

The Messenger



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From your device or phone
October 3rd meeting
Virtual Meeting Starts 2:00
Info will come to your email

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Attendance: 19 members logged in to the ZOOM virtual meeting.

Treasurer: The annual audit has been completed. \$5.00 paid to the State of Missouri. Board needs to determine what do about dues and our annual donation to the library.

Membership: No new members.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Librarian: A complete set of 2017 Scott's catalogues is available.

Historian: Bob shared an MPS cover commemorating the 5th anniversary of Lindberg's transatlantic flight with the year (1932) in the cancellation upside down, and the 1925 MPS triangular logo.

First Vice-President's Report: The October meeting will again be a Zoom meeting. There is no update on the status of the library and when we will be able to resume meeting there. The program will be an extended show-and-tell.

Second Vice-President's Report: The MPS online Market Place is operational and still evolving. Roger is working on a search function. Check back frequently to find out what is happening to the site to make it more user friendly. If you have any questions, contact Roger or Armin. Currently have been 750 lots listed with some sales taking place. There is a PDF instruction sheet on the MPS web site to help with how the site works and for listings. A want list link is also up and operating on the site.

Newsletter: The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month. This is a "hard" deadline, so get your items to Jim on or before this date.

Old business: None.

New Business: None.

Show-and-Tell: Bob had a flown Lindberg cover from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Paramaribo, Dutch Guinea (Lindberg flown covers can range in price from \$10 to \$500, know what you are looking at); Victor shared a 1915 Christmas card with a Christmas seal and handwritten address correction; Neal had an old Scott advertising sheet, maybe from the 1950s; and Roger had a small flashlight that is handy for long-range UV detection, contact him if you want one. Roger is also looking into a small short-wave light.

Announcements:

The December exhibit and luncheon has been cancelled. The white elephant auction is currently on hold while we determine whether we can do it via our zoom platform.

The Omaha show, scheduled for Sept. 12-13, has been cancelled.

The Gladstone show will be held on Sept. 18-19. There are 34 dealers reportedly assigned up to participate. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Hand sanitized should be readily available.

Dale reported that The Great American Stamp Show (virtual show) appears to have been a success. The ATA annual meeting had over 100 participants. This might be a model for future national society annual meetings as it allows people from across the country to attend without having to travel hundreds, if not thousands of miles to attend.

Dale also reported that the St. Louis show appears to have go one without any major issues. The attendance was low, with about 200 people attending in person, but most of the dealers may have at least broken even.

E & D Auction catalogue is out with 809 lots listed. The auction will close at 11:59 pm on Sept. 20. This is not a live auction, but bids can be submitted via email, snail mail, or during viewing times. Viewing is by appointment only.

Program: Fred Reynolds program was on Soldiers Mail. Great program and quite informative. Thanks, Fred.

Encourage MPS members to join us for the Zoom meetings. If they are having trouble getting signed on, help them or ask them to contact one of the board members.

**Log into Zoom on Saturday, October 3rd
for an extended Show-N-Tell.
Be a participant with a special philatelic item
from your collection.**

Respectfully submitted
Michael Keil

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

Hanukkah

First Class, Forever rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date October 6th



Kwanzaa

First Class, Forever Rate
1 Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date October 13th



Winter Scenes

First Class, Forever Rate
10 Designs, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date October 16th



Our Lady of Guápulo (Madonna and Child)

First Class, Forever Rate
1 Design, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date October 20th



Philatelic Happenings:

While the big shows are still being cancelled, such as the recent announcement of the Sarasota Show cancelled for January 2021, smaller regional shows are starting to be held. Gladstone's show this last month is a good example of what some dealers and clubs can accomplish during this crazy time.

Ozarks' Coin and Stamp Show
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E-Plex
3001 North Grant Ave
Springfield, Missouri 65803
To be held October 24-25

Not familiar with this show and just how many stamp dealers will be there. But not a bad drive and a great time to see the fall foliage in the Ozarks. Might be worth the drive.



The above image is of a stamp design announced at the first of the year for release in October but as of the date of publication for this newsletter, no date has been announced. And no more issues for the rest of the year have been announced.

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

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

The President's Corner:

Well autumn is fast approaching. I know that the leaves on some of our early trees are falling and collecting in the driveway, so time to get out the broom and rake as we prepare for the coming season. Autumn also means time for some end of year activities with MPS. Unfortunately, we won't be able to hold the traditional lunch this year, but we will continue to gather for our monthly meetings via The Zoom platform. Thank you to everyone who has been on our recent meetings. We have had some great discussions and lively presentations, and look forward to more. This month we will have an extended Show and Tell time. I know many of you have great items and special interests and we look forward to hearing about your collections. I would encourage presenters to scan your materials if at all possible. This allows you to share detailed images directly from your computer screen. Holding items up to your camera can work, but the image is not as crisp. If you need help, please feel free to reach out and one of us can help guide you in the process. If you haven't yet joined an online meeting, I would encourage you to give it a try. If you are wary of the technology, please reach out for assistance. If you are able to connect to the internet it is fairly easy to get on the actual meeting. You are also welcome to just call in on the phone to hear the discussion although you would not be able to see the show or materials being presented. Thank you for keeping our club active and engaged.

