

The Messenger



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August 1st meeting
Virtual Meeting Starts 2:00
Info will come to your email

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Attendance: 18 members logged in to the ZOOM virtual meeting.

Treasurer: No new activity.

Membership: No new members.

Secretary: Reminder that MPS has a Facebook page and that we ought to promote it more and use it more.

Librarian: Contact Neil and he can make arrangements with you to get books to you.

Historian: The “ear” on a newsletter is the portion on the upper left- or right-hand corner that often contain bits of information like a brief weather forecast, etc.

First Vice-President’s Report: The August meeting will again be a Zoom meeting (Aug.1). Bob Baltzell will present a program on Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Second Vice-President’s Report: Roger and Armin have been discussing and working on developing an online sale feature for members only on the MPS website. This is still in the early stages. Discussion followed and several people offered suggestions

Newsletter: Newsletter deadline is this week.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Program: The program was an extended show and tell with several items shared.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Keil

The President’s Corner:

Well, it is now midsummer. Hope everyone is staying safe and and enjoying the beautiful weather although we could certainly use a break from the heat. If you haven’t already done so, now is the time to get online and get connected. There are lots of things going on in the philatelic world, and they are all available at the touch of a button from your computer!

We continue to hold our monthly MPS meetings online in a virtual setting on the Zoom platform. We will be sending out the electronic link for the next meeting shortly via email. There continues to be discussion of interesting topics and questions on our blog. And soon we will have an online MPS Marketplace for members to connect to buy and sell materials, share want lists, and trade philatelic items. Many thanks to all of our members who came together to get that up and running for us.

Most of the large philatelic organizations including the APS, ATA, AFDCS, and others are holding virtual meetings, shows, and instructional courses online. Many of these are free to members although some do charge a nominal fee. And of course there are countless dealers and auctions available if you are looking to add to your collections. If you know of other interesting online resources or events, please send them along so we can share the information with all MPS members. Time to turn on your computers and connect to the philatelic world.

Take care, Tomas (tlginkc@yahoo.com)

**Log into Zoom for Bob Baltzell’s program,
“The Suffragettes”.**
**Also check out Bob’s article in the current edi-
tion of Kelleher’s Stamp Collector’s Quarterly**

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

Ruth Asawa

First Class, Forever rate
Ten Designs, Pane of 20
Issue Date August 13th



Innovations

First Class, Forever Rate
5 Designs, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date August 20th



Thank You (2020)

First Class, Forever rate
4 Designs, Pane of 20
Issue Date August 21st



Philatelic Happenings:

Everything in the stamp world is either cancelled show wise or up in the air.

While currently the St. Louis Stamp Expo is to be held on August 14-16, many other shows around the country have been cancelled. Shows from this summer into November have been cancelled. Check before you drive to St. Louie. But the big show in November in Chicago has been cancelled already. **Chicagopex** is a great show and it is a shame that it will not be held this year.

19th Amendment: Women Vote

First Class, Forever rate
1 Design, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date August 21st



Virtual ceremonies are planned for *Innovations* and the *Thank You* issues at this time. The *Bugs Bunny* issue will be a virtual ceremony also.



The Bugs Bunny designs for the July 27th issue finally released. 10 different images in a pane of 20.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website and Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

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

Answer from Last Month's Quiz:

John Trumbull's painting of "The Declaration of Independence" was represented on how many stamps during the Bicentennial Era and by how many countries?



**Bangladesh #114a
Imperforate variety
Trumbull's "The Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776"**

Well, it depends on whether you are talking about John Trumbull's "The Declaration of Independence" located at the Rotunda of the Capitol building, Washington, D.C. or the Trumbull's "The Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776" located at the Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut or both. 14 issues, including the U.S. souvenir sheet, were of the Yale University painting. 5 issues, including the U.S. quad issue, were of the Capitol Rotunda painting. Put them both together it makes for a total of 19 issues, in many different varieties.

