

# The Messenger



January 2022

In Person or by Zoom  
**New Location**  
Westport Flea Market  
817 Westport Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
**Saturday, January 8th**  
**See Details Inside**  
Zoom link Info will  
come to your email

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## **Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:**

**Members present or on Zoom:** 34 in attendance, 2 on zoom.

**Treasurer:** Dues for 2022 will be payable in January.

**Membership:** No new members. Barbara will be taking over the nametags for 2022. Stephen Slack has been a member for 25 years which entitles him to a lifetime membership to MPS.

**Secretary:** The American Air Mail Society is giving away a number of surplus books to APS research libraries and member societies. The cost is for shipping only. The books are new, unsold items that have accumulated over the past few years and include complete sets of the AAMS Sixth and Seventh Editions. The titles and number of books given will be based on a first-come basis. Mike will follow-up on this and see how MPS can qualify for this and possibly add these to our library.

**Librarian:** Nothing new to report.

**Historian:** Two MPS covers from 1960 and 1961 added to the archives.

**First Vice-President's Report:** We are needing volunteers for programs in 2022.

**Second Vice-President's Report:** The 2021 newsletter has been archived on the website.

**Newsletter:** Jim announced that in 2022 an award will be presented for the best newsletter article, to be voted on and presented at the December meeting.

**Old business:** None

**New Business:** Elections-All the current officers were re-elected for 2022. Thank you to Dale and Perry for serving on the nominating committee for this year.

**Announcements:** E&D Auction is Dec. 12. Tomas received a Vermeil at Chicagopex for his exhibit. It is nice to see Bob Baltzell, Bill Johnson, and Dale and Andrea Smith after extended absences.

**Show and Tell:** Nothing this month

**Program:** Exhibits. White Elephant Auction which raised \$300 for the club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on  
Saturday, January 8th for Tomas Griebing's  
"Happy New Year! What's In A Postcard?"**

## ***New U.S. Issues for 2021:***

**The year starts off with a bang! Several new issues.**

### **Blueberries**

4¢ Denominated, Mail Use  
One Design, Pane of 20, Coil of 3,000 & Coil of 10,000  
Issue Date January 9th  
Print Quantity –20,000,000 stamps for Pane of 20  
9,000,000 for Coil of 3,000  
200,000,000 for Coil of 10,000



## ***Philatelic Happenings:***

### **SOCOPEX**

**Saturday, January 8th– 9am to 3pm**

**Aviator Hotel & Suites**

**6921 S. Lindbergh Blvd**

**St. Louis, MO**

**10 dealers, 33 tables announced with Free admission.**

### **U.S. Flags**

First Class, Forever Rate  
One Design, Pane of 20, Double-sided Booklet of 20 (APU), Doubled-sided Booklet of 20 (BCA), Coil of 100 (APU), Coil of 100 (BCA), Coil of 3,000 & Coil of 10,000  
Issue Date January 9th  
Print Quantity –50,000,000 stamps for Pane of 20  
1,000,000,000 each for APU & BCA Booklets  
1,625,000,000 each for APU & BCA Coils of 100  
15,000,000 for Coil of 3,000  
100,000,000 for Coil of 10,000



### **Lunar New Year**

First Class, Forever Rate  
One Design, Pane of 20  
Issue Date January 20th  
Print Quantity –  
24,000,000 stamps



### **Love 2022**

First Class, Forever Rate  
Two Designs, Pane of 20  
Issue Date January 14th  
Print Quantity –150,000,000 stamps for Pane of 20

### **Edmonia Lewis**

First Class, Forever Rate  
One Design, Pane of 20  
Issue Date January 26th  
Print Quantity –  
Unknown as of print-time.



**The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is  
[www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com)  
Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.**

## **Membership Dues:**

Please bring your cash or check and the attached membership form to the next meeting so that you will be up-to-date in all things with this organization. We offer a lot to the members each month. You can learn more about this wonderful hobby through the show-n-tells and programs we offer. Plus there is the added benefit to buy or sell stamps both at auction and our new “dealer time” before the meeting. From 10am to 1pm is a good time to buy, sell or trade stamps with fellow members or to just discuss all things philatelic. Remember you also get this newsletter each month by email, which is part of your membership dues. If you still prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, there is now an additional \$10 upcharge to your annual dues fee.

