

# The Messenger



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From your device or phone  
**June 6th meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting Starts 2:00**  
**See details below**

## Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

No minutes since we had no meeting in May due to the Coronavirus.

## The President's Corner:

Dear MPS Members –

As I write this, we are celebrating Memorial Day 2020. Today has even more meaning for me than usual. I remember my parents and my brother who have all passed away in recent years. I pause to remember our veterans and those who continually work to defend our freedoms. And as a physician and surgeon, I take this time to honor my colleagues in all branches of healthcare, the patients and families that we serve, and all people around the globe that have been affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. This has been a difficult time for everyone, and I am proud of how people have come together during this crisis to support one another.

In this spirit, we have been working on a way for all of us in MPS to come together again. Although we cannot gather physically, we can do so virtually. The Board approved my recommendation to begin holding virtual meetings of the club. The first meeting will be **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm (our normal meeting time)**. However, rather than gathering at the library, we will each connect from our homes online. Detailed sign in information is provided below. For those of you with an email address on file with the club, you will also receive the direct link via email.

To join with full access, you will need a device with video and audio capability (laptop, desktop with camera and microphone, iPad or similar tablet, or a smartphone). Alternatively, you can also just call in and join via audio only (no video) from any telephone. The access information is:

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How far we have come since the days of punching out a card to program a computer.



Israel #258  
Electronic Computer



Norway #547  
Punched Computer Card  
Issued to celebrate Norwegian census, 200th anniv.

## Upcoming New U.S. Issues:



**Enjoy the Great Outdoors**  
First Class, Forever rate  
Five Designs, Pane of 20  
Issue Date June 13th

### U.S. Flag Stamped Envelope



First Class, Forever Rate  
Available in 10 different  
envelope formats.  
First Day of Issue will be in  
Liberty, MO  
Issue Date June 15th

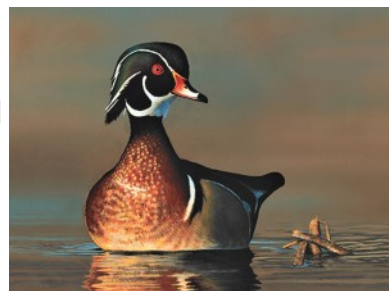
### Federal Duck Stamp 2020-21

\$25 Fee  
Design by Alabama  
artist Eddie LeRoy  
Issue Date June 26th



### Junior Duck Stamp 2020-21

\$5 Fee  
Design by a 13 year old  
artist from South Dakota  
Issue Date June 26th



While FD ceremonies  
are planned, check first.

## Philatelic Happenings:

**E and D auctions is having their next auction by an Absentee Bid process. For more information, please contact Dale at [dale@eanddstamps.com](mailto:dale@eanddstamps.com).**

**Not aware of anything else in the area.**

### New MPS Blog:

Our webmaster, Rodger created a blog on our website back in January and it has been announced at the meetings earlier this year. Since we are unable to meet, in person, this is good time to sign up and start sharing on the new blog.

From the front page of our website, click on "Join the Midwest Philatelic Society Discussion Group." Once there you will have to create a password. Then start blogging. There have been a few posts so far but when more get involved, then there will be more activity.

If you have questions email Rodger. He is happy to help you. Thanks, Rodger.

### Answer from Last Month's Quiz:

**How is the picture to the right philatelic related?**

It is philatelic related because it is the booklet cover to the 1953 issues of Red Cross semi-postal stamps issued by France.

See more examples and the stamps that were issued inside the cover by logging into Zoom on June 6th for our Virtual Stamp Club meeting.



