

The Messenger



December-January
2023

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Next Meeting
In Person or by Zoom
**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 8TH
1:00pm**
See Details Inside

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the November meeting:

Members present or on Zoom: 22 members with two visitors, Jackie Vance & Allan Wigodner

Armen, our Treasurer presided as President and both Vice Presidents were unable to attend.

First Vice-President's Report: No Report

Second Vice-President's Report: No report

Treasurer: No report

Secretary: No report

Librarian: No report

Historian: No report

Newsletter: We received a Large Silver from the APS Star Route Awards.

Exhibits: Only three member have signed up for next month's club exhibiting.

Old Business: Reminder of upcoming officer elections. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Elections are in December.

New Business: It was moved and seconded to go ahead with the club exhibiting but limit the awards to a "Best in Show" since so few have signed up to participate this year. The three exhibits will not be penalized to exhibit and compete next year.

Announcements: Jeff Jaax and his wife have invited all members to their house for a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 10th from 6-10pm. Spouses or significant others are invited as well. RSVP is appreciated. The January meeting will be at on Sunday, January 8th at the Monticello Library.

Show and Tell: Steve shared info about Indian State stamps and the forerunners of those issues. Jim shared a new piece of Royal Mail with the Barcode stamp.

Program: Program on the 50th Anniversary of the Pharmacy stamp (#1473) by Dale Smith.

Respectively submitted by,

Jim McKinzie for Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on
Sunday, January 8th for
Around the World in 80 Days
Presented by Zach Lawrence**

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the December meeting:

Attendance: 37 in attendance along with guests Marshal Webster and members of the Martin Finkelstein family.

Treasurer: We began the year with \$8389.00 and currently have \$10,218.00. Expenses were \$1,200.00.

Membership: No report

Secretary: U.S. postal rates will be going up again in January. Forever stamps will increase to 63 cents and other rates are going up as well.

Librarian: Still looking for members to do book reviews. All that is needed is for someone to read one of the books in our library and write a brief (a paragraph or so) review of the book.

Historian: No report.

First Vice-President's Report: The January meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at the Monticello library from 1-5.

Second Vice-President's Report: Reminder that the proceeds of the auction today go to the club and how the auction today works.

Newsletter: No report.

Old business: Elections of officers for 2023. The slate of candidates prepared by the nominating committee was presented. Meeting was opened for nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations from the floor a motion was made and carried that the candidates presented by the nominating committee be accepted by acclamation. The motion carried.

New Business: None

Announcements: E&D Auction is Dec. 12. Jeff Jaax invited everyone to a Christmas Party at his house next Saturday evening.

Show and Tell: An interesting and very small card sent through the US mail.

Program: Award presentations and the White Elephant auction.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Keil

New Officers Elected for 2023:

The following have been elected to serve this organization for 2023,

President—Rodger McReynolds
1st Vice-President—Armen Hovsepian
2nd Vice-President—Jeff Jaax
Secretary—Michael Keil
Treasurer—Hans Vergara

Congrats and good luck!

Special Meeting Location and Time:

Our next meeting will be held at the Monticello Library of the Johnson County Library System on **SUNDAY, January 8th**. Please note the time and place on your calendar. We are having more difficulty in securing a permanent location and date for our meeting.

Monticello Library is located at

22435 W. 66th St., Shawnee, KS 66226

We have been to this location several times before. It is located just off of Shawnee Mission Pkwy, West of I-435 and just East of K-7.

Because it is Sunday we will not be able to get in the room until 1:00pm.

Philatelic Ramblings:



We recently received notice that the American Philatelic Society has awarded the Large Silver award for this newsletter. As editor I want to thank all of you that have contributed to this newsletter this year that made this possible. This would not have been possible without your many good articles and suggestions. I also wish to thank Dale Smith for submitting the newsletters for consideration. This is the second year in a row that we have received recognition.

The Grand Champion award went to the Poway Stamp Club of Poway, CA in San Diego county. Their website won the Grand Champion award also. Go out to their website and look at their newsletters and let me know what you like about it.

I must apologize to you the members and particularly those of you who receive the newsletter by mail. I had escaped for two plus years the dreaded COVID virus. But unfortunately it finally got me just before Thanksgiving. I had been working on the newsletter for December but was long from completing it when the virus struck. It took it's toll and it really has been a struggle to get my strength and energy back. I know many of you can sympathize as you have already had it. I have known many people that have had the virus more than once so I thought I must be immune. WRONG!!!! That's what I get for thinking. A matter of hubris. Just for fun I googled "Hubris Stamp". What came up in the images but the Gen. Douglas MacArthur 6c stamp from 1971. I don't feel so bad now. Not bad company to keep.