The new dues rates are \$25 per year for individuals and \$30 per year for families. Also, members who have been dues paying members for at least 15 years may become a life member by paying 7 years of membership dues in a single transaction and thus becoming a member exempt from future dues assessment. That would be \$175 at the current dues rate of \$25.

See the membership form for the dues rate that fits your need. We will have copies of form at the meeting for those of you unable to print out the form.

If you are already a paid up life member, please fill out the membership form with your current info. Mark on the form that you are a life member.



Russia  
Happy New Year  
Scott #7706

## **The President's Corner:**

Dear MPS Friends -

Happy New Year! Hard to believe that 2022 is upon us. Many of you have likely been making resolutions or setting some goals for the new year. If so, perhaps these include something related to stamps and philately? It could be organizing your collection in a new way, or exploring a different topic or aspect of our hobby. Perhaps you might commit to giving a Program presentation, or at least a Show and Tell, during an upcoming meeting. Or maybe you will write something to contribute to the monthly newsletter. We would love to have you share your knowledge and unique perspective with everyone. Keep stamping! Tomas

**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.

### **MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, January 8th, 2022**

10am– 1pm Dealers, Members, Buy, Sell and Trading time  
1pm— 2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view  
2pm— ?? Business meeting, show-n-tell and program with Auction to follow

Enjoy the benefits of the food and beverage available at Westport Flea Market before and/or after the meeting. Another excellent time to discuss the hobby with fellow members.

***It is recommended that if you need table space to sell items, please bring your own at this time.***

## Philatelic Ramblings:

Not many thoughts this month except to say congrats to Tomas Griebing our current president for his interesting exhibit that won a Vermeil at ChicagoPex this last November. The title of his exhibit was "The Olympic Rings as Design Motif." Thanks Scott Couch for taking the pic at the right of Tomas's winning ribbon and exhibit.

Speaking of Scott, when did he become a Jayhawk fan? Thought he was a Tiger forever!!! But then the Missouri Tiger cap came back. And what was he and Exhibit Chairperson Barbara Crompton so tickled about? Yes, even with the mask Barbara, we can see the laughter in your eyes! Must have been something club photographer Rodger said.



JMc



## Our Annual December Exhibiting:

### 2021 Midwest Philatelic Society - Club Exhibiting Program

4 December 2021

### PALMARES

Westport Flea Market  
817 Westport Rd, KCMO

Exhibit Chairman: Barbara A. Crompton  
Website: [www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com)

#### 1st Place Gold Medal – Grand Award

*Frame 4: Light – A Thematic Illumination*  
Richard Koch

#### 2nd Place Silver Medal – Reserve Grand Award

*Frame 5: "Remember the Maine"*  
Scott Couch

#### Midwest Philatelic Society "Annual President's Program Award"

*HIV/AIDS on Stamps*  
Dale Smith

Midwest Philatelic Society  
“The Martin Finkelstein MPS Research Award”

*Frame 6: A Brief Philatelic History of Operation Highjump*  
Michael Keil

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors  
“AAPE Silver Award of Honor Pin”

*Frame 5: “Remember the Maine”*  
Scott Couch

Women Exhibitors  
“Sterling Achievement Award”

*Frame 3: Stamping is Personal*  
Ted Rights

*Frame 7: Show and Tell*  
Victor M. Ellison

American Topical Association  
“One Frame Ribbon”

*Frame 4: Light – A Thematic Illumination*  
Richard Koch

Midwest Philatelic Society  
Exhibit Chairman’s Medal of Merit

Scott Couch  
Michael Keil

“Midwest Philatelic Society”  
Certificate of Participation

Competitive Exhibits

*Frame 1: EFO’s (Printign Errers on Stamps) – Neil Becker*

*Frame 2: Treasurers of the Tiger and the White Elephant – Tomas Griebing*

*Frame 3: Stamping is Personal – Ted Rights*

*Frame 4: Light, A Thematic Illumination – Richard Koch*

*Frame 5: “Remember the Maine” – Scott Couch*

*Frame 6: A Brief Philatelic History of Operation Highjump – Michael Keil*

*Frame 7: Show & Tell – Victor Ellison*

Non-competitive Exhibit

*Frame 8: U.S. Documentary “Battleship” Revenues with Printed Canceled – Burlington Route – Bob Burney*

**Members Giving a Brief Overview of their Exhibit:**



Neil Becker



Tomas Griebing



Ted Rights



Victor Ellison



Richard Koch



Michael Keil



Scott's talking while looking at Michael Keil's exhibit but Michael looks bored!

