

The Messenger



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In Person or by Zoom
New Location
Westport Flea Market
817 Westport Rd
Kansas City, MO 64111
Saturday, December 4th
See Details Inside
Zoom link Info will
come to your email

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Members present or on Zoom: 38 in attendance, 2 on zoom.

Announcements: Congratulations to Jim and MPS for winning a large vermeil from the APS in the Star Route Awards competition for newsletters and websites. Well done!

Chicagopex is Nov. 19-21.

Treasurer: No activity to report.

Membership: No new members.

Secretary: Reminder that daylight savings time ends tonight, set your clocks back one hour. Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Asked our veterans to stand and be recognized. Thank you for your service.

Librarian: Nothing to report.

Historian: No report.

First Vice-President's Report: now signing up for programs for 2022. We have a lot of knowledge and interesting collections in our group that can be shared. Talk about what you collect, why you collect, or do a more in-depth program, but anyone can do a program. Think about sharing your interests and knowledge with us in 2022.

Second Vice-President's Report: Nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Jim thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter and asks that we keep those coming. If someone is not getting the newsletter, either email or snail mail, let him know.

Exhibits: December will be our annual club exhibit program. There is still time to get registered and the forms are on the website. Details and instructions for setting up will be included in the next newsletter.

Annual White Elephant Auction: December we will have our annual white elephant auction. This is our one and only fund-raising event for the club. Items do not have to be philatelic. All proceeds go to MPS and everything sells.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Show and Tell: An old album repaired and preserved using upholstery fabric; a flown FDC from Graf Zeppelin; German Schiffspost (German Navy) covers; a brown/black 10-cent Jefferson on cover (1890).

Program: Mike Keil—"Pearl Harbor's Forgotten Memorial: The USS Utah".

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on
Saturday, December 4th for our Annual Exhibits
and Officer Elections**

New U.S. Issues for 2021:

No more stamp issues this year are announced. See the article on page 6 about the 2022 U.S. Stamp Program.

Philatelic Happenings:

E and D Auctions
Sunday, December 12th
1:30pm Auction Commences
1901 Clay St., Suite A
North Kansas City, MO 64116
For more details, see website
eanddstamps.com

New LOCATION for Our In-Person Meetings



We have found what we hope to be a new permanent location for our meetings. We will be meeting at the Westport Flea Market in Old Westport, Kansas City. This is a great location. Centrally located with a very nice meeting room. The added benefit is you can eat lunch or dinner that day. If you have never eaten there you are in for a treat. They have some of the best burgers in town. Just remember to bring cash. They take no credit or debit cards. Cash is KING, just like our auctions.

The new address is **817 Westport Rd, Kansas City, MO 64111.**

Westport is located north of the Country Club Plaza. You will find it on the southside of the street, with plenty of off-street parking to the East and South of the building. Much of the time their "burger mobile" is parked out front. You know you have arrived if you see it! See the map on page 3.



The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

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

Map to Our New Meeting Location:



Philatelic Ramblings:

So what did everyone think of our new venue. I thought it was fun. Something quite different. The best part was the extra time before the meeting to talk stamps with those of us that arrived early. Also the burger and fries after the meeting. I went home very full. Yes, we have a few kinks to be worked out but the board is working on that and I expect it can be done. And clearly, the location is a plus as we had a better in-person turnout than we have had in sometime.

Although we will not be able to do so for the December meeting because of the exhibits, in January, plan on coming anytime after 10am to see some of your local dealers or those of us trying to sell off our extra stock. You never know what treasure you might find. This is an exciting new addition to meeting at the Flea.

It is hard to look at the new potential issues for 2022 without bringing in a lot of political commentary, and I won't for now. Basically, I will say there is not much to get excited about. And from the commentaries on the stamp blogs, I will say that, I am not alone. But I will let you see for yourself.

What are your stamp collecting goals for 2022? Write me a note or shoot off an email for an upcoming newsletter. I would love one of *you* to kick off the new year with what you are looking for or would like to accomplish. JMc

You're Invited.....

To attend the 2019 Midwest Philatelic Society Stamp Exhibition and Charity Auction.

