

The Messenger



August/Sept 2019

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Waldo Public Library
Gather at 1:00
Meeting Starts 2:00
Saturday, September 7th

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Meeting Attendance: 42

Two visitors were welcomed, Floyd and Barbara Smith.

Treasurer: \$6606.00 balance. All state and federal forms and reports have been filed and are current. The audit has been completed.

Audit Report: Betsy Scott reported that everything was in order and commended Armen on his record keeping which makes doing the audit much easier. A copy of the audit can be obtained from the secretary upon request.

Membership: No report

Secretary: Mike asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of any of the old secretary minutes from years past to help with club history. No one knew of any but it was suggested that APRL might have some on file. I will follow up on this.

Librarian: Nothing new to report.

Historian: Nothing new to report.

First Vice-President's Report: Michael reported that the library wants us to book the room for 3 months at a time instead of for the full year as in the past. He will follow up on this.

Old business: No old business.

New business: No new business.

Announcements:

Frank Sheeran has been ill and in the hospital.

Jim asked for members to let him know as far in advance as possible of upcoming shows and other stamp related events so he can get the information in the newsletter.

Barbara will have applications for our December exhibits available at the September meeting.

Wichita Stamp Show is August 16-17 at the Cessna Activity Center.

A sign-up sheet for the October luncheon will be passed around at the September meeting. Cost is \$15 per person and the meal will begin at noon.

Dale reported that I-29 is now open but there are no services available past Rockport, so if you are heading to Omaha for Stamp Show plan accordingly.

Show and Tell:

George came up with his own definition of a "dead country." It is a stamp issuing entity recognized by Scott's that no longer issues stamps. According to George there are 304 entities that fit this definition—he counted them. A list of these can be obtained from the secretary upon request.

Bob Baltzell's article on Dr. J. D. Brock has been printed in Kelleher's Stamp Quarterly (Second Quarter, 2019). Congratulations, Bob and thanks to Neil for bringing this to our attention.

Armen had some Threatened Species stamp from Australia with messages printed on the back of them and booklet stamps with different printing and overprinting on the back.

Victor shared some "disguised" spam mail.

Program: Michael Miklovic talked about a recent trip to Poland and the challenges of trying to buy stamps there. Stamp collecting is a concept that appears to be quite foreign in some parts of the world.

Respectively submitted by Michael Keil

What You Will Miss (if not there):

Perry Kilpatrick will give the program, "Space". Plus we should have a nice group sharing during the "Show-N-Tell" portion of our meeting. With no August meeting there should also be a lot to buy in the monthly auction. Bring the bank! **Bring your money for the October luncheon if you plan to participate. It will be \$17 a person. Joe's KC BBQ. Yum, Yum!**

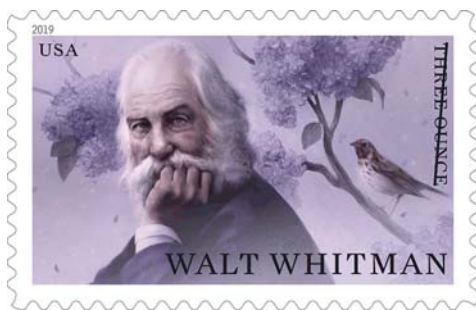
Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

Woodstock

Forever, First Class
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date was August 8th



Special event day postmark.



Walt Whitman

Non-denominated, 3-ounce rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date September 12th
This is the 32nd in the Literary Arts Series

Winter Berries

Four Designs, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date September 17th at 11:00am
First Day Ceremony in Tulsa, OK
Tulsa Botanic Garden
A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Floral Terraces
3900 Tulsa Botanic Drive
Tulsa, OK 74127

It is not a bad drive to Tulsa for a first day event this close?



