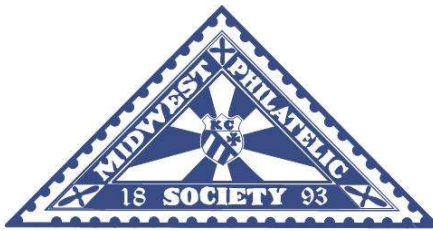


The Messenger



December 2018

Waldo Public Library
Gather at 11:00, Meeting Starts 1:30
Saturday, December 1st

Jim McKinzie, President & Editor (jimmckinzie1@att.net)
Armen Hovsepian, Treasurer & Secretary

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Meeting Attendance: 32

Nominations for next years officers was announced. We still have an opening for Secretary. There was some discussion about an auction lot at the upcoming E & D Auction that has MPS related material. It was decided to try and obtain that lot.

Another great auction.

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

Nothing coming out this month that has been reported by the USPS.

New First Class Rates Coming:

We may not know about the 2019 Stamp Program yet but they did get through new rates. The Postal Regulatory Commission approved an increase from 50c to 55c for the first ounce of first class mail. The second ounce is going down to 15c which makes a letter at two ounces 70c instead of 71c. Interesting!

Domestic postcards stay the same at 35c as does International 1-ounce mail at \$1.15.

Most businesses go out of business when you keep raising prices and lowering services or quality of your product. At the very least top officials of the company are fired. Although, it is hard to run the Post Office as a business when the US government still dictates much of what they can or can not do. Let alone the influence that individual Senators and Congress have on the organization.

What You Will Miss (if not there):

You will miss a lot if you don't show up for this meeting. We have the member exhibits, elections for next year's officers and of course, the auction.

We will start viewing exhibits at 11:00am with everything else to follow after that. See page 2 for more details.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES FOR THIS SPECIAL DECEMBER MEETING.

Philatelic Happenings:

Just our meeting in the area.

As Earlier Reported:

The joint issue with Israel for Hanukkah came out in October but we had not been able to obtain an image of the Israel issue, until now. Here it is with tab shown.



December Fun at MPS:

You're Invited.....

To attend the 2018 Midwest Philatelic Society Stamp Exhibition and Charity Auction.

The Exhibition and Auction will be held on Saturday December 1st at the regular meeting place of the MPS, the Waldo Branch of the public library on 75th Street about two blocks east of Wornall. The schedule is as follows:

- 11am: The exhibition will be open for observation and auction set up. Voting for favorite exhibit and favorite program begins.
- 1:30pm: General Awards announced
- 2:00pm: 2018 officer elections and meeting
No show-n-tell. Exhibitors will briefly explain their exhibit.
- 2:30pm: Charity auction (get a number if not Already an MPS member)
- 4:15pm or after auction: Presentation of Major Awards
- 4:30pm: Pay for auction lots and exhibit packing.



Barbara Crompton is shown with her first place award and amazing exhibit at last years event.

Holiday Treats will be available.

Voting is limited to current MPS members. Bidding at auction is open to all present.

Auction items are donated by the members of the MPS and can consist of philatelic and non-philatelic items. Proceeds will go to a charity voted upon by the membership at a later date.

At left is last years' winning exhibit by Barbara Crompton. It was a topical exhibit of minerals on stamps. Barbara used actual minerals matched with stamps depicting said minerals in her exhibit " What's Under Your Feet?" Unfortunately, the pictures do not do the exhibit justice.



Please join in the fun and festivities this month.

Thanks to Scott Couch for his contribution about the December meeting and the pictures from last year.

Musical Instruments on Stamps – Meet the Chifournie! By Andrea Smith

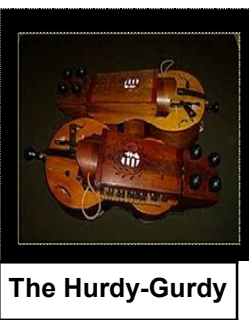
Musical instruments on stamps, along with composers, and musicians are a very popular topic for collectors. I know several collectors that collect stamps with pianos or church organs on them. Bells, Saxophones, Drums, and accordions on stamps are surprisingly very popular in the Omaha, Nebraska area.

One of my customers in Upstate New York is an accomplished clarinet player who likes to collect all kinds of music on stamps. He researches and writes stories about the topic, and shares them with children and young adults to hopefully interest them in the hobby. He has an extensive collection.