Many new issues are coming out this January. You can see them pictured and info on those new issues on pg. 5. I really like the fox, although I really don't see the point of a 40c stamp. But they seem to think it will be used by bulk mailers to attract attention. They are issuing the stamp in three



US #1424
Gen. Douglas MacArthur

formats. Pane of 20, a 3,000 and 10,000 coil roll. So far I have not been able to get an order number for a strip of 25 on the coils. I will not be very happy if you can only get the coils by buying a whole roll. You would have to shell out \$1,200 just for the roll of 3,000. Oh, for the days of the Philatelic windows at the large post offices. Where you could get one stamp or a pair. A plate block or the whole sheet if you wanted to of every issue that came out. And people wonder why young people and so many of us older collectors are not collecting the new issues. This year may be it for me but I have said that before.

This month you will also see the new priority and express issues. If you collect US, those are good ones to have. I have recently heard the priority and express issues of the last 10 or so years are in

high demand. Why? Well, many collections don't have them and dealers have not necessary been stocking them. So they are scarce. That means you aren't going to find the older ones at face or below. You will pay probably not catalogue but close to it. Glad I have them.

Not really in love with the rest of the new issues but I suppose that I will get them. I still think that I must have them all. Crazy me! Is there such a thing as Philatelics Anonymous? Maybe I will start that group.

Did you get many Christmas or other holiday cards in the mail. I get fewer and fewer but that could be because I have not sent any cards out in a good many years. But also as you get older your circle of friends and relatives gets smaller and smaller. What I did notice is the very nice cancellations on many of the envelopes of the cards I did receive. I find it interesting that they cancel the mail very nicely and completely during the holidays but the rest of the year it is hit or miss. Much of the mail we receive in our office has no cancellation marks, as above. I do wonder how many different holiday cancellations there were. I found only three. *JMc*



Philatelic Happenings:

Nothing close that I am aware of unless you want to travel to Chicago, New England, Georgia, Milwaukee or Sarasota. Most of what I found out there are regional or small bourses. The major exception is the show in Florida. It is called the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, January 20-22. It is fairly large show. So if you need some warmth, sun and stamps, that might be a good one to go to. Something I am considering. Got the time and never been to Florida, so could be fun. Gee, should I book a flight with Southwest?



US #3569
Greetings from America

New Issues for 2023:

Red Fox

40¢ rate
 One Design, Pane of 20,
 Coil of 3,000 & Coil of 10,000
 Issue Date January 5th
 Print Quantity –10,000,000 stamps
 for Pane of 20
 15,000,000 for Coil of 3,000
 75,000,000 for Coil of 10,000



Notice that the new Black Heritage stamp has a forever rate of 63¢ as opposed to the Love or Lunar New Year at 60¢. That is because on January 22nd the rates go up. So I would suggest if you are going to buy the Lunar and Love, order or buy them before the 22nd.

How much was first class postage when you started collecting? For me it was 5¢.



School Bus

Additional Ounce rate (24¢)
 One Design, Pane of 20 &
 Coil of 100
 Issue Date January 5th
 Print Quantity-100,000,000
 for Pane of 20
 50,000,000 for Coil of 100



Lunar New Year

Forever rate (60¢)
 One Design, Pane of 20
 Issue Date January 12th
 Print Quantity- 22,000,000

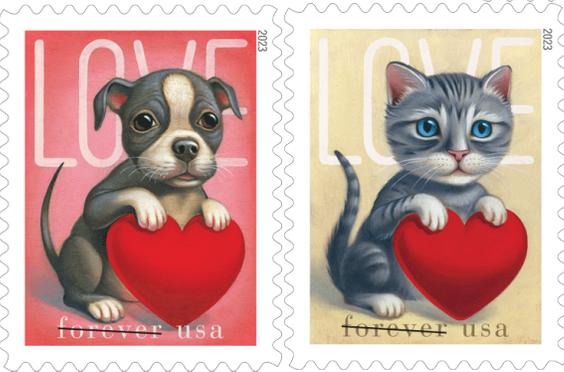


Sailboats

Postcard rate (44¢)
 Two Designs, Pane of 20 & Coil of 100
 Issue Date January 22nd
 Print Quantity– 120,000,000 for Pane of 20
 350,000,000 for Coil of 100

Love

Forever rate (60¢)
 Two Designs, Pane of 20
 Issue Date January 19th
 Print Quantity- 200,000,000



Ernest J. Gaines

Forever rate (63¢)
 One Design, Pane of 20
 Issue Date January 23rd
 Print Quantity– 35,000,000



Great Smoky Mountains

Priority Express rate (\$24.95)
 One Design, Pane of 4
 Issue Date January 22nd
 Print Quantity- ????



