

The Messenger



April 2019

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Waldo Public Library
Gather at 1:00
Meeting Starts 2:00
Saturday, April 6th

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Meeting Attendance: 37

The meeting was called to order by Jim at 2 pm.

Treasurer: Receipts for the month were \$49. Armen is working on the tax exempt forms for the club for 2019.

Membership: Fifty-eight members have paid dues for 2019. 28 members from 2018 have not yet renewed their memberships.

Secretary: Mike asked for assistance from the club in identifying members who have been absent for an extended period of time so he can send a note letting them know that we have missed them.

Newsletter/Website: The club has changed servers for the website. The change-over occurred with no apparent difficulties. The fee for the new server is \$35 per year compared to \$168 with the previous server.

Librarian: Neil will bring any books you want to check out to the monthly meeting for you. If you have any club books checked out, please return them at the next club meeting.

Historian: We are looking for early MPS cachet covers. If you have any or have any questions, see Bob. There was discussion of the 125th anniversary upcoming. A suggestion was made that we have some sort of fundraiser with the proceeds going to a non-profit of some sort. No decisions were made on these items at this time.

Old business: The question of what to do about the meeting in August. Several members and officers will be attending the APS show in Omaha the weekend of our normal monthly meeting. Jim circulated a sheet for members to indicate their plans for that weekend to get an idea how many will possibly be in attendance at the club meeting. One suggestion was to move the meeting to another weekend. Availability of the library will have to be determined. No decision on the August meeting was reached at this time.

Show and Tell: Victor-J. Old Scott album with some stamps in it, a sheet of Penny-blacks with the face facing the wrong direction; Armen-an error stamp from Niuafouu (Tin Can Island) missing the denomination, and a blank stamp for personalization. A drawing was held for this stamp and won by Greg Thornton.

Announcements: Barbara's club exhibit, *What's Under Your Feet*, will be on display at the 58th Annual Kansas City Gem & Mineral Show, March 8, 9, and 10.

Program: Neil Becker—*Philatelic Basics, Germany, 1875-1900*. Fascinating and lots of great information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Keil, Secretary

What You Will Miss (if not there):

This month's program is titled, French Southern and Antarctic Territory by Michael Keil. Plus interesting show n' tell(s). Don't forget about our great auction.

Philatelic Happenings:

Nothing close till the end of the month:

April 6

Tulsa Stamp Club Show
Case Community Center
1050 West Wekiwa Rd
Sand Springs, OK

Apr 13

Second Saturday Bourse
Holiday Inn So. County Ctr.
6921 Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO

This occurs each month. I happened to go once when I was in St. Louis for something else and it was worth the morning. Scott is sometimes there.

April 29-Sunday at 1:30pm

E and D Auctions
3025 Merriam Ln
Kansas City, KS

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

Marvin Gaye-Forever, First Class
Single Design, Pane of 16
Issue Date April 2



Post Office Murals-Forever
Five Designs, Pane of 10
Issue Date April 10

"Little Mo"
Maureen Connolly Brinker
Single Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date April 23



Philatelic Ramblings:

On pg 5 we have an article about collecting the Third Reich. My first thought was, "oh someone will be offended." But quickly my thoughts changed because I believe philatelists are more interested in preserving history rather than destroying it or ignoring it. Many of us love this hobby because of what you can learn. When the confederate soldier monument tear down movement started, I wondered how many collectors will dump their confederate stamps and covers. But why get rid of something that is part of our past. I learned a lot about our Civil War and WWII because of the stamps I collected or inherited from relatives in WWII. It caused me to read more about those times. When we were approaching the 200th Anniversary of American Revolution I got deeply involved in collecting and studying the history of the period. In fact because of that love of history, two of the elective courses I took in college were history. One on the American Revolution and the other about WWII.

As I recall the Nazi's, Hitler, banned and burned books they considered subversive or unsuitable. In fact two of the authors Hitler had banned were Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. Now have any of you ever read their "Manifesto of the Communist Party"? It is very tedious and nothing that I agree with but it is an important document that is worth reading so as to understand the socialist or communist mind.