The Midwest Philatelic Society Website is  
[www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com)

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

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Tomas Griebing is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: MPS June 2020 Meeting

Time: Jun 6, 2020 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84034318414?pwd=NEVaYzZlMVlpbXRGeEJUV045RW9KUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 3431 8414

Password: 899431

One tap mobile

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 840 3431 8414

Password: 899431

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kAQnzP7ni>

Jim McKinzie was previously scheduled to give the program and has graciously agreed to give it a go online! The program will be about the French Semi-Postals. We would encourage you to gather items that you may want to include for the Show and Tell portion of the meeting. We haven't really got a handle on how to do an auction on this platform yet, but I would encourage members to sign into the MPS Blog (on our club website) and discuss items you might want to buy or sell. We could also discuss those interests during our meeting, but won't be able to do actual sales online. If anyone has questions or other ideas, please feel free to send them my way, or contact any of our MPS Board members.

We will look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Best, Tomas

Tomas L. Griebing, MD, MPH  
MPS President (email: [tlginkc@yahoo.com](mailto:tlginkc@yahoo.com))

**Plan on "Zooming" with us for our next meeting. You will connect faster than if you roller skated to the library!**



Switzerland #986  
"Globi" as Postman



## ***Philatelic Ramblings:***

If you haven't logged onto the MPS website and gone to the new blog Rodger created, you are missing out on an opportunity to converse with fellow members and share. To give you an example, I recently made a purchase in an auction and the day I received it, I posted the image to share. It is an interesting example of over inking and lack of care by the pressman to wipe the excess ink off the plate. This is Scott #583 with plate no. 15821, although hard to see because of the ink smears.

While this is not an error it is an interesting "freak". I find the unusual fun additions to my collection, especially as the U.S. collection is nearly complete except for some very hard to get and expensive stamps. I also have always enjoyed this series. It is a good depiction of our first President with good balance to the overall design in my opinion.

You can share recent acquisitions too by creating your account on the website. Let's all start blogging!!!

As reported last month, international mail delivery is a mess and it does not appear to be letting up anytime soon for many countries. This has become a great concern to those of us in the business of elections with this busy Presidential election year. Fortunately most of the military and overseas citizen voters have moved to online access for their ballots.

The virus has changed so much of our lives, which includes the stamp world. The Great American Stamp Show has just been cancelled by APS for this year. The show was to held in Hartford, CT and will now be held in that city in 2024. The American Philatelic Society's annual meeting has only been cancelled once since 1886 and that was at the height of WWII in 1943. I am sure it was a difficult decision for all involved but it is still disappointing.

Which brings me to our board's decision to try a virtual meeting. With no meeting rooms available and concerns of members to actually meet in person, this is the best way to continue some of our club activities. I will do everything possible to have a program that everyone can enjoy, even if you are unable to visually see the presentation. So please call in to the Zoom meeting on Saturday, even if you don't have access to a computer, laptop or tablet. If you have access to a grandchild, child or a good friend perhaps they will help you log into one of their devices if you aren't able to. Who knows, you might get that grandchild, child or friend hooked onto our hobby.

While this is changing our lives and our way of collecting, it is interesting to learn that APS is experiencing a nice growth of traffic on their website. This is the time to perhaps increase your knowledge and skills when it comes to the computer world. It's not going away and like anything, it is time to adapt to the changes or lose out. I myself have been resistant to investing in a tablet but the virus has changed my mind. Zoom is a good way to connect and we may have to do this more this year.

*JMC*





## A Question of Terminology (Part 3) by Tomas Griebing



Figure #1

making this a composite stamp set. It is also an example of se-tenant and quadripartition.

So some se-tenant stamps are also composites. But are all composite stamp sets also se-tenant? I thought so until I came across a newer set of stamps that I have recently added to my exhibit. These were issued by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in honor of the 2016 Olympic Games held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The design is quite clever and sort of turns these traditional philatelic definitions around. There are three individual stamps that were each issued in mini-panes of eight stamps, shown in Figure 2. By themselves, each stamp appears to depict a single athlete in action. However, as shown in Figure 3, when you combine one of each of the three stamps and arrange them in the appropriate configuration, the background graphics form into the shape of the Olympic rings behind the athletes. So these function as composite stamps to ulti-