John Trumbull received a commission in 1817 and completed the work in 1819. It was placed in the Capitol Rotunda in 1826. It was based on the much smaller version that now resides at Yale **Continued on pg. 4**



**Romania #2609
Trumbull's "The Declaration of Independence"**

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University. While described as the signing ceremony of the great document, it actually depicts when the five man committee presented their draft of the Declaration to Continental Congress on June 28, 1776.

Trumbull wanted to include images of all 56 signers but could not find likenesses of all of them. He did include several participants that ultimately refused to sign the Declaration, such as John Dickinson. 42 of the signers are included in both versions.

So how many countries issued one of these versions. 16 total countries including the United States. If you have never been to the U.S. Capitol building and seen this magnificent piece of art, I would recommend making the trip when you can. You won't be disappointed. Besides, then you could go to the National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian. Provide the world ever opens up again!

JMC

Philatelic Ramblings:

For those of you that missed last month's meeting on July 11th, you missed some very good show and tells. While we did not have a formal program, it ended up great. I truly enjoyed everyone's material that they had because I could actually see it for a change. I feel during our in-person meetings, the material is often hard to see, do to many different factors. But on ZOOM it was well presented and visually great.

I talked about a random survey of mail received at my office over a two week period. I am including the table of the results as promised. (see pg. 7) Here are some of the highlights and a few things left out of the presentation.

A total of 146 envelopes from voters were randomly selected. 45 were commemorative stamps with 22 different images. 101 were definitives with 10 different images. For a total of 48 different images and/or types.



The recent Wild Orchids Booklet pane was the most popular of the commemoratives. With flowers over all being the most popular commemorative category.

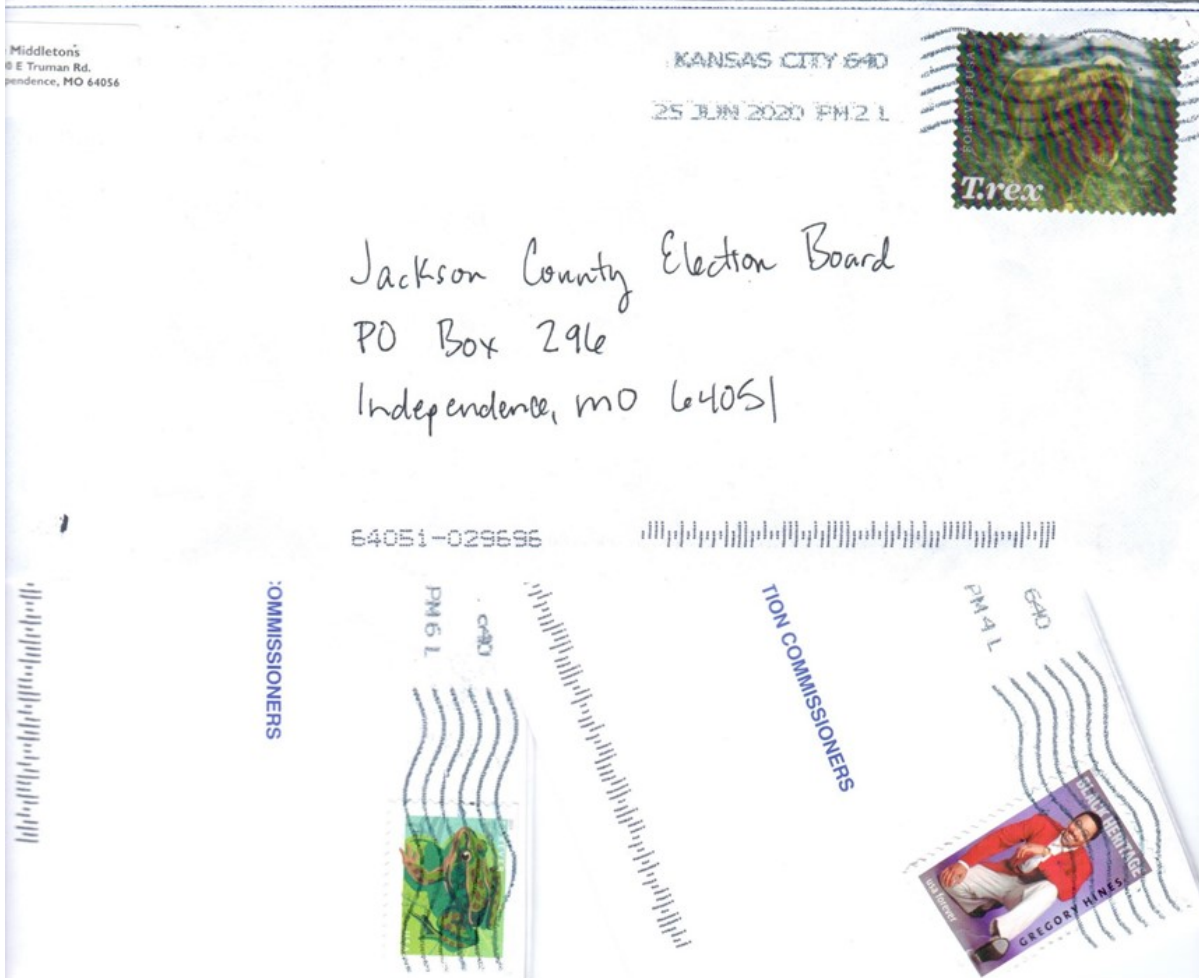
What was interesting about one of the envelopes to the left, is the fact that it is addressed incorrectly. The Jackson County Election Board is located in Independence NOT Kansas City. Correct PO Box and correct zip though. Also Cty is an accepted abbreviation for City not County. Usually County is abbreviated to Cnty. So zip code does matter and was helpful in getting the voter's request to us timely.

