legacy while embracing its future.

If you're interested in attending next year's Hamvention®, it's scheduled for May 15-17, 2026. Tickets are \$30 and good for all three days. Children 12 and under are free.

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Below: Parts for radio restoration were plentiful, like these vacuum tubes available for just \$1-\$2.



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The many faces of Batman: A new era for the Dark Knight

For an 85-year-old character, Batman is showing no signs of slowing down. In fact, the Dark Knight is entering a new era simultaneously across comics, animation, film, and even anime. From a high-profile relaunch of DC's flagship Batman comic to new screen adaptations and record-shattering sales of vintage comics, Batman's world is evolving on all fronts. Here's a look at how the Caped Crusader is being reinvented and celebrated.

Caped Crusader Reborn in Comics

This fall, DC Comics is relaunching the main Batman comic series with a brandnew Batman #1-only the fourth renumbering in the title's long history. DC announced that writer Matt Fraction and artist Jorge Jiménez will helm the new series, which is scheduled to debut in September. Fraction, known for his work on titles like Hawkeye, said he "wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Batman" and promised a "superhero-forward" take featuring a new Batmobile, new costume, and new characters alongside familiar faces. Jiménez is equally enthusiastic, calling the project a dream come true and teasing a revamped blue-and-gray Batsuit and redesigned Gotham City aesthetic that will feel both classic and fresh.

The relaunched Batman #1 will kick off a run of connected but self-contained stories, rather than one lengthy epic. Every issue will offer a new adventure and new challenge, reflecting Batman's versatility. This new comic run aims to honor the many faces of Batman while presenting fresh stories for today's readers.

Animated Series Finds New Life on Streaming

Batman's adaptability is on full display in animation. Batman: Caped Crusader, an animated series from executive producers Bruce Timm, Matt Reeves, and J.J. Abrams, finally found a home on Amazon Prime Video after an unexpected detour. Originally developed for HBO Max, the show was shelved during corporate shakeups but later rescued by Amazon, which ordered two seasons. All 10 episodes of Season 1 premiered on Prime Video on August 1, 2024

The series is a period-piece reimagining of Batman's early days - described as a noir take set in a 1940s-inspired Gotham. It evokes the spirit of the much-beloved 1990s show Batman: The Animated Series (one of my favorite interpretations of the character), with Timm himself at the helm. Critics and fans agree that the new show captures the brooding style and nostalgia of Timm's

Below: In 2021, Heritage Auctions sold this copy of Batman #1 for \$2.22 million, the most ever paid for any comic book featuring The Caped Crusader.



Above: Artist Jorge Jiménez has designed a new look for Batman for the forthcoming comic book series relaunch.

Below: Robert Pattinson will reprise his role as Bruce Wayne/Batman in The Batman Part II.



classic series while offering some modern twists. Actor Hamish Linklater brings a fresh energy to the role of Batman.

Though some feel it leans too heavily on nostalgia, the new series is still seen as a worthy addition to Batman's screen legacy, balancing classic atmosphere with modern storytelling. Amazon has already renewed the series for a second season.

The Batman Sequel Slows Its Roll

In the live-action realm, director Matt Reeves and star Robert Pattinson are hard at work on the sequel to 2022's hit film The Batman. Officially titled The Batman Part II, the film's release has been delayed to October 1, 2027, about two years later than initially planned.

The delay stems from various factors, including industry strikes and the creative team's meticulous approach. Reeves noted that they are still finalizing the script, with production now set to begin this year. While fans may be disappointed by the long wait, many are willing to be patient for a sequel that lives up to the original's gritty, noir-in spired vision.

Penguin spin-off series on Max as a bridge to the sequel.

Batman Goes Anime in Ninja vs. Yakuza

Batman's global pop-culture presence takes some truly wild forms - case in point: the recent anime film Batman: Ninja vs. Yakuza League. Released for digital purchase in March, this sequel to 2018's Batman Ninja finds Batman facing off against evil Yakuza versions of the Justice League in an alternate-reality Japan.