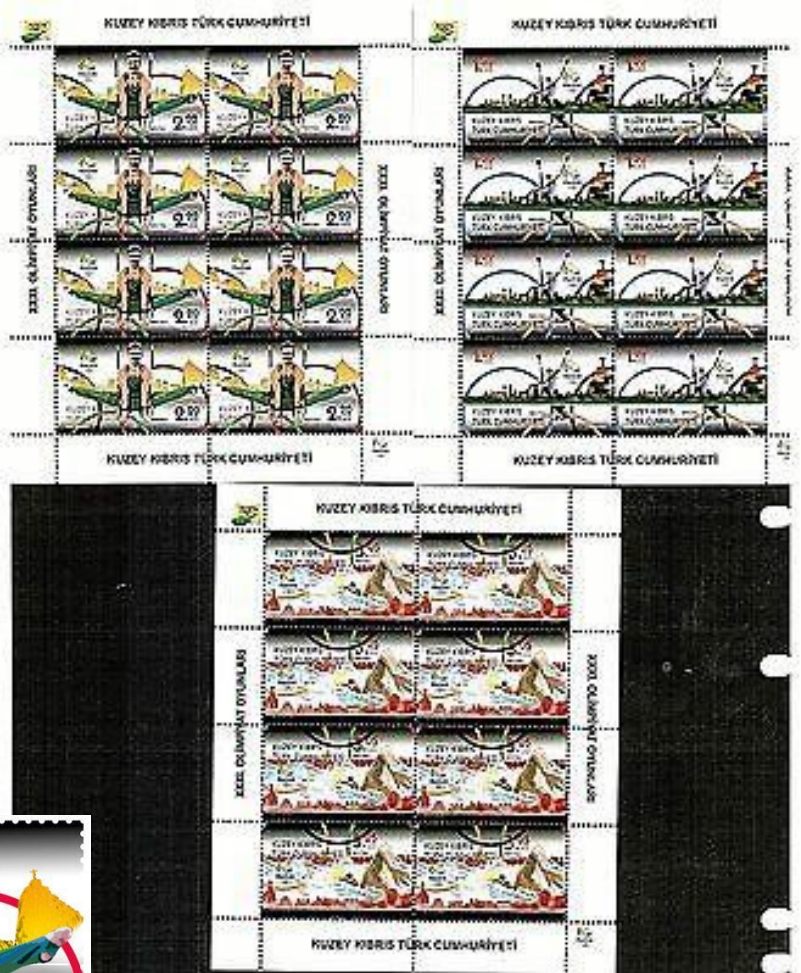


Figure #2

mately form a single overarching design, yet they are not se-tenant since the individual stamps were issued in mini-panes.

Have you identified any composite stamps within your focus area? Do you have some favorite examples of se-tenants, triptychs, quadripartitions, tête-bêche stamps or other configurations to share? Let us know and we can try to feature



Figure #3

them in future newsletters.

## ***A Word from Past Prez Bob Burney:***

Earlier this afternoon I was on Roe Ave and noticed a vehicle moving away from the drive-through at Winsteads.

Part of my mission was to fetch dinner for Patty and me and my initial landing pad was intended for Freddie's.

I swung around Winsteads parking lot to observe signs announcing Winsteads "dining-in" area was open.

I went to the counter and ordered take-out...

Here is what the waitress told me:

1. The Winsteads location on 135th is closed.
2. As far as she knows, all other locations are open, and plan on remaining open.
3. Same days and hours of operation.
4. Our manager, Patty is still the cook Sunday mornings.
5. Our waitress, Frosty is still working and encouraging patrons for tips.

Now, I don't know if I want to promote a fast return to Sunday breakfast for the MPS Breakfast Bunch, and I will not attend until I am more relaxed about the pandemic ... meaning there is vaccine available for all. I don't care about tests. I'm over 60 with diabetes, heart disease and lung disease, so I'm a prime candidate to contract and perhaps die from the virus. But, I will return at a time when I feel medicine is available and Medicare will pay for it!