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The second most popular category in commemoratives was Winter/Christmas issues with 11 total. There were 4 Winter Berries, 3 of the Coca Cola Santa and 3 of the Christmas Wreaths issue. Plus one lone Gingerbread House from 2013. Some would consider these issues definitives and not commemoratives and possibly I am in the minority on this. But when I think of definitives I think of the Prexies or Liberty Series. Christmas and other holidays don't fit that category. You are celebrating or commemorating a date or holiday. Scott and Linns or somebody has slowly redefined the categories that really don't make sense to me. Such as the early decision not to start a new category, like Airmail issues, for Priority and Express issues. To me they deserve and should be a Back of the Book category not mixed in with regular issues and commemoratives. I would be interested in others thoughts on this subject and we might devote a program or article about the topic.



The biggest category among the definitives was, of course, flags. 96 total flags then 3 purple heart, 1 Star Ribbon and 1 Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was also the oldest issue in all categories used. That voter made money on that issue. Remember if bought at the time of original issue, it cost 41c. Not surprising that flags were the clear winner overall in the definitive category. The post office on the Square in Independence rarely has anything available but the current flag issue. At Christmas time they will have some of the winter or Christmas issues but you better get them quick. How many other post offices stock like that?



It was an interesting little project to see what the general public was using. Many of the voters are older, that mail their requests to us. While the younger ones tend to email or fax their requests in.