With over-the-top visuals, mecha battles, and a time-warped Gotham, the movie fully embraces its anime concept. Reviews have been positive, praising its visual flair and sense of fun. For fans of anime or bold, experimental takes on Batman, this is an easy recommendation. The film highlights Batman's rare ability to transcend genres while staying true to his core.

A Final Bow for Batman's Iconic Voice

Among all the new projects, fans are also celebrating the legacy of Kevin Conroy, the definitive voice of Batman for an entire generation. Conroy, who died in 2022, had completed his final voice performance as Batman for the video game Suicide Squad: Kill the Justice League before his death. Rocksteady Studios confirmed that an offline single-player mode will be added, ensuring that Conroy's work remains accessible longterm.

Additionally, Conroy recorded two other Batman-related roles before his passing. In Batman: Caped Crusader, he voices Thomas Wayne, while in the animated film Justice League: Crisis on Infinite Earths - Part Three, he returns as the Batman from the 1990s animated universe. These performances offer fans a poignant farewell to the man whose voice defined the Dark Knight for decades.

Batman Comics Break Records

While Batman stories flourish across media, collectors are turning their attention to the character's origins — and paying big money to do so. In March 2023, a CGC 6.0 graded copy of Detective Comics #27, the 1939 debut of Batman, sold for \$1.74 million at auction. Then, in early 2024, a 6.5 graded copy surpassed that, fetching \$1.825 million — a new record for that issue. Batman #1 (1940), which features the first appearances of the Joker and Catwoman, has also seen astronomical prices. A CGC 8.0 copy sold for \$1.11 million, and even a 7.0 brought in \$660,000. The current high watermark remains the CGC 9.4 copy, which sold for \$2.22 million at Heritage Auctions in 2021. These issues rank among the most valuable in comics history, rivaled only by Action Comics #1 and a select few others.

These soaring prices reflect Batman's continued relevance and appeal. More than eight decades after his first appearance, Batman remains a blue-chip icon for collectors and a cultural cornerstone across generations.

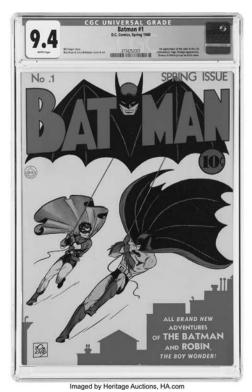
From the page to the screen, Batman's legend continues to grow. This truly is a new era for the Dark Knight - one that honors his past while boldly stepping into the future.

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ILLINOIS, St Charles, 49th Annual Kane Co RR Show 10am-3pm Rrshows.com

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INDIANA, Shelbyville, Outdoor Flea Market 8am-2pm tel: (317) 392-7701

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SUNDAY, JUNE 29 ILLINOIS, Bloomington, Crossroads Antique Show 8am-3pm Brian tel: (309) 824-0779

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FRIDAY, JULY 11 OHIO, Crooksville, Hull Pottery Show & Sale No Time Given HullPotteryAssociation.org Day 1 of 2

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OHIO, Rushville, Early Americana Auction 9am ClumAuctions.com

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INDIANA, Floyds Knobs, Online Auction No Time Given Harritt Group tel: (812) 944-0217 Day 1 of 2

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ILLINOIS, Orchardville, Large Antique Stoneware & Advertising Auction 9am Daggs Auction Co. tel: (618) 835-4407

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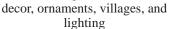




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WWW.ANTIQUEWEEK.COM PAGE 12 TAMP camp offers students a fun, free way to learn

BY BARBARA MILLER BEEM

WASHINGTON, D.C. - No more pencils, no more books, no more. . . well, you know the rest. As another summer stretches forward, parents (and grandparents and others) are faced with keeping weary students engaged in learning while outside the confines of a traditional classroom. Sports camps, drama camps, outdoor camps: the choices are varied. But there's one option that appeals to a variety of interests. And it doesn't not require the purchase of expensive equipment and gear, overnight stays, or regimented schedules.