**Exhibits Chairperson Barbara Crompton Presenting the Awards:**



Richard Koch  
First Place  
Gold  
Medal—Grand  
Award



Scott Couch  
Second Place Silver  
Medal—Reserve  
Grand Award  
The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors  
“The AAPE Silver Award of Honor Pin”

Dale Smith  
MPS  
“Annual President’s  
Program Award”



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Society

Exhibit Chairman’s

Medal of Merit



***Thanks to all our exhibitors for providing great exhibits to learn from.***

If you do not want your picture in next year’s January newsletter then either hide from photographer Rodger or borrow Scott’s KU cap to cover your face. For the rest of you that can and should exhibit and don’t mind your face in the newsletter then get cracking and have an exhibit this next December. Remember an exhibit can become a newsletter article and/or program also!



## ***The International Geophysical Year by Michael Keil:***

The International Geophysical Year (IGY) was a year and a half long period of intense global activities with 70 nations cooperating scientifically. The International Council of Scientific Unions oversaw this endeavor which lasted from July 1957 until December 1958. The IGY Program Report stated that the goal was "...to observe geophysical phenomena and to secure data from all parts of the world; to conduct this effort on a coordinated basis by fields, and in a space and time, so that results could be collated in a meaningful manner." The IGY advanced our understanding of the earth, our atmosphere and had a significant effect on the future of the Antarctic Continent.

The IGY was modeled on two previous Polar Years, 1882-83 and 1932-33, where coordinated scientific studies were conducted to understand the earth's natural processes and cycles. The third Polar Year was scheduled for 1982 but Lloyd Berkner, one of the organizers of the IGY, recognized that there would be a significant sunspot cycle between 1957 and 1958 that would be too important to not thoroughly investigate. This cycle, along with advances in technology and the global focus of the project made 1957-58 a period when global understanding could be enhanced on an unprecedented scale. The most significant IGY achievements were:

- Understanding the system of mid-ocean ridges that encircle the globe, furthering our understanding of the earth's crust and the theory of Plate Tectonics.
- Discovery of the Van Allen Radiation Belts. These belts surround the earth at altitudes of hundreds and thousands of kilometers above the surface and are significant to present day electronic communications.
- Collection of synoptic data, a comprehensive overview of global physical phenomena.