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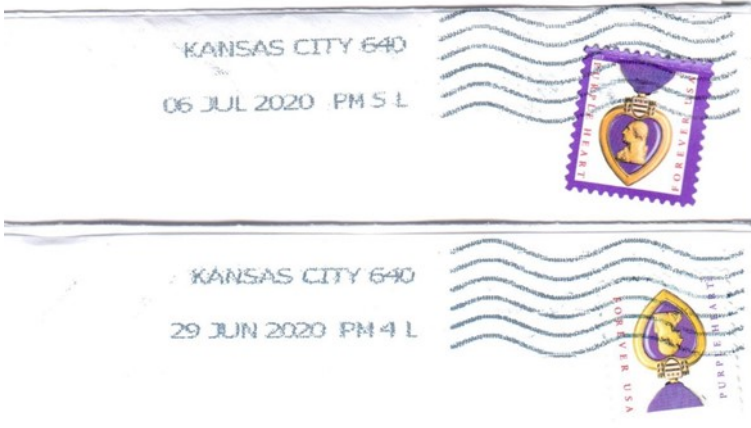
The most recent stamp used, that was used, was from the Great Outdoors pane. I just wonder how people get their stamps. Are people ordering on-line or is some family member picking them up at a post office that does carry some of the new issues or what? I do see several of the machine vended such as the Flag on the right come



This Stamp Was Used From the Recent Great Outdoors Issue.



through the office. The Square Post Office doesn't have the machine vended but the Truman station off of Noland Rd does. I don't know if any of the other post offices in eastern Jackson County have the vending machines or not.



One last interesting envelope came through this week, after I had completed the survey. It is below and to the left, and has three stamps on it. You have to wonder if the stamps were used by a family member of a past stamp collector that was told by a dealer, "Oh you really don't have anything of value here. Might as well use these for postage." I have a lot to say on that subject but I will leave that for another time!!!!

JMC

See complete chart of survey on pg. 7



Jackson County Election Board
PO Box 296
Independence, MO
64051



Scott #	Issue	Type	Year Issued	Original Cost	How Many Received
4127	Liberty Bell	Booklet Pane	2007	41c	1
4751	La Florida	from Pane of 16	2013	46c	1
4785	Flag in Winter	Booklet Pane	2013	46c	1
4817	Gingerbread House (Red Door)	from Booklet Pane	2013	46c	1
4853	Fort McHenry Flag and Fireworks	Coil- 8 1/2 vert.	2014	49c	2
4854	Fort McHenry Flag and Fireworks	Coil- 9 1/2 vert.	2014	49c	1
5035	Purple Heart (Dated 2014)	Pane of 20	2015	49c	2
5159	Flag	Coil- 9 1/2 vert.	2017	49c	1
5160	Flag	Booklet Pane	2017	49c	2
5161	Flag	Booklet Pane	2017	49c	3
5239	Flowers from the Garden(Peonies)	from Booklet Pane	2017	49c	1
5260	Flag	Coil- 9 1/2 vert.	2018	50c	1
5261	Flag	Coil- 11 vert.	2018	50c	8
5262	Flag	Booklet Pane	2018	50c	4
5263	Flag	Booklet Pane	2018	50c	4
5280	Peace Rose	Pane of 20	2018	50c	4
5299	Scooby-Doo	Pane of 12	2019	50c	1
5334	Christmas (Sundblom Santa w/book	from Booklet Pane	2018	50c	3
5339	Love (Hearts)	Pane of 20	2019	50c	1
5342	Flag	Coil- 9 1/2 horz.	2019	55c	2
5343	Flag	Coil- 11 horz.	2019	55c	16
5344	Flag	Booklet Pane	2019	55c	20
5345	Flag	Booklet Pane	2019	55c	25
5349	Gregory Hines	Pane of 20	2019	55c	1
5361	Star Ribbon	Pane of 20	2019	55c	1
5371	Marvin Gaye	Pane of 16	2019	55c	1
5395	Frogs (Pacific Tree Frog)	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	1
5396	Frogs (Northern Leopard Frog)	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	1
5399	Moon Landing (Astronaut)	from Pane of 16	2019	55c	1
5411	T. Rex	from Pane of 16	2019	55c	1
5415	Winter Berries (Winterberry)	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	2
5416	Winter Berries (Juniper Berry)	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	1
5418	Winter Berries (Soapberry)	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	1
5419	Purple Heart (Dated 2019)	Pane of 20	2019	55c	1
5424	Holiday Wreaths (Aspidistra Wreath	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	1
5426	Holiday Wreaths (Glided Hydran...	from Booklet Pane	2019	55c	2
5428	Lunar New Year (Rat)	Pane of 20	2020	55c	1
5434	Let's Celebrate	Pane of 20	2020	55c	3
5446	Orchids (<i>Cypripedium californicum</i>)	from Booklet Pane	2020	55c	4
5448	Orchids (<i>Cypripedium reginae</i>)	from Booklet Pane	2020	55c	1
5449	Orchids (<i>Spiranthes odorata</i>)	from Booklet Pane	2020	55c	1
5450	Orchids (<i>Triphora trianthophorus</i>)	from Booklet Pane	2020	55c	2
5454	Orchids (<i>Calopogon tuberosus</i>)	from Booklet Pane	2020	55c	2
5457	Contemporary Boutonniere	Pane of 20	2020	55c	1
5459	Earth Day	Pane of 20	2020	55c	3
5463	American Gardens (Dumbarton Oaks)	Pane of 20	2020	55c	1
???	Great Outdoors	Pane of 20	2020	55c	1
CVP108	Flag	Computer Vended	2018	50c	6
					146