Philatelic Happenings:

Drive a little for some philatelic fun:

September 7th—8th

2019 Omaha Stamp Show

Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

Metro Community College South Campus
2909 Edward Babe Gomez Blvd
Omaha, NE

September 13th—14th

42nd Annual Mountain Home Stamp & Coin Show

Ramada Inn
Business 62 & Commerce Drive
Mountain Home, AR

September 21st

Second Saturday Bourse

Holiday Inn South County Center
6921 Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO

September 28th, 9-4pm

Tulsa Stamp Club Show

Case Community Center
1050 West Wekiwa Rd
Sand Springs, OK

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www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

Philatelic Ramblings:

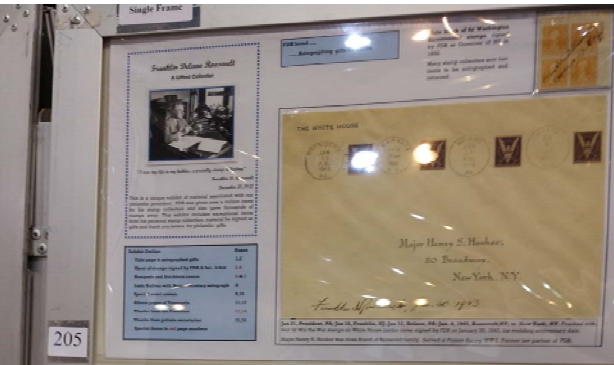
If you failed to make it to Omaha for the big show in August, I am sorry. It was a *GREAT* show! So much to see and do and of course spend your money on. I did not think I would be able to go but as it turned out, I was able to. Sure glad I was there, even though it was for only two days. Could have seen Warren Buffett had I been there on Saturday. He is a collector and came to see a friend's exhibit.

Speaking of exhibits two of our members had great exhibits at the show, Bob Baltzell and Tomas Griebling. Bob's was titled *Franklin Delano Roosevelt — A Gifted Collector*. Bob won the Large Vermeil from the American Topical Association. Tomas's was titled *Rings of Glory: The Olympic Symbol as Philatelic Motif* and won also with the Large Silver from the American Topical Association.

Later I learned that Tomas also got recognized by two other philatelic groups, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Novice Award (for first time exhibitor at a national level show) and The Ephemera Society of America Award (for using ephemera in exhibiting).

Both were great exhibits and deserved recognition of their hard work on these subjects. Almost makes me think about doing one. There were many great exhibits but it was very exciting to actually see the famous "Upside down Jenny" #C3a up close and personal. You could also see the famous original error sheet of the 1962 Dag Hammarskjold Invert.

George Washington was the first to receive free franking privileges for his mail. In May 1789, just weeks after his inauguration, he used a folded letter sheet for correspondence to the Honorable James Warren, a member of the Sons of Liberty who was Postmaster General of the Continental Army. Washington signed it "President/U.S." That letter was on display also.



Our two exhibitors and winners left to right, Tomas Griebling and Bob Baltzell, plus MPS member Michael Miklovic

Where else would you have the opportunity to see all this outside of a museum and in Omaha no less.

Besides exhibits, there were many seminars about a great variety of subjects. One that I found very enjoyable and surprising was on Friday. A documentary film was shown called "Freaks and Errors: A Rare Collection". I was not expecting what it turned out to be. Thinking it would be more about collecting EFO's (errors, freaks and oddities of stamps), it actually was about the "freaks", collectors and dealers, that have sought, owned and sold some of the world's more rare stamps. Such as the 1856 British Guiana 1c Magenta. It was a fascinating film by Mark Cwiakala whose family has deep ties to the philatelic

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world. The film is available on Prime Video and other outlets.

As soon as the film was over, nearly two hours, I hurried to a seminar on the subject of *Hands on Expertizing: How to expertize the 1-cent 1851-1861 stamp*. The poor guy giving the presentation said he was unaware that he would be giving this presentation, so no visual presentation but he was very knowledgeable and gave a lot of useful info on the subject. There were others in the room that were very informative also. Member Scott Couch was in the room also, plus he was smarter than me, in that, he had his Scott's Specialized Catalogue with him to look at as each different number was discussed.