There is a time and place for all things, but if we destroy our past, how will future generations learn and preserve a future world. That is what I love about this hobby, the knowledge gained and shared.

Bob also sent a handbook from the German Study Group which is attached for those who receive email.

Also I have included an extra page this month about some late breaking philatelic news.

History Quiz of the MPS from Historian Bob:

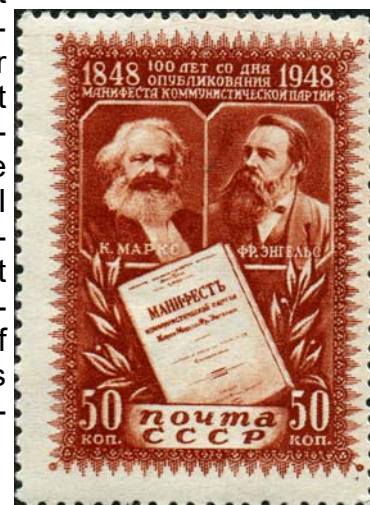
The Midwest Philatelic Society did not originally allow women members. In what year were women allowed to be admitted?

- A. 1909
- B. 1920
- C. 1925
- D. 1931

Find the answer later in this newsletter.



US #1406
Woman
Suffrage



Soviet Union #1213
100th Anniversary of the
Communist Manifesto

What Country is This? - from Armen Hovsepien

If you missed last month's meeting here are the answers to Armen's puzzler:

1. What country is this (in English)?
Tin Can Island or Good Hope Island
The countries name in English means "many new coconuts".
2. What denomination is this issue?
3pa
3. What is the Scott's catalogue number?
290
4. What was the subject?
A stamp that you can personalize by writing a note or a drawing to the face of the stamp.

Thanks again Armen for providing something most interesting!

Last Month's Stamp Question:

Who has more issues football or baseball?
 Hands down it has to be baseball especially if

you include other countries. Since that first issue in 1939 there has been numerous baseball issues. If you count anything baseball related there have been as many as 52 issued in the US. It does not stop there as several countries have issued stamps honoring baseball or their players over the years. Much of this has to do with the Olympics. Baseball has been in and out of the Olympics since the beginning. It is scheduled to come back to the summer games in 2020. Oh and football, 26 issues.



US #4341
Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Peoples Republic of Congo #1105
1996 Summer Olympic Games Issue



Niuafu'ou #290
Stamp issued for Personalization



Korea #1311
World Amateur Baseball Championship Series



Japan #963 and 964
Pitcher and Tournament Flag
50th All-Japan High School Baseball Champion Tournament

Stamp Tip:

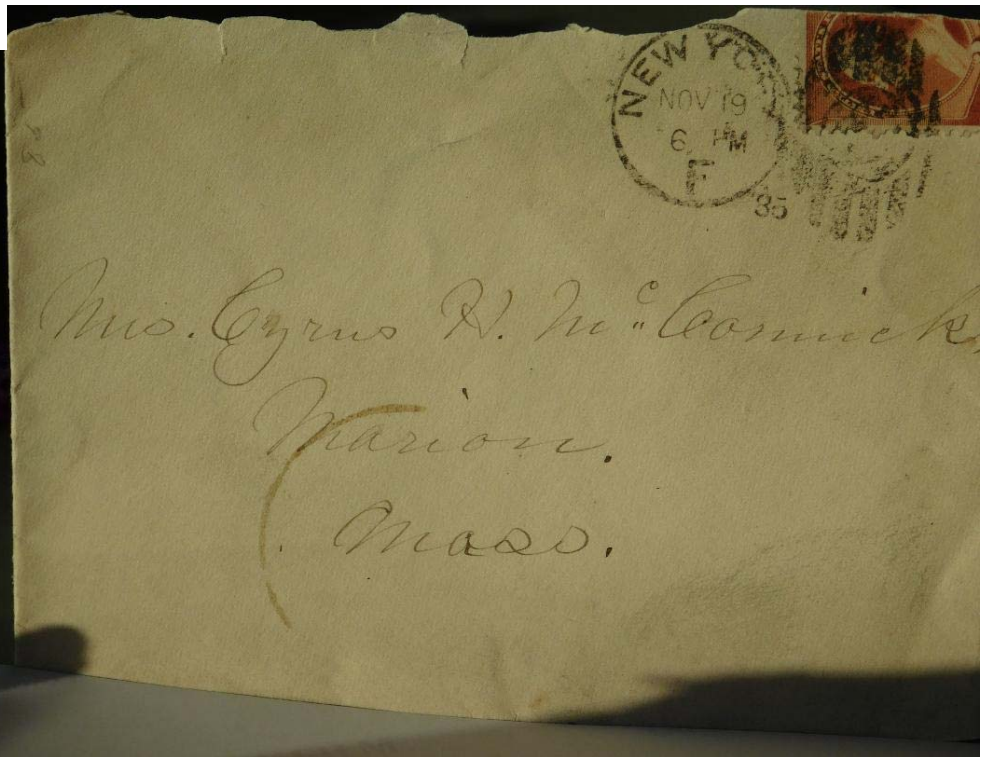
How do you soak stamps off the envelope? Taught this way as a child by a stamp dealer and it still works well to soak off the stamp and keep it from curling.