In 2014, The Europa stamp theme was “musical instruments”, and numerous countries issued stamps with musical instruments on them. I’ve included a scan one of them from Hungary. Many are commonly known instruments, and some are native to their country and unfamiliar to us. I was surprised how many of them pictured various string instruments. But when I came across Guernsey’s beautiful stamps of the Chifournie, I was curious about the instrument I had never heard of.



Guernsey Scott# 1247-52a



The Hurdy-Gurdy

The Chifournie is Guernsey’s oldest musical instrument and dates back to the 10th century. It was very popular at the time, but sadly, it is no longer heard in the music industry. It is very similar to the “Hurdy-Gurdy” (Pictured on the left), a complex instrument that produces sound by a crank turned, wheel rubbing against the strings. The wheel is like a violin bow, and single notes sound similar to a violin.



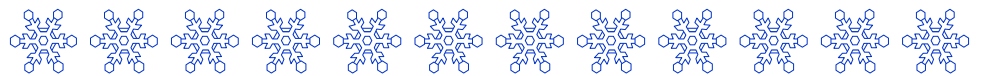
Hungary Scott#

- Music on Stamps Checklists:**
- Instruments (misc/other) (657)
 - Bagpipes (138)
 - Banjo Type (16)
 - Bells (931)
 - Brass Instruments (356)
 - Clarinets (42)
 - Drums (705)
 - Flute / Panpipes (272)
 - Guitars / Mandolins / Zithers (431)
 - Harp Type (135)
 - Organs / Pipe Organs (102)
 - Pianos / Keyboards (264)
 - Post Horns (341)
 - Lutes (120)
 - Lyre (50)
 - Percussion (267)
 - Strings (205)
 - Violin Family (346)
 - Woodwinds (136)
 - Xylophones (46)

Guernsey post has a video of the Chifournie at this website:

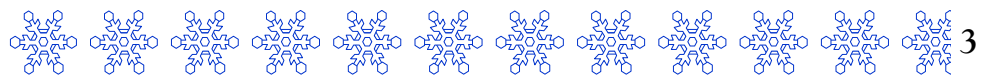
<https://thepottingsheddesign.com/journal/entry/whats-chifournie-morning-glow> . A musician Clare Salaman was flown into play for the video.

If you are interested in Music on Stamps, you might check out the American Topical Association’s available checklists which I’ve listed. The numbers by the topic refer to the number of stamps on that list.



With the coming storm I thought this a good subject. This stamp was issued in 2000 by Japan to honor Ukichiro Nakaya(1990-62), a snow crystal researcher.

What country first issued a stamp depicting a snowflake or snow crystal? Anyone know?



Heading to Vegas:

Thanksgiving in Las Vegas. A little insane but there was a purpose and that was to see the Beatles Love Cirque Du Soleil. Being a life long Beatles fan I thought it would be fun to see the show. It was worth the trip. Most incredible production I have ever seen. I would recommend the show to anyone and everyone of all ages.

On the flight out I wondered if there were stamps about the Gambling Industry. I could not think of one stamp issued by the U.S. You would think there would be since there is legalized gambling of some sort in nearly every state. It is estimated that the industry took in over 115 billion in 2016 worldwide and was forecast to reach over 130 billion in 2019. So once off the plane and I got to the hotel, passing by the many slot machines, poker tables, roulette wheels and craps tables, I looked up on the American Topical Association's website if there was a list of gambling stamps and low and behold, yes there is. 150 stamps of Cards, Gambling and the Lottery. But not having access to the list, it would have to wait till I got back to research in my Scott catalogues.

Through the week, when too tired from all the walking, lots of walking in Vegas, I would search stamps of Monaco on hipstamp and ebay. Why Monaco? It is what I think of after Las Vegas or Atlantic City for gambling. Not that I have ever been there and it is probably out of my league for so many reasons. But who doesn't think of Monaco especially with all the depictions of their famous Monte Carlo Casino in the movies. Alfred Hitchcock's "To Catch a Thief" is one of my all time favorites. What was not to like mystery, Cary Grant and a future princess, Grace Kelly.