Florida Everglades

Priority Mail rate (\$9.65)
 One Design, Pane of 4
 Issue Date January 22nd
 Print Quantity- ????

DEAD COUNTRIES: (Stamp-issuing countries that no longer exist) by Neil Becker

#4 Hawai'i

Even though our 50th state has been part of the U.S. since 1898, it qualifies as a “dead country” since, prior to annexation, Hawai'i had been an independent kingdom. The Kingdom of Hawai'i was formed in 1810 under King Kamehameha I. The kingdom lasted until 1893, when a series of coups deposed Queen Liliuokalani and a provisional government was formed, led by American residents. It was called Republic of Hawaii from 1893 to 1898.

Hawai'i issued its first stamps in 1851, known as the “Missionaries” since they were mainly used by the missionaries working to convert the natives of the islands to Christianity. The four stamps were typeset in blue on pelure paper, imperforate. They are very rare. 1853 to 1861 saw the stamps of two kings and numeral issues, many of which carry catalogue values of several thousand dollars (Scott's #5 through #29.)



Hawaii #31
King Kamehameha IV

Between 1864 and 1891 new stamps in 14 different designs depicting several monarchs and royal family members were issued. Bearing denominations between 1c and 1 dollar, they are reasonably priced in Scott Catalog. In 1893 these stamps were overprinted “Provisional GOVT 1893” in three lines, in purple and black.



Hawaii #3
Missionary

In 1894 the new “Republic of Hawaii” issued a set of six stamp (1c - 25c), followed by six Official stamps in 1896. After the annexation of the islands by the U.S in 1898, these stamps continued to be valid for postage. The 1c, 2c and 5c were reprinted in 1899 in new colors. In June, 1900 they were replaced by United States stamps.



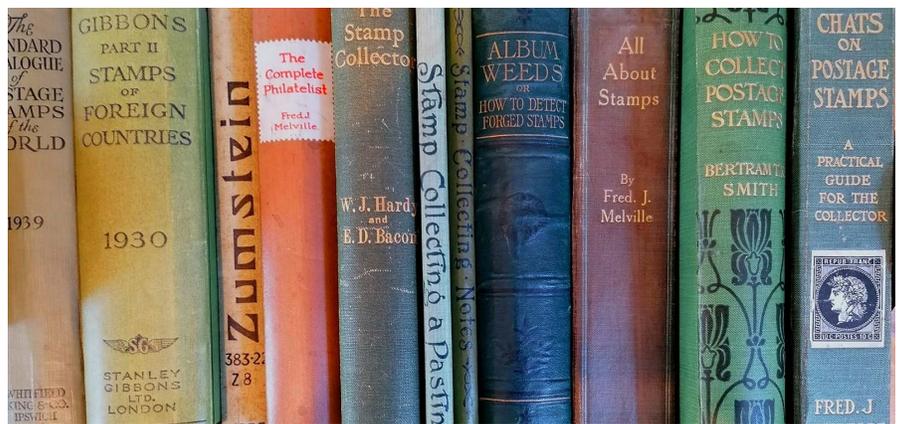
Hawaii #78
S.S. Arawa

ABOUT ZOOM:

Please try to connect at 2:00pm on meeting days 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.

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Review by Jeff Jaax

SLOANE'S COLUMN Bureau Issue Association 1961 467 Pages

This book was published in honor of George Sloane. As a teenager, Sloane had saved his money and established a small stamp shop on Nassau Street in NYC. By age 20, he had become an expert appraiser, dealer, and auctioneer. In 1932, he was approached to be a founding contributor for a proposed magazine, STAMPS. He accepted and his column was a prominent feature in STAMPS first issue. He wrote a column each week for the next 26 years under the heading SLOANE'S COLUMN. He never missed an edition. In fact, his last article ran in the same issue as his death announcement (July, 1958)

This book is a compilation of his 1350 articles. It is arranged by philatelic subject in alphabetical order. There is something here for every collector and almost every aspect of stamp collecting is represented. These articles are full of knowledge and give an insight into the evolution of philately from 1930 until 1958. It is especially useful in that each article can be read in just a few minutes. I found myself reading a few articles chosen at random each night before bed. This book is entertaining and I would recommend.