RESULTS FROM INFORMAL SURVEY OF MAIL RECEIVED BY THE JACKSON COUNTY ELECTION BOARD DURING A TWO WEEK PERIOD IN JUNE/JULY OF 2020.

Another Amazing App by Rodger McReynolds

In my never-ending quest to further computerize our hobby, I was looking around the Internet recently and have found an app that is truly amazing. It's called "Stamp Identifier".

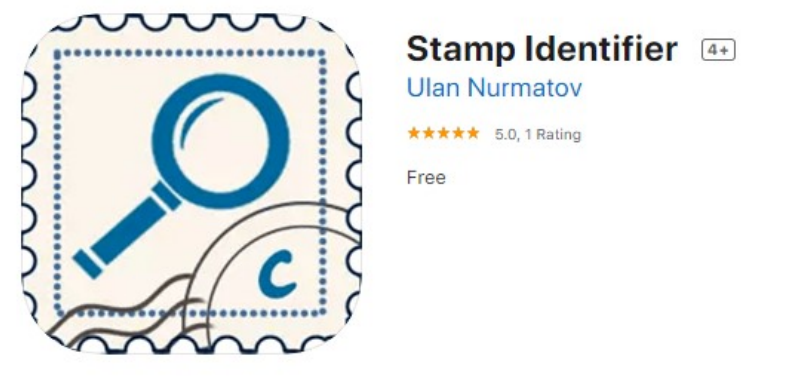
The purpose is to be able to snap a picture of any stamp and quickly locate it in the Colnect database where you can see the catalog number and other information. The app is only available for iPhone and iPad however, in my testing, it performs unusually well. I've only found one stamp that it couldn't identify...you don't even have to select a country...it figures that out for you. The entire process to take the picture, crop it, search it and find the details takes less than 10 seconds.

As expected, it works well with mint stamps but also works well with canceled stamps. I've found that, if there is an overprinted variety of a stamp, the program sometimes confuses a cancellation with an overprint but, if there's no overprint, the program finds the canceled stamp reliably. It's not 100%, but it's the best program of this type that I've found so far.

I've recently acquired a fairly sizable collection of stamps from Germany and Australia and, I'm sure, this will greatly speed up the identification of my new treasures.