Best, Tomas

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**Germany #2366
Autumn**

Nominating Committee Announced:

With Fall comes the time to nominate next year's slate of officers. The President has announced the committee tasked with finding those willing to serve. The committee consists of Bob Baltzell, Dale Smith, and Mickey Marks. You can contact the committee if you have a suggestion or would like to serve in some capacity.

The following offices will be elected at the December meeting: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The list of all nominees will be published in next month's newsletter. For more information as to the duties of each office, go to our website and read the office descriptions listed in our By-Laws.

Answer from Last Month's Quiz:

If August's stamp question was an Egyptian stamp (and we have determined that it is) why are the first fifty-nine stamps listed, in Scott's, issued under the Turkish Suzerainty and what does it mean?

Rodger was the only person to answer the quiz this month and he was correct. His answer follows: I had to do a little research to find the answer to your newsletter question this month...I knew what a "suzerainty" was...that was fairly common in China within the various provinces and occupations, but I didn't know anything about a suzerainty in Turkey. As it turns out, in the mid 1860s, the Ottoman Empire had sovereign power over Egypt and the stamps issued during that time were from the Turkish suzerainty.

Rodger is right on the button. So then what happened? WWI and the Ottoman Empire's decision to enter into the war but they went with the losing side. Enter the British Empire. Egypt becomes a British protectorate for a time. Scott numbers 60 thru 74 were issued during that time. With #78 comes Egypt's independence from the Brits.

So these early issues of Egypt have a lot of history tied to them.



**Egypt #70
Issued 1922 under the
British Protectorate
Statue of Ramses II**



**Egypt #78-91
Issued October 10, 1922 under
the Independent Kingdom
Overprints of earlier issues of the Turkish
Suzerainty and the British Protectorate**

Lots of fun looking at the changes in a country through this hobby.

Sorry but no quiz this month. If you would like to contribute a quiz question, please write up your question and answer and send to me. Edit and research your question so that it requires no thought on my part, PLEASE!

Philatelic Ramblings:

The virus still is changing how we do things but this past weekend brought something to the area that many in the country are being denied. The Gladstone Club mounted their fall stamp show or bourse. I believe if I counted right, there were at least 12 dealers. One was from Utah. Found a few interesting items for my collection from him. Wish I had gotten his name. I added an error for my U.S. Bicentennial collection. It is difficult at this point to add much to this finite topical collection. What is left are EFO's. Most of the errors are quite expensive.

Scott with Tiger Collectibles and member of this club was there and reported that sales were very good on Friday. When I got there Saturday morning it was somewhat slow but started picking up later in the morning and there was quite a few familiar and unfamiliar faces walking around by the time I left shortly after Noon. My appointment at E and D Auctions to view the lots for Dale's September auction was that afternoon. So Saturday was a great stamp day!

If you didn't make it North of the river, you missed out on some fun. You might have found something interesting like I did. Everyone was respectful and wearing masks. So thanks Gladstone for getting this accomplished.



**US #1690a and #1690
Franklin and Map of North America**
**Stamp at right is correct copy
Stamp at left is light blue ink omitted**

MPS Marketplace:

Have you been to the new MPS Marketplace? Have you posted something you would like to sell? Have you posted something you are looking for? Have you bought an item off the site? No, you haven't!!! Time to check it out. It is a new way for our club members to connect in this "virtual" time.

Most of us that have posted items for sale are happy to meet before you buy. Many transactions have been completed at the Sunday Morning Breakfast group that meets at Winstead's (I435 & Roe).



**Lots recently listed on the MPS Marketplace
found on the MPS website.**



More Covers by Michael Keil

First Flight cover from Honolulu to San Francisco (FAM 14). Cancelled December 5, 1935 in Honolulu. Backstamped December 6, 1935, San Francisco. Flown on a Martin M-130, the *China Clipper*. Cover is signed by the pilot, Captain Edwin Musick. Musick was Pan American's chief pilot and pioneered many of Pan Am's many transoceanic routes. Musick was killed on January 11, 1938 when the Sikorsky S-32, the *Samoan Clipper*, he was piloting crashed near Pago Pago, American Samoa. The plane and the bodies of Musick and the crew were never found. Search and rescue ships only recovered a few small pieces of wreckage.

Second cover

First flight cover cancelled November 7, 1941, Honolulu. Backstamped November 9, 1941, Suva, Fiji. First flight of the Fiji extension, FAM 19. Addressed to Harry Truby, then president of the American Air Mail Society.



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Mike K., for his contribution. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the November issue will be October 15th.** Happy stamping and enjoy this extra time with your collection. *Jim Mc*