The Exhibition and Auction will be held on Saturday, December 4th at our new regular meeting place of the MPS, the Westport Flea Market & Grill. The schedule is as follows:

- 10am: Exhibit setup
- 11am: The exhibition will be open for observation and auction set up. Voting for favorite exhibit and favorite program begins.
- 1:30pm: General Awards announced
- 2:00pm: 2019 officer elections and meeting
No show-n-tell. Exhibitors will briefly explain their exhibit.
- 2:30pm: Charity auction (get a number if not already an MPS member)
- 4:15pm or after auction: Presentation of Major Awards
- 4:30pm: Pay for auction lots and exhibit packing.

Voting is limited to current MPS members.

Bidding at auction is open to all present. Included with this newsletter is a document to attach to the items you plan to donate to the auction. Auction items are donated by the members of the MPS and can consist of philatelic and non-philatelic items. Proceeds will go to a charity voted upon by the membership at a later date.

Please join in the fun and festivities this month.

Officer Slate:

The following slate has been announced for next year's officers:

PRESIDENT—Tomas Greibling

1st VICE PRESIDENT—Michael Miklovic

2nd VICE PRESIDENT—Rodger McReynolds

TREASURER—Armen Hovespian, Treasurer

SECRETARY—Michael Keil, Secretary

All have agreed to serve another term. Nominations from the floor in December's meeting can be made. Elections will be held at that time. (See *Schedule of Meeting on pg 4*)

Thanks to the above members for being willing to serve another term as we readjust after Covid and our new location.

USPS Announces 2022 Stamp Program:

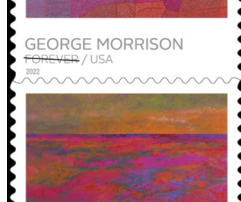
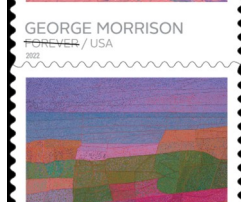
The following has been announced but no dates or times as of yet.



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Do you see a common theme or themes to these issues? Let me know what you think.



Answer to Last Month's Quiz:

The image below is an example of an EFO, an Error, a Freak or an Oddity. This is an example of #1591 that has been ink deprived or more commonly known as an example of ink-starvation. So for the question: Is this example considered an error or freak or oddity?



#1591 Ink-Starved

Normal

Answer: This is considered a Freak not an Error. Why, because it is not a consistent printing error. A freak usually occurs when there is a one time mishap in the printing process. This example probably occurred because the ink fountains of a press clogged or ran dry. Some examples may be minimal to even more severe than this example and are sometimes passed off as errors that are color omitted. Any trace of that particular ink makes it a freak not an error. Freaks are prized and sought after by EFO collectors but do not usually command high prices like an error can.

The President's Corner:

Wow! Hard to believe it is almost Thanksgiving. As I write this, Mike and I are just getting settled in for a few days in Itasca, Illinois to participate in CHICAGOPEX 2021. Cold and windy here, with some very lite snowflakes falling. They did not hold this show last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is nice to be back at a full philatelic show for the weekend. Similarly, I am delighted that we will again be holding our traditional December MPS meeting with our Exhibits program after last year's hiatus. Always interesting to see the exhibits and learn more about what people research and collect. We will also hold our fundraiser, the White Elephant Auction. If there is something collecting dust at your place, bring it along and donate it to MPS. You never know, one person's trash may be another person's treasure!

Tomas

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah from Our Friends in Canada