Here are a few screenshots:

1—App Store Image



3—Crop the picture to eliminate the background



2—Tap the camera button to take the picture



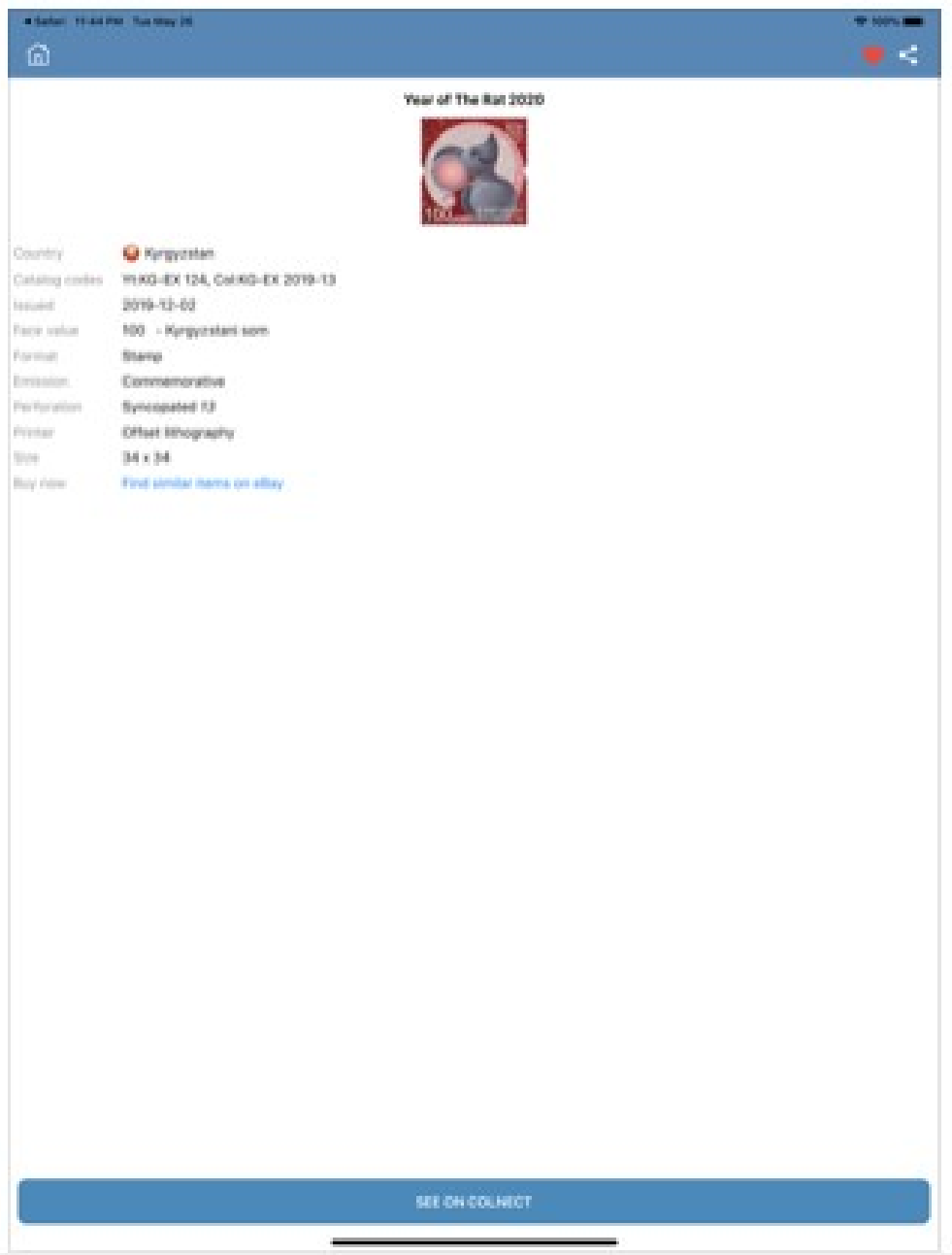
4—Press Search to find matches.



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5—Click the match to see stamp details





Thanks Rodger for finding another amazing app. I am impressed more and more how our hobby is moving quickly into the digital age. Zoom meetings, apps and other resources online has made our hobby so much more informative to anyone. It isn't just the "Hobby of Kings" any more. So much information is right at your fingers tips, if you are willing to expand your comfort zone and start using the technology that is out there.