For the second summer in a row, the National Postal Museum is hosting STAMP Camp, which, according to Phoebe Sher-



man, "delivers engaging, hands-on activities directly to participants via email." With the acronym for "Science, Technology, Art, Math, and Problem-solving" as its name, STAMP Camp is best-suited for

Belfow: For the second summer in a row, the National Postal Museum is hosting STAMP Camp, a virtual, tuition-free learning opportunity. (Image courtesy of the National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institution)

Left: Participants in STAMP Camp will experience aviation history as documented on stamps. Seen here is a stamp picturing a DC-3 airplane. (From the collection of the National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. Copyright, United States Postal Service. All rights reserved)

participants aged 6 to 12, supported by an adult. As Sherman, manager for student and teacher programs at the Museum, pointed out, because participation is fully digital, there are no live or in-person sessions. Campers can take part in all five sessions from "anywhere in the country - or even the world." She added that the only required supplies are "common, recycled materials easily found at home."

Best of all, enrollment in STAMP Camp is free.

Beginning June 25, campers will re-

ceive five biweekly emails. Each mailing includes three sections of activities: "Engage" through a mini lesson introducing a postal topic, "Explore" using a hands-on activity, and "Elaborate" with an opportunity for multigenerational interaction.

Partnering with the National Postal Museum are four other Smithsonian Museums, each of which will share their areas of interest to expose campers to a wide spectrum of subjects. First up, in conjunction with the National Zoo, is "Science," with a concentration on ducks, wetlands, and duck stamps. A hands-on experiment to study how ducks stay warm and dry in water is included in these introductory activities

"Technology" follows with a July 9 email.

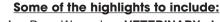
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Stamp Camp

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Thanks to the National Air and Space Museum, the second session will focus on World War II aircraft and aviation history, as pictured on stamps. Campers will also try their hands at using a communication method from yesteryear as they write their own "V-Mails."

Moving on, the art is the thing, thanks to resources of the American Art Museum. Activities, beginning on July 23, include learning how American artists and art have been honored on postage stamps. The spotlight will be on Alma Thomas, recognized as a major American painter of the 20th century, and participants will create their own stamp art, using her work for inspiration.

But it doesn't stop there. Come August 6, a "guest artist" will tackle math, making it fun for campers as they discover patterns in nature and botanical stamps. A highlight for campers will be the creation of leaf-rubbing postcards, perfect for sending home a letter from camp.

Below: STAMP Campers will learn how delivery challenges have been overcome. Beginning in the 1890s, networks of pneumatic tubes speeded mail along under city streets using canisters such as this one. (From the collection of the National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. Donated by the Lamson Corporation, New York, through Carroll Hennessy)



Right: Stamps as art: This 37-cent stamp commemorates the 1963 March on Washington. It is in the collection of the National Postal Museum. (Copyright, United States Postal Service. All rights reserved)

A summertime of learning will draw to a close on August 20, when campers tackle problem solving, thanks to Cooper Hewitt, the Smithsonian Design Museum. Located in New York City, this is the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to historical and contemporary design. Follow Sherman's advice and "put on your engineer's hat" in order to explore how the postal service has solved challenges through design." The final task? "Use your creativity to prototype your own postal invention."

Last year, more than 300 registrants participated in the inaugural offering of STAMP Camp. "We hope to exceed that number in 2025," Sharman said. Registration, completed by an adult guardian, is open now and will remain so throughout the summer. Registering late? Not a problem, as all participants will be "caught up" with the program.

For those planning a visit to Washington, D.C., the National Postal Museum is located just steps away from Union Station. Admission is free. The Museum is family friendly, offering an engaging treasure hunt for young visitors (and their families). A table full of stamps offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to begin a collection with their choice of six stamps, free of charge. Who knows? This might be the beginning of a satisfying lifelong collection.