1. Place in bowl with warm (NOT hot) water and wait at least an hour.
2. Remove paper carefully if paper is still stuck to stamp or soak a bit longer then place stamp on a paper towel.
3. Blot stamp(s) dry with another paper towel and then place on a piece of wax paper.
4. Place another sheet of wax paper over stamp(s) and place between pages of heavy large book, such as an encyclopedia.
5. After at least 24 hours remove stamp(s) from between the wax paper and mount your stamp.

Remember newer self-adhesive issues should not be soaked or removed from paper backing. Refer to Scott's Specialized for those issues.

Who Is It? By Ted Rights:

Among a pile of previously unexamined covers I found this letter to Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick. This was mailed the year after he died.....possibly a note of condolence. My imagination runs wild. Was she really the wife of the man who appears on Scott #891? A google search immersed me deep in American history. The company he founded, The Harvesting Machine Company, used assembly line techniques before Henry Ford and the Model T. McCormick was a Northern Peace Democrat who opposed Lincoln. His son became the first president of the Moody Bible Institute. His daughter married the richest man in America, John D. Rockefeller. He was a captain of industry and key supporter of the YMCA and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.



Cover addressed to
Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick
Stamp on cover appears to be
Scott #210



US #891
Cyrus Hall McCormick
From Famous Americans
Series of 1940

My poor little letter probably has nothing to do with the man but somebody saved it. By finding it, I embarked on a fascinating morning adventure.

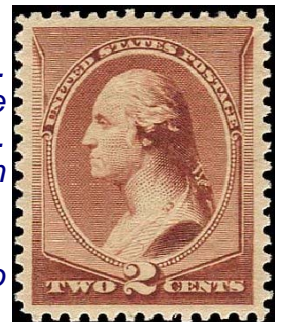
The Cyrus McCormick stamp came out of the Famous Americans series that was in part because of our stamp collecting President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. More and more interest in stamp collecting had come about in part because of the President. So when the Post Office announced in 1938 that they were going to issue stamps of famous Americans, the post office also decided to ask the public for recommendations. So many suggestions came in that it went from the original idea of 10 stamps to 35. They were grouped in seven categories of five each. Authors, poets, educators, scientists, composers, artists, and inventors were chosen. In each category there would be a 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c stamp. Each rate had a valid postal use.

The series is a great way to learn about some very accomplished and worthy people of our past.

The stamp on Ted's cover appears to be #210 probably the orange brown shade. The postmark appears to indicate it was mailed in 1885, two years after the issue came out. The American Banknote Company printed this workhorse of the time. There are three color shades of this issue listed in Scott's, red brown, dk red brown and the orange brown.