Just thought you should know that despite the internet announcements that Winsteads was bankrupt and out of business ... well, apparently that's not so. Enjoy your Sunday breakfast and I'll join everyone at a later time.

Sorry I do not have a current email address for other early-bird members, including our new president, so perhaps someone on this email will make it a thread and forward it to other members.

Stay healthy! **Bob B.**

*For newer members that are not aware, Bob is talking about a breakfast group of members that meet nearly every Sunday at the Winstead's located at I-435 and Roe. The group talks stamps among other topics and usually one or two bring some philatelic items to share or ask about with the group. I don't know if any of the regulars have started back since Bob sent this email out. I would check with Armen or Rodger before going. They are regulars of the group and you can contact them by email located on the first page of this newsletter. It is always an enjoyable time spent on Sunday mornings if you have nothing else to do.*

JMC



**Sweden #2772e  
American Foods  
(hamburger,  
tomato and corn)  
From International Foods  
Booklet Pane**



## Memorial Day and the "Freebooters" by Michael Keil

### Memorial Day Covers

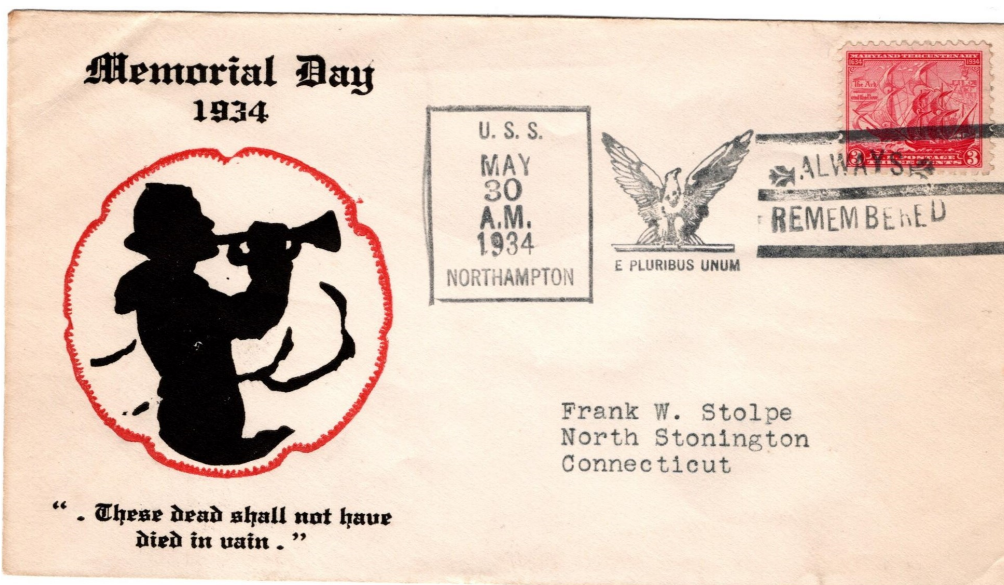
#### USS ARIZONA (BB-39)

Cover cancelled 30 May, 1935. Type 3(B-BBT). Thermographed cachet by Bryd Powell and Ted Denyse. "In Memoriam to *USS AKRON*, *USS MACON*, and *USS SHENANDOAH*." *AKRON*, *MACON*, and *SHENANDOAH* were helium filled ridged airships built for the US Navy as experimental aircraft. All 3 crashed and were destroyed with loss of life.



#### USS NORTHAMPTON (CA-26)

Cancelled 30 May, 1934. Type F (fancy) cancellation. Cachet maker unknown. NORTHAMPTON was at sea when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. She participated in the unsuccessful search for the Japanese fleet after the attack. In April, 1942, the ship joined the task force screening the USS HORNET for the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. NORTHAMPTON participated in the battle for Guadalcanal and the battle of the Santa Cruz Islands. On 30 November, 1942, during the Battle of Tassafaronga, Northampton was struck by 2 torpedoes. 3 hours later the ship sank. The actor Jason Robards was a crewman aboard Northampton when she sank.