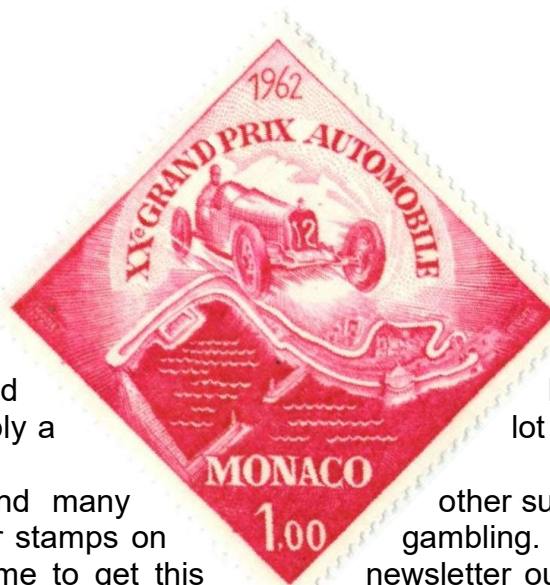


#632 Casino, Monte Carlo
From Series
Centenary of the Founding of Monaco

In looking through the stamps of some of my favorites in my issued about the automobile. Why besides gambling there is the Grand automobile Rally which there are probably a

There are great circus stamps and many of Monaco. I did not find any other stamps on the trip and I am running out of time to get this the ATA for the list. Also, I may start a new collection stamps.

JMC



#499 Bugatti, First Winner, and Course



US #3187o "Yellow Submarine"
From 1960's
Celebrate the Century Sheet



#1997 Princess Grace
Issued in 1996

Monaco I was reminded of youth. The many stamps so many car stamps? Be-Prix and the Monte Carlo Auto-lot of bets placed on.

other subjects to found with the stamps gambling. Perhaps I am too tired from newsletter out but I think I may send off to of Monaco, they are beautiful and interesting

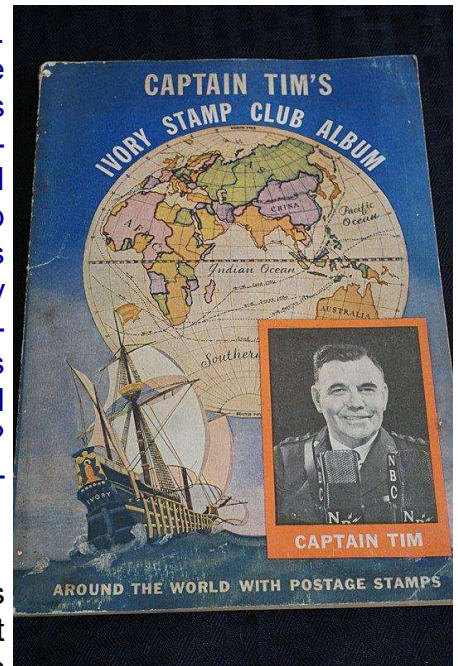
Stamp Clubs of the Past:

We sometimes forget how much we have available to us in the world today. We have the internet along with so much more. Yes, we don't have the wealth of stamp stores that once dotted many of our major cities but it is really easier to buy stamps today especially if you live in a small town or rural area. One way kids of the past and I suspect some adults collected and connected to the world of stamps was through "Captain Tim's Ivory Stamp Club". Each week Captain Tim could be heard on the radio telling stories about stamps from around the world. You could send off for the album by saving wrappers of Ivory Soap and 10c. Depression era kids by the thousands had these albums and many started their life long interest in stamps with it. My Dad being one of those kids. And because of his interest and modest collection, that got me hooked for life. What got you started?

Share your story in a future newsletter. JMC

It's Time to Renew Your Membership:

We need you to renew your membership. With membership you get this newsletter, auction opportunities, both selling and buying and the great philatelic fellowship with the sharing of knowledge each month. We are asking that all that are able to continue to receive the newsletter by email. This saves a considerable amount of money each year on the cost of the newsletter. Consider receiving by email if you haven't been doing so. If you can't then check the box for mail on your renewal form. Fill out the attached membership renewal form and bring it along with your money or check to next month's meeting. If you are unable to attend, please mail it to our Treasurer, Armen. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**



YES ✓ I would like to continue my membership in Midwest Philatelic Society. Here is my 2019 dues:

Bring this slip and your cash/check to monthly meetings, or mail your check (Payable to MPS) to:

Armen Hovsepian
Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24222,
Overland Park, KS 66283

- 2019 dues (individual)\$10.00 \$ _____
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