Covers to Combat the Summer Heat by Michael Keil

To help make dealing with the summer heat a little easier, here are a couple of covers from a cooler climate, courtesy of the Coast Guard.

FLOWN FROM: KODIAK, AK.
 TO: ST. PAUL - ANCHORAGE
 DATE: FRI 13 FEB 1970
 PLANE TYPE: HC-130H NO. CG-1453
 PILOT: SIGLER
 NOTES: MAE for Russian fisherman w/ pneumonia & congenital heart failure.


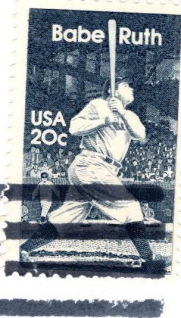



VIA AIR MAIL

NED HARRIS
 P. O. BOX 45872
 LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90045

The first cover is cancelled at St. Paul Island, Alaska on 19 February, 1970. It is a flight cover from Kodiak to St. Paul-Anchorage on 13 February. The pilot's name was Sigler, flying a HC-130-H aircraft. The purpose of the mission was to transport a Russian fisherman with pneumonia and congestive heart failure to receive medical attention.

Mission TO TRAIN ship's Diver's to be hoisted into and
 Date 20 Aug 83 Jump from Airborne Helo
 Plane HH52A No. 1384 also ice Recon
 From Thule AB
 To Thule AB
 Pilot LT meekins
^{COPILOT}
 Co-Pilot ADC TAYLOR
 Remarks _____

NANCY L. B. ANDERSON
 163333 Scotch Pine St.
 Fountain Valley
 California 92708

The cover on the left is cancelled on board the Coast Guard Cutter NORTHWIND (WAGB-282) on 31 August, 1983. The aircraft is a HH-52-A helicopter flown by Lt. Meekins out of Thule (Greenland) Air Force Base. The base is 750 miles inside the Arctic Circle and 947 miles from the North Pole. The purpose of the flight was to "train ship's divers to be hoisted into and jump from airborne helo also ice recon."

Finland's Interesting Priority Mail Stamps:

In opening up mail from Overseas Citizen voters, I ran across a cover this week that I found interesting. The voter had sent an absentee application for a ballot from Finland and used a priority mail stamp. What was interesting to me was the little label that said, "Priority". So I did a little research in Scott's.

The stamp is from 2017. It is Scott #1536b, from a vertical strip of 3, with *etiquette*. With *etiquette*! How interesting. Using this little label, detached from the stamp itself, makes it just jump out. It simply shouts out, "Pay attention to me. I am different!" In looking at the catalogue, I found they have had



many issues over the past several years with *etiquette* labels. The earliest that I could find was #1387a. The booklet pane of 10 comes with 10 *etiquette* labels. Now the question is, "Are the *etiquette* labels always priority mail labels?" I don't know and could not find out.

I did find that Finland has issued many interesting stamps in the last decade. I think the USPS could learn a lot, studying other countries issues.

Older voters love labels, seals. Many envelopes are sealed with a label. Wouldn't a booklet of 10 stamps with 10 similarly themed labels be interesting. It might be a perk to the boring flag stamps that they issue each year. The voter that used the 41c Liberty Bell stamp on their envelope, that was part of the survey, used what is pictured at the right to seal their envelope.

JMC

This month's quiz or puzzle:

The stamp at the left I have had nearly all my life but I never could identify it. While it is damaged, I still would like to know the following: What country, type of issue and Scott# is this stamp?

If someone can correctly identify it, I will put in your answer next month. Maybe a prize will come with it. I would try Rodger's new app but don't have an iPhone or iPad.

Find out in next month's newsletter.



Which is the top and which is the bottom?

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Mike K. & Rodger Mc for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the September issue will be August 15th.** Happy stamping and enjoy this extra time with your collection. *Jim Mc*