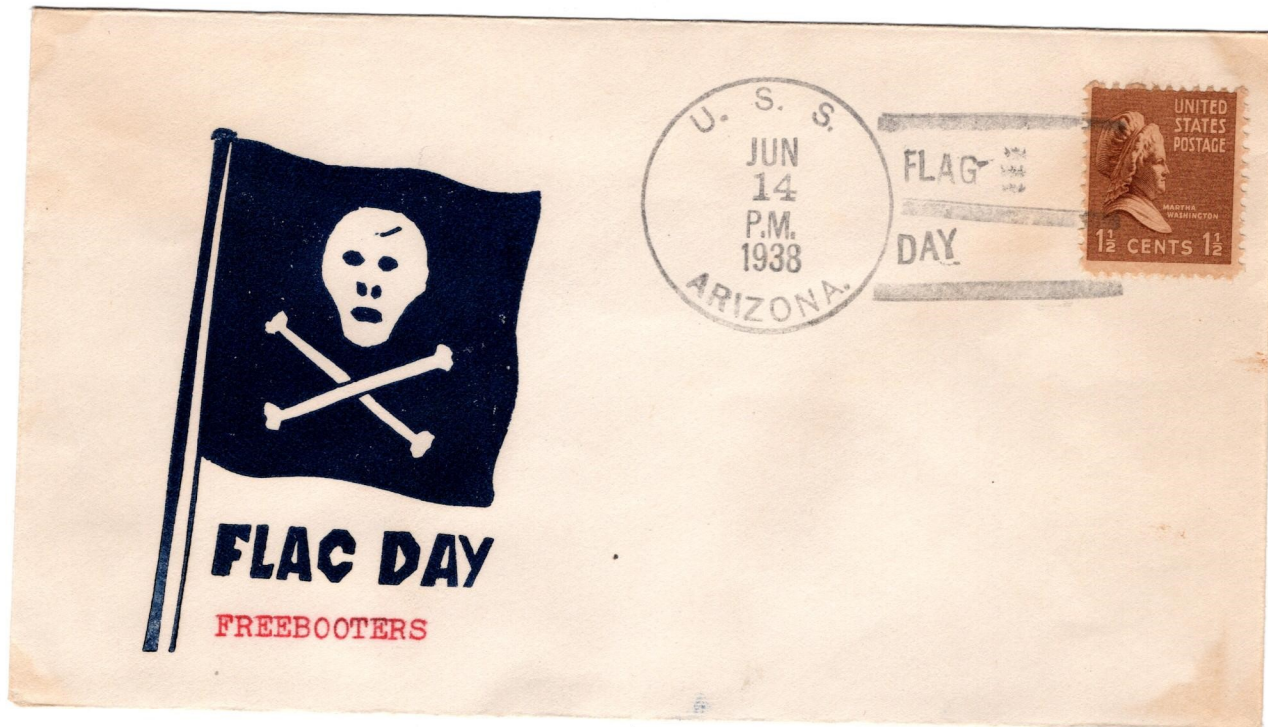


Actor Jason Robards



Flag Day Cover

USS ARIZONA. Cancelled 14 June, 1938. Type 3 Cancellation. The Freebooters Crew was organized in February, 1937 and ceased existence in April, 1939. They both produced cachets and sponsored covers for several ships and events. Most Freebooter covers tend to be in limited supply. They were members of the ANCS, the forerunner of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society



This month's quiz:

What country issued this stamp and why are there two values, one is 650 Rial and the other 10 Rupees?

Find out in next month's newsletter.



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter . Thanks to Robert (Bob) B., Mike K. & Tomas G. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the July issue will be June 15th.** Happy stamping and enjoy this extra time with your collection. *Jim Mc*