To register, go to postalmuseum.si.edu/ stamp-camp-2025

Right: Those registered for STAMP Camp can participate from anywhere in the world. But those fortunate enough to visit the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., are in for a treat. (Image courtesy of the National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institution)

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9 AM June 14, 2025 Saturday Auction

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<u>War Board Games</u>

FROM FRONT PAGE

Avalon also produced Battle of the Bulge (1967), 1914 (1968), Panzer Blitz (1974), B-17, Queen of the Skies (1983) and Advanced Squad Leader (1985).

One of Avalon's prized games is The Longest Day, which came out in 1979. Surprisingly, this game had just one print run. This and the original high cost of nearly \$80 makes it especially attractive to collectors today.

According to www.boardgamegeek. com, "The Longest Day depicts the assault, buildup, and breakout of the World War II Normandy Invasion.

"The game includes 2,603 counters representing Battalion sized units and command units up to Corp level of the Allied and German armies in Northern France. Five separate scenarios are presented using the programmed instruction approach learning only what's needed to play a scenario before moving on to the next scenario.

"Once all the rules have been learned then the campaign game is played which can take up to several months to finish."

By the late 1960s, the majority of American war games featured detailed historical maps overlaid with a hexagonal grid along with a hundred or more cardboard counters representing military units. Some utilized colorful die-cut cannons, planes and boats. Most were simple in nature. However, some of the more complex games had 20 or more pages of rules. Drang Nach Osten (1973), a simulation of the Eastern Front of World War II had a map covering most of a ping-pong table and required hours of playing time.

During the 1960s war gamers began to attend specialized conventions and hobby stores began stocking war titles by the dozes.

With publishers like SPI, Yaquinto and Game Designers' Workshop entering the field, it was possible for avid war gamers to recreate virtually any historical period's classic engagement. Especially popular were games set during the American Civil War and World War II.

Stratego, a Napoleonic war game, was introduced in Europe in 1946, and then brought to the United States by Milton Bradley in 1961. The objective of this game is to either find and capture the opponent's flag, or capture all movable enemy pieces. This game was simple enough for young people to play, but included a depth of strategy that is appealing to adults. It is still in production today. WWW.ANTIQUEWEEK.COM



Above: In 1960, Parker Brothers released Conflict, a World War II game. Shown are the metallic, moveable pieces. Armies were in colors of red, blue, yellow, aqua and orange. (photo submitted)

Popular board game producer Parker Brothers didn't sit idle and in 1961 (the anniversary of the Civil War itself) produced the game, 1863. The concept was simple: at the beginning of that conflict, the war was still evenly matched, so either side could win. So the North and South would fight to see if the result was the same as history.

Parker Brothers took the early 1960s by storm, with war board games such as Conflict and Risk.

In Conflict (1960), players move various military miniatures around a symmetrical game board in an attempt to either invade the home space of an opponent or capture of his or her units. Each player utilizes two airplanes, four artillery, five battleships and one antiaircraft gun.

Risk (1959) remains on the market today. The goal in this game is conquest of the world. Players gain reinforcements in a number of territories, attacking each opponent's territory using dice and 'wooden' armies.

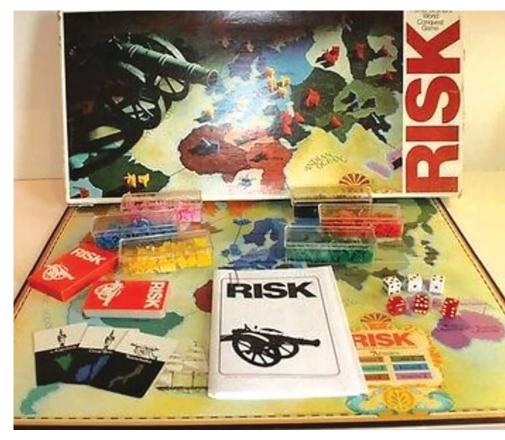
Two other war game makers were Southern Games Company and Gamescience.