Whether or not this was a letter intended for THE Mrs. Cyrus McCormick is hard to say but she may have been in Marion, Massachusetts vacationing. The town is situated on Buzzard's Bay which has been and still is a popular vacation destination. It would have been over a year since the death of Cyrus as he died on May 13, 1884.

JMC



US #210
2c Washington of 1883
from Large Banknote
Series

**Third Reich
Study Groups
by Bob Baltzell:**



**Third Reich Study Group
A Study Group of the Germany Philatelic Society**

The Third Reich Stamps Group under the auspices of the Germany Philatelic Society. Membership in the GPS is appreciated but NOT required to join this study group. Website www.germanyphilatelicsocietyusa.org.

Some experts and some beginners. This is what makes TRSG so special. By sharing our knowledge of the stamps and postal history of WWII Germany, we further our knowledge about our beloved hobby and teach the next generation about the lessons learned from the most violent period in human history, while enjoying fascinating philatelics that went along with this era.

The newsletter will be available quarterly FREE OF CHARGE and sent as an e-mail attachment to anyone who would like to receive a copy. It will only be necessary to supply your e-mail address to ctkolker@mail.com or 25 Parkwoods Drive, Norwich, CT 06360. Website: <https://www.trsg-usa.com/>

Third Reich Study Group - G&CPS (UK)

The Germany & Colonies Philatelic Society's largest and most active study group welcomes all collectors with a serious interest in the postal history of Germany and the German-occupied territories during the period 1933 to 1945. The Group's quarterly News Sheet aims to assist the beginner and to help the more advanced collector to keep up with the latest information and research.

From March 2017 the TRSG News Sheets (20 x A4 pages in length, with mostly coloured illustrations) will be available quarterly FREE OF CHARGE and sent as an e-mail attachment to anyone who would like to receive a copy. It will only be necessary to supply your e-mail address and the town/city/country where you live to TRSG News Sheet team.

Enquiries should go in the first instance to info@germanphilately.org.

Website: <https://www.germanphilately.org/study-groups.html>. Email: bobjones53@blueyonder.co.uk

Third Reich Stamps – Yahoo Groups

This is a non-political forum about stamps and postal history with NO personal political views or discussions tolerated. Website: https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Third_Reich_Stamps

Worlds largest group about stamps, revenues and revenue documents, covers, and postal history of the Nazi Germany Third Reich (1933-1945). Topics include occupied countries, Legions, propaganda postcards, revenues, NSDAP and other membership dues stamps, poster stamps, Cinderellas and labels, savings stamps, donation stamps, premium stamps and any other non-postage stamps, ration stamps, concentration camp and Holocaust postal history, censored mail, Governments in Exile, WWII fieldpost and POW postal history.

Where's the Moon Landing Stamp?:

It will be 50 years ago this July when Neil Armstrong first stepped on to the moon. Maybe this is no big deal to many people today. But many of us that saw it and grew up in the sixties thought it to be a really big deal. Many of my generation aspired to be astronauts. As a stamp collector in 1969 I vividly remember convincing Mom or Dad to take me downtown to Tulsa's main post office to get that moon landing issue. The post office was housed in the fairly new Federal Courthouse and Post Office Building and it came with a philatelic window. The gentlemen that worked that window was a collector himself and he was ever so patient with us young collectors. What was great about the Philatelic Window was there were no complaints or grumbling about "tearing" off the plate block from a sheet of stamps and because the clerk was a collector, he knew how to do it right. This being an airmail issued required 50c for the plate block of 4 plus a single. Big money for a 12 year old compared to the 30c required for the first class issues of the day.



US Airmail #C76
First Man on the Moon

I can still remember where we were when Armstrong set foot on the moon. At a KOA campground near Carlsbad Caverns. One guy had this fancy Airstream or some such trailer. The most fascinating part of the experience, besides the moon landing, was this guy had this little T.V. that plugged into some adapter to his trailer. Everyone at the campground was gathered around that little portable T.V. watching the great event. My brother and I had never seen nor heard of a portable T.V. at the time. It was also the first time we saw a scorpion outside of the zoo.