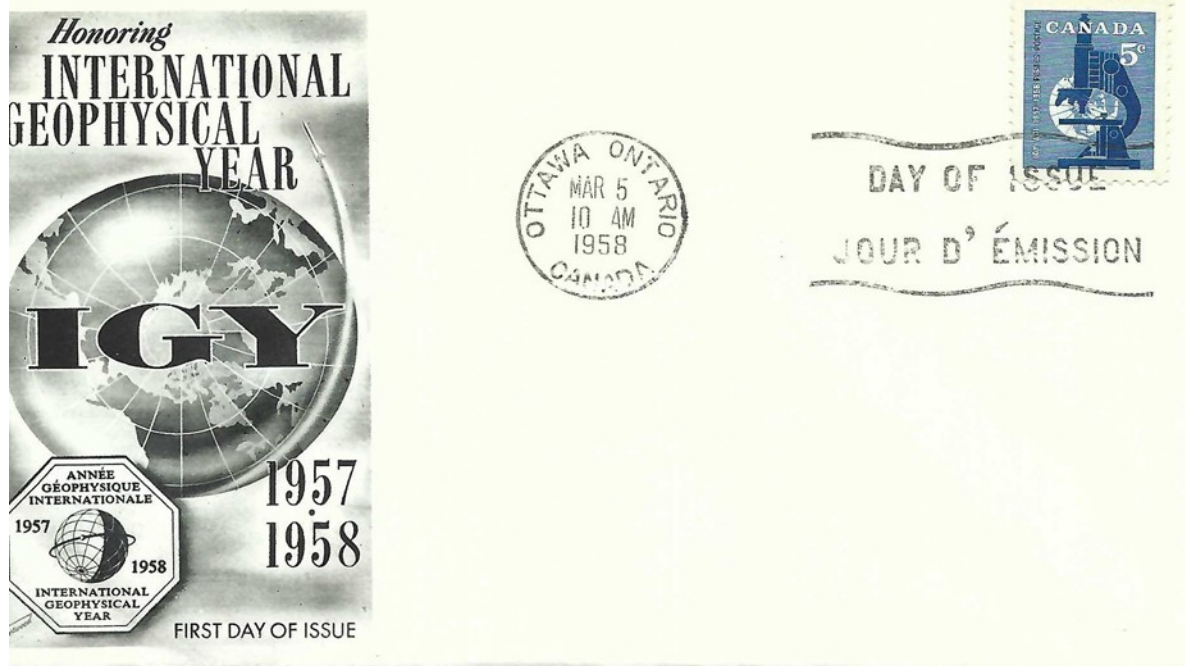
Under the collection of data, special attention was given to the Antarctic Continent. Neither the race for the South Pole in the early 1900's or the explorations of the 1930's brought the amount of understanding of the continent experienced during the IGY. Through cooperative agreements, twelve countries with research stations on the ice (36) or neighboring islands (19) provided the following advancements:

- A new value for total abundance of water in the form of ice on the Antarctic continent. 90% of the planet's ice is found on and around the continent, locking 68% of the world's fresh water in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Improver meteorological predictions by understanding the weather patterns of the Southern Hemisphere.
- Advancements in the theoretical analysis of glaciers.
- Seismology on the Southern Hemisphere.

The cooperation in Antarctica paved the way for the Antarctic Treaty. Signed December 1, 1959, the treaty created a continent free from nuclear weapons and open to scientific research, the first truly "international" territory. By 1996, forty-one nations, representing more than 80% of the world's population, had signed the treaty. Twenty-seven of those are full voting members of the treaty organization. Any changes or alterations to the treaty requires unanimous agreement of all 27 voting members.

Philatelically, the International Geophysical Year created untold opportunities for collectors. Stamps, cachets, organizations like the National Science Foundation, ships, bases and stations, and individual program participants produced an untold volume of items to fill volumes of materials. In the ensuing years more items have become available, such as those related to the Antarctic Treaty, construction of new, technologically advanced research stations, the International Polar Year 2007-08, and much more. In the months to follow, I hope to illustrate the possibilities by sharing items related to the IGY.

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Canada did not send a team to Antarctica during the IGY. Instead, Canada conducted scientific research on specimens collected and returned by other groups. Canada's IGY stamp features a microscope (research) with the symbol of the IGY, the globe, in the background.



On October 8, 1958, Haiti issued a set of seven stamps and a souvenir sheet of 4 to commemorate the IGY. Haiti did not participate in the activities of the IGY in the Antarctic or at home, not did it send any equipment or personnel. These issues had no significance for the program and therefore was rejected by the American Philatelic Society.

YES ✓ I would like to JOIN OR CONTINUE my membership in Midwest Philatelic Society.

Copy and save this form as a pdf or jpg document and send to: info@armenstamp.com or bring to meeting with dues.

Or mail to: Armen Hovsepian  
Treasurer  
P. O. Box 24222  
Overland Park, KS 66283

- 2022 dues (individual)..... \$25.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2022 dues (family)..... \$30.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Life Member.....\$175.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Current Life Member
- 2022 Donation to My MPS Club..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2022 Donation to MPS Library..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Upcharge for Mailing Newsletter \$10.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- .....Total Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We are updating our records and will appreciate if you complete the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

My collecting interests: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL MEMBERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED BUT WANT SOME INFORMATION TO BE WITHHELD PLEASE INDICATE WHAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE INCLUDED:

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