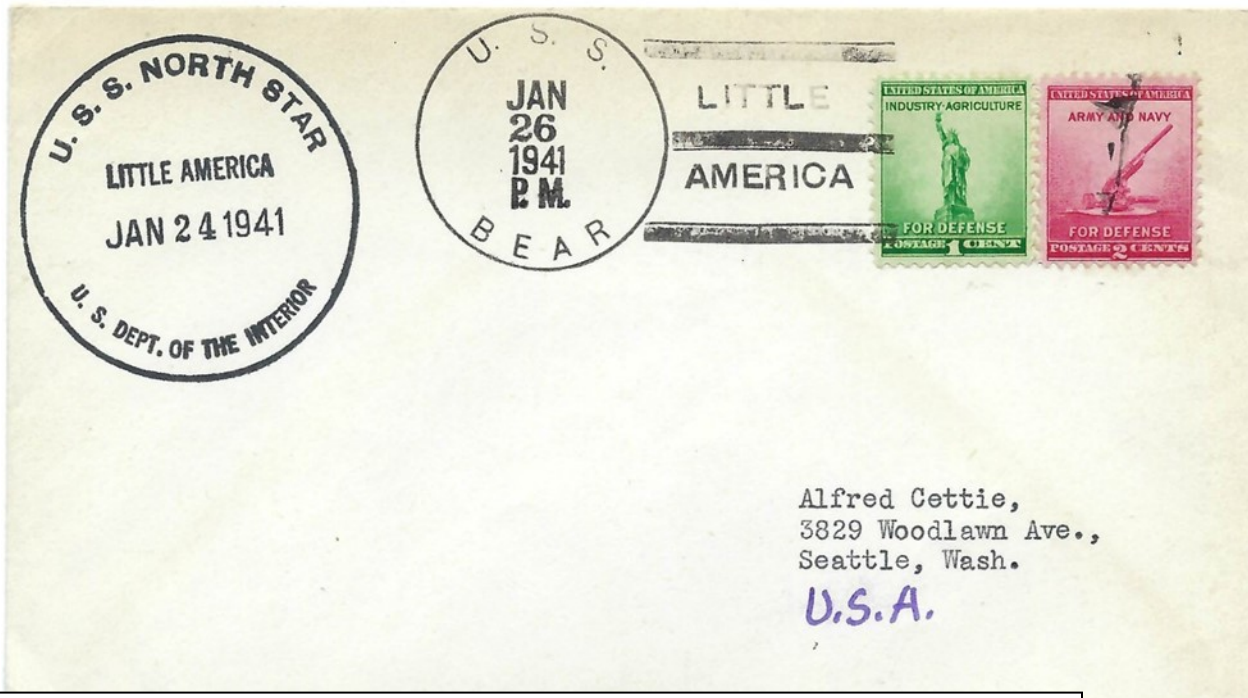
“Wreck of Legendary Naval Cutter *USS Bear* Found off Coast of Boston” by Michael Keil:

Early in October 2021, headlines like this and others announced the news that wreckage, located originally in 2019, had been identified as being “most likely” the remains of the *USS Bear*. According to the U. S. Coast Guard’s official website, the *Bear* is “probably the most famous ship in the history of the Coast Guard.” During a career that lasted nearly nine decades, *Bear* saw service in the Arctic and Antarctic, as well as during the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II. The wreckage was located approximately 150 miles east of Boston.