**US #5
Benjamin Franklin
One of several different types of
this issue.**



**MPS members
Left to Right
Jim McKinzie, Scott Couch and Jeff Jaxx
after the seminar.**

I will just have Scott or someone else confirm or expertise any of these issues I run across. I needed more time and materials. It was still worth going, only so that it confirms how much I don't know about many of these early U.S. issues.

The last seminar I got to attend was at 4 Friday afternoon. Stamps That Glow: Fluorescence and Phosphorescence. If you ever wanted to know the technical and chemical makeup of this invisible layer that is added to stamps, this was the seminar to attend. As most of you know I enjoy this aspect of stamp collecting immensely. BUT I was never that good at science or chemistry. While I enjoyed trying to learn about it, it never really took. Probably why one of my favorite teachers, who was the science teacher in my junior high school, pushed me towards sales and marketing. The speaker knew the science and chemistry of those little pieces of paper that glowed but his charts and graphs were over my head as was most of 9th grade science class. I always walk away having learned something so worth the time spent. Then it was a quick tour around the sales floor and quick talk with some MPS members before I



**MPS members Tomas, Michael &
Jim and Beth Allen.**

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headed back to Independence. Had to be at work at 7:30 Saturday morning. I was tempted to stay that evening for the auction held by Harmer-Schau but I decided that my time and more importantly any money that I might have spent was better put to the bathroom remodel that I had to do. Water coming into the living room from the second floor and only bathroom is not good. I wonder if Jim Allen won his bid that evening? He and Beth were heading to the auction as I headed out as the show

closed for the day. I really hated to go. I hope in the future I can go for all four days. So much to see and do and not enough time. Had good food and great fellowship with other MPS members and other collectors from all over. I would certainly recommend that if you have an opportunity in the future to go to this show, wherever it is held, do it. You will not regret it. Oh and if you are curious if I purchased anything from any of the dealers. Yes, I did find time to spend some dough. I never have trouble doing that. I found a nice addition to my Bicentennial collection.



On Thursday of the APS/ATA Omaha Stamp Show
Back row: L-R Michael Miklovic, Tomas Griebing, Jim McKinzie, Charlie Wunsch, Richard Spiek and Dale Smith
Front row: L-R Perry Kilpatrick, Keith Carpenter and Michael Keil



So how many of you came? We had two nice group pics but I know more where there than got in the pictures. We'll try to get an accurate count at the next meeting as to who actually came to the show from our club.

JMC

On Friday of the show
Back Row: L-R Bob Baltzell, Howard Buhl, Neil Becker, Dale Smith Perry Kilpatrick
Front Row: L-R Barry Fitzgerald, Michael Miklovic, Gordon Gilpin, Ted Rights and Andrea Smith

Joe's KC BBQ October Luncheon \$17 a person, bring your money to the September meeting.

Stamp Tip:

Go to shows, seminars and talk with fellow dealers and collectors about this great hobby, you will be glad you did. **Next month's newsletter we will return to our regular format.**

A First Day Ceremony:

The first day of the show was also a first day ceremony for the Working Military Dog issue. If you have not been to one of these, you have missed out. Free stuff and you walk away with a better appreciation of why the stamp or stamps were issued.



It was standing room only. Lot's of speeches and several politicians. The military dog was better behaved than Richard Spiek and I, of course the dog was laying down, we were standing. You received a pin of one of the stamps plus other goodies. It was next to the USPS booth where you could buy almost any issue of this year plus other USPS offerings. Get the first day show cancel on about anything you wanted it applied to.

The stories about these amazing dogs was quite interesting. Especially about their service during a time of war. Also what happens to these dogs when they can no longer serve, due to age or injury.

It was worth the aching feet then it was off to a seminar.

JMC



MPS members Jeff Lough, Tomas, Michael and Dale

In the July newsletter I asked, "How many countries issued stamps in honor of the U.S. Bicentennial?"

By my count it is approximately 121 different countries not including the U.S. There are also several locals and labels like Ajman, Manama & Staffa. #327 Nepal



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter and thanks to Michael K., Dale S. & Tomas G. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the October issue will be September 15th.** Happy stamping and see you Saturday. *Jim Mc*