Battle of Atlanta War Centennial Game (1960) is a war game featuring the Atlanta Campaign of 1864. The game board, while rudimentary, includes rivers, mountains, high ridges, railroads, roads, streams, towns and cities. The Union army wins the main game by retaining control of Chattanooga and capturing Atlanta. The Confederates win by holding Atlanta. The game was produced by Southern Games Company.

In 1968, Gamescience produced Battle of Britain, a two-player competitive board game that pitches the Luftwaffe against the R.A.F. in the defense of Great Britain in 1940.

An authority on war board games is

Below: Still played by young and old today is Parker Brothers' game Risk. Risk was invented in 1957 by French filmmaker Albert Lamorisse. He released the game in France as "La Conquete du Monde." Parker Brothers later purchased the rights and released it in the United States in 1959 under the name Risk





Above: Ideal Toy Company produced Combat in 1963, based on the TV war show starring Vic Morrow. (photo submitted)

Paul Meyer of Rochester, N.Y. For 33 years Meyer owned and operated Crazy Egor's, a well-known shop that specialized in board games of all kinds. Meyer specialized in the sale of out-ofprint, hard-to-find titles.

"There's a lot of reference material and research that was done on various wars, which makes it easier for game publishers to create realistic games," Meyer said. "There is a lot of interest from customers. And many of these wars included very fluid battles, making for excellent games."

World War I, he said, has been the subject of very few games. "World War I was just a slugfest, and that doesn't make for a good game," he said. "There have been a few, but for the most part it is an area that hasn't been covered in very great depth."

Meyer says the conflicts of Korea and Vietnam, which included highly fluid actions, have only occasionally been the focus of war games. Meyer believes this is because guerrilla warfare is difficult to simulate, at least with the typical parameters of a board game.

"In my opinion, price is based on both condition and playability of the game," Meyer said. "People don't mind paying more for a game that they'll play and enjoy. But there are many games that don't have much playable value yet are still popular with collectors because they're rare. Conversely, there are many very playable games but nobody knows about them."

Finding replacements for those tattered classic games is possible, even for titles that haven't been published in many years. There are a handful of dedicated clubs and networks that are devoted to the hobby. Gamers Alliance is one of the best places to start looking. Gamers Alliance is an international network of game players and industry professionals, and has been around since 1986. In addition to keeping its worldwide membership informed about the newest and best games on the market, it can also help track down



Above: Gamescience, yet another war board game maker, produced Battle of Britain in 1968, a two-player competitive board game that pitted the Luftwaffe against the R.A.F. in the defense of Great Britain in 1940. (photo submitted)

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Gamers Alliance president Herb Levy says that both collectors and those looking to replace worn copies are buying war games.

"Owning a fondly remembered game to rekindle the past is often enough," Levy said. "Sometimes parents like to introduce a great game to their children. Then again, there are collectors who try to complete a run of a company's issues, or acquire the rare and elusive gem of a game."

Gamers Alliance can be found on Facebook.

An annual gathering for gamers is Gen Con, the largest tabletop game convention in the United States. It features traditional pen-and-paper, board and card games, including roleplaying games, miniature war games, collectible card games and strategy games.

This year's gathering of Gen Con will be held at the Indiana Convention Center July 31-Aug. 3. For more information on Gen Con visit www. gencon.com.



Above: Milton Bradley (1984-1999), Avalon Hill (1999-2023) and Renegade Game Studios (2023-present) were producers of the popular game Axis & Allies. The Axis has Germany and Japan, pitted against the allies of USA, the United Kingdom and USSR. Avalon Hill produced the game shown here. (photo submitted)

Below: Considered by many to be the first war board game is Tactics, which was published by Roberts as "The Avalon Game Company" in 1954. (photo submitted)