So where is the issue for the 50th Anniversary? We've got Sesame Street, T-Rex, Halloween and other recently announced issues coming out this year but nothing for this great achievement. Perhaps it is going to be a big surprise announcement. Maybe they are having trouble with the design. Or maybe nobody cares any more.

Every time I look at the stamp I remember two things, the day I bought it and where we were the day man first stepped onto the moon.



Mali #190
Signs of the Zodiac Series
Issued 10-23-1972

I had just finished up the newsletter for this month when lo and behold, the announcement came out about the 50th Anniversary Moon Landing Stamp. Surprise! No announced date, time or where the first issue will be but we have the design. It will be a sheet of two designs. One is an actual photograph taken by Neil Armstrong of Buzz Aldrin on the moon. The other design is a photograph of the moon taken by Gregory H. Revera of Huntsville, Alabama. The photograph was taken in 2010 and also shows the landing site in the Sea of Tranquility. The selvage will include an image of the lunar module. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp art. A little unusual as Buzz just turned 89 years old and is very much alive. Living persons are not usually depicted on stamps.



They are great designs but I still find it a bit odd why it took so long to announce this important historical issue.

JMC

Update on Star Ribbon Stamp:

I complained about having to buy 3,000 or 10,000 roll to get the new coil last month. No complaining today. It was just announced that you can order strips of 25 of either coil roll. I had been lucky enough to buy the pane of 20 at the Truman Post Office off of Noland Rd but had thought that I would be buying my plate# strip of 5, pair and single from a dealer. Because dealers don't stock deep on new issues I sometimes miss issues like this when I can not afford or fail to buy from Stamp Fulfillment Services. The order numbers for the 25 strips are listed under the image of the stamp.

I really like this issue. I wonder why we need both this issue and the U.S. Flag issue. Probably for old die hard collectors like me to buy more.

I received my new supplements to my Scott albums this past week. As I started mounting last year's issues this past weekend, I began to wonder, again, why I still collect the new issues. Especially plate blocks as they really don't mean what they use to. After tearing up the sheets to get the plate block and single, booklets for the block of four or singles and cutting up the coils, I have a fortune in left over stamps each year. One good thing about those left overs it does leave plenty of stamps for me to give to my mother for her to send off all her Publishers Clearing House mail. She is convinced she is going to win but then so is the father of one of my co-workers. We are saving 5c on each of those since all those stamps were bought before the rate went up. Mounting those issues makes me appreciate some of the issues and reminds me there have always been issues I don't like, such as the one on the right.



US #1333

If you weren't aware like me, there were three supplemental sheets in my plate block supplement for issues that had two different plate numbers. I actually knew about the other printing of the Breast Cancer Semi-postal but never did anything about it. But there was also a new page for the 2015 Purple Heart issue and the 2016 Quilled Paper Heart stamp. Each were reprinted and received a new plate number. The Purple Heart issue is still available from the Stamp Fulfillment Services but the Heart stamp is not. I ordered the Purple Heart today when I ordered the Star Ribbon coils. I won't know until I receive that issue whether or not it is the plate number I have or the new one. It should be the new one, I hope. Sure

was easier as a kid like when I picked up the plate block and single of the Urban Planning for 25c. That stamp is as popular now as it was then, *NOT!* About as popular as the federal urban planning program was also. Many cities have ripped up what they did during the sixties and seventies. Progress. *JMC*

MPS quiz answer:

Here is the answer to our quiz question from pg 2:

IS "C" 1925. Nearly 100 years ago.

The stamp from 1970 should have been a clue, since the suffrage movement finally got women the right to vote in 1920. It also shows that this club has always been a little slow to react to the times.



The new Star Ribbon issue
Order Numbers for Coils

Coil Strips of 25
From 3k roll #759903
From 10k roll #760503



US #1333



Ok, we all know that Great Britain issued the first postage stamp valid for the whole country but who was the second country to do so?

Find out next month.

Happy
Easter



Postage from Zazzle

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter and thanks to Bob Baltzell & Ted Rights for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the May issue will be April 15th.** Happy stamping and see you Saturday. *Jim Mc*