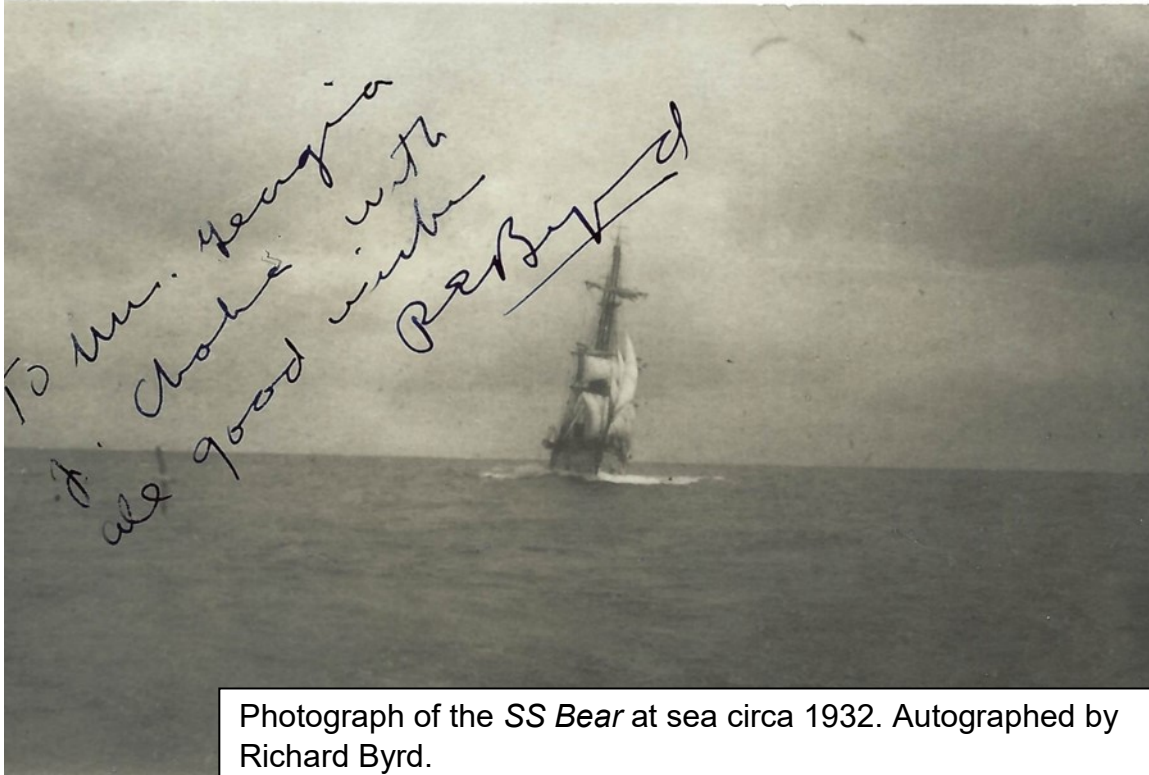
Bear was a wooden-hulled, sail/steam- powered ship built in Scotland in 1874 for Arctic seal hunting. The ship was purchased in 1884 by the U.S. government to aid in the search for the lost Greely expedition. In 1885 *Bear* was transferred to the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service. Based out of Oakland, California, from 1885 until 1926 she was an integral part of the Bearing Sea Patrol. In 1885, Michael Healy became the captain of the *Bear*. Healy, the son of a Georgia slave and a white plantation owner, is regarded as the first African American to command a ship of the United States Government.

In 1926, *Bear* was sold to the city of Oakland, renamed the *Bear of Oakland*, and converted into a floating museum. In 1932 the ship was purchased by Richard Byrd for \$1050 to replace the aging *City of New York* which he had used during his first Antarctic Expedition. Once outfitted and refurbished, the ship, under the command of Lt. (j. g.) Robert English, sailed for the Antarctic as part of Byrd’s Second Antarctic Expedition. In 1939 Byrd leased *Bear*, under the command of Lt. Cdr. Richard H. Cruzen, to the U. S. Navy, for \$1 per year, to be used for the United States Antarctic Service Expedition (Byrd Antarctic Expedition III). Commissioned as *USS Bear* (AG-29) the ship would remain in government service until May 1944 serving as a convoy escort in the waters around Greenland.

Bear was sold in 1948 to a Canadian businessman and renamed the *Arctic Bear*. The intent was to convert the ship back into a seal hunting vessel, but because of declining demand for seal pelts and rising costs of repairs, this never happened. After being allowed to deteriorate for several years, *Bear* was purchased by a Philadelphia businessman, Alfred Johnson, who planned to convert it into a floating restaurant. In March 1963, while under tow to Philadelphia, the ship was caught in a storm and sank.



Cover cancelled on board the *USS Bear* January 26, 1941, during the United States Antarctic Expedition. Cachet from the *USS North Star*. *North Star* was a wooden cutter built for the U. S. Department of the Interior in 1932 and used as a support ship for the Antarctic Expedition.



Photograph of the SS *Bear* at sea circa 1932. Autographed by Richard Byrd.

SS *Bear* leaving Boston Navy Yard bound for Antarctica, September 25, 1933. (Keystone View Company, Associated Press)



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ABOUT ZOOM: Please try to connect at 2:00 or shortly after. Once a show-n-tell or program is in progress, there is not a current way to notice that you are trying to log in.



Photograph of Lt. (j. g.) Robert English (left) and Richard Byrd on the deck of the SS Bear.



Captain Richard Cruzen on board the SS Bear prior to departure for the United States Antarctic Expedition, October 6, 1939.
Cruzen also commanded Task Force 68 during Operation Highjump
(Acme News Photo)

MIDWEST PHILATELIC SOCIETY WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION SHEET

Description : _____

Purchaser

Price paid

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