Who Was "H.N.?" by Dale Smith

During our meeting in September 2022, we had several speakers at our show and tell. One of them (I can't remember who) showed a cover with a stamp that had a perfin of "H. N." The presenter had not seen this before and did not have any background on who H.N. was.

It was a perfectly timed presentation because I had just purchased several covers from a dealer at the Great American Stamp Show. Wayne Gerhart had boxes and boxes of covers by Hideaki Nakano (H.N.) in his buck a cover boxes. They were so unusual that I purchased some of them for my collection. Who was H.N.?

Hideaki Nakano was a Japanese storyboard artist, key animator, episode director, and occasional voice actor. He lived from 1935 to 2019 according to information from the AFDCS archives. I assume that is why a bunch of his material is on the market now.

Nakano's particular type of animation was called *Anime*. A very popular form of entertainment primarily for adults as well as Japanese children. What is the purpose of anime? *Anime* is one of the most popular forms of animation in Japan. It is used to present stories with different themes, characters, and settings. Many people from other countries are interested in learning more about this art form. They are a lot like our cartoons. He had worked on a lot of television shows in Japan even though he lived in Detroit Michigan.

In our philatelic world, Nakano excelled at making First Day Covers and event covers. One reference

stated that he created these covers over a short period of time. He created First Day Covers from 1983 -1988, using stamps from Scott 1849 to 2369. Commemoratives, regular issues, and transportation coils were utilized. He produced many different cover designs. Some of these were in a 3 D "pop-up" fashion.



His first US FDC was for the Coral Reefs stamps (Aug. 1980) and with the Everitt Dirksen stamp (Dec. 1980). He started numbering his covers and using the designation "H.N. Local Post (HNLP)." (Figure 1 & 2) He had a personal Perfin pattern "H.N." listed in the Perfin US catalog as pattern H126.5P. He used this perfin on stamps on most of his covers. He usually placed his stamps somewhere on the cover accompanied by a red Japanese marking that is the family hand stamp of the artist.

Figure 1 above and Figure 2 below



The covers are quite unusual and have many themes: humorous, bizarre, protest, political commentary, X-rated, etc. Quite often he used other FDC both worldwide and U.S. and added his stamps and comments.

Some are controversial in their subject matter. I think some of the covers Nakano created were not at all nice. (Figure 3 & 4) On occasion, he took some fairly historic covers and added modern first day cancels that I think deface the original object. Look at the Chinese FDC with a sample of dirt from China. (Figure 5)

Then I realized that this is an artist at work.

Art provokes and causes controversy oftentimes. The cover above (Booth) is a good example of this. Some will find it highly offensive. Some will appreciate the word play at the word (booth). And the 3 attached Lincoln stamps with one "knocked over."

Most of his covers were made in limited numbers, sometimes only one copy. Most HNLP covers are very large (8" x 10"), but for a brief period in the mid-80s, Nakano made covers on standard 6½" envelopes. There are many examples shown on the internet. They were made in limited editions of 10 to 50. HNLP (Nakano) covers are sold mainly at cover auctions and are generally not stocked by dealers. During my research I have seen some sell for as high as \$80.00. Though most sell around for \$5.00 or less. At a recent McCusker FDC auctions, prices ranged from \$15 to \$60.

I was so taken by this artist work that I hope to be able to put a presentation together about him for next year. Surprisingly there is a lot of information on the internet about Nakano. Be aware that there are several individuals with that name, so you want the "FDC Nakano" as a reference.

Here is a link to a site that shows a bunch of his work:

<http://swapmeetdave.com/Stamps/FDC/Nakano.htm>

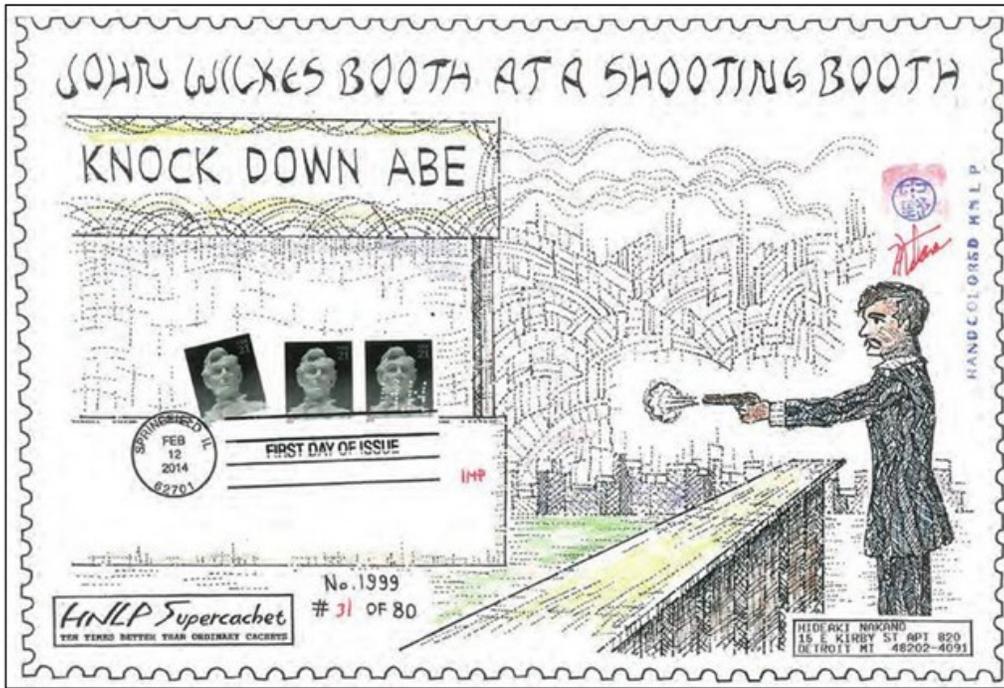


Figure #3

Figure #4

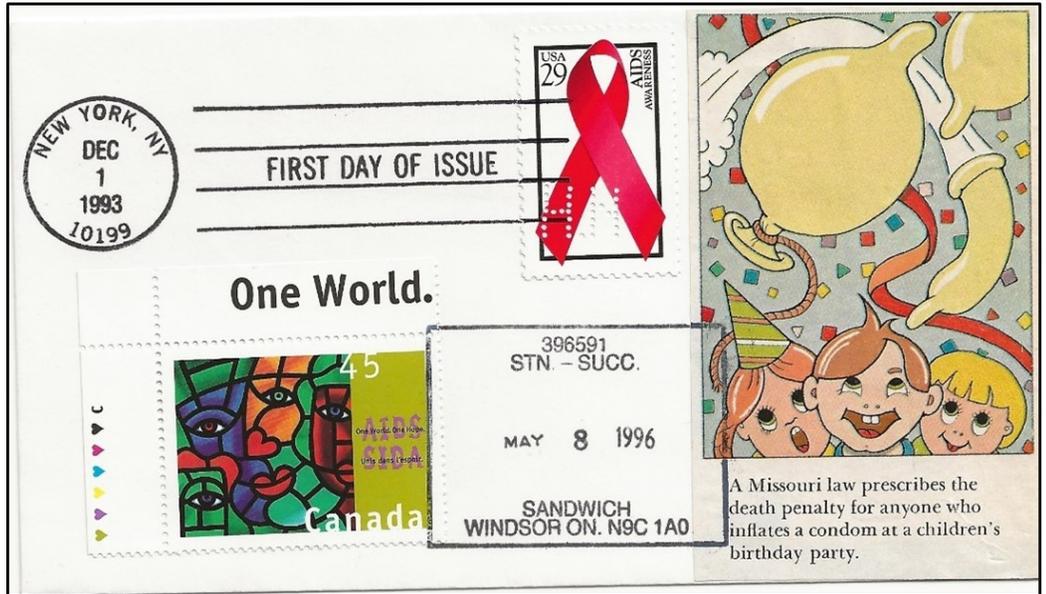


Figure #5

SAS and the "Great Circle Route- by Michael Keil



Cover carried on the first SAS exploratory flight from Los Angeles to Copenhagen via the Arctic basin (Great Circle Route), November 19-20, 1952.

Scandinavian Airway System (SAS) was founded on 1 August 1946, when the major airlines of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden merged. On 17 September 1946, operations started under the new entity and the first international service was conducted between Stockholm and New York.

On 19 November, 1952 Captains Pavl Jensen and Sven Gibson, flew from Los Angeles to Copenhagen on the first exploratory flight through the Polar Basin (Trans-Arctic) following the "Great Circle Route." The flight included stops in Edmonton, Canada and Thule, Greenland.

SAS became the first airline to provide regular polar basin route service between Los Angeles and Copenhagen on 14-16 November, 1954 with stops in Søndre Strømfjord, Greenland and Winnipeg in Canada. By mid-1956, service was increased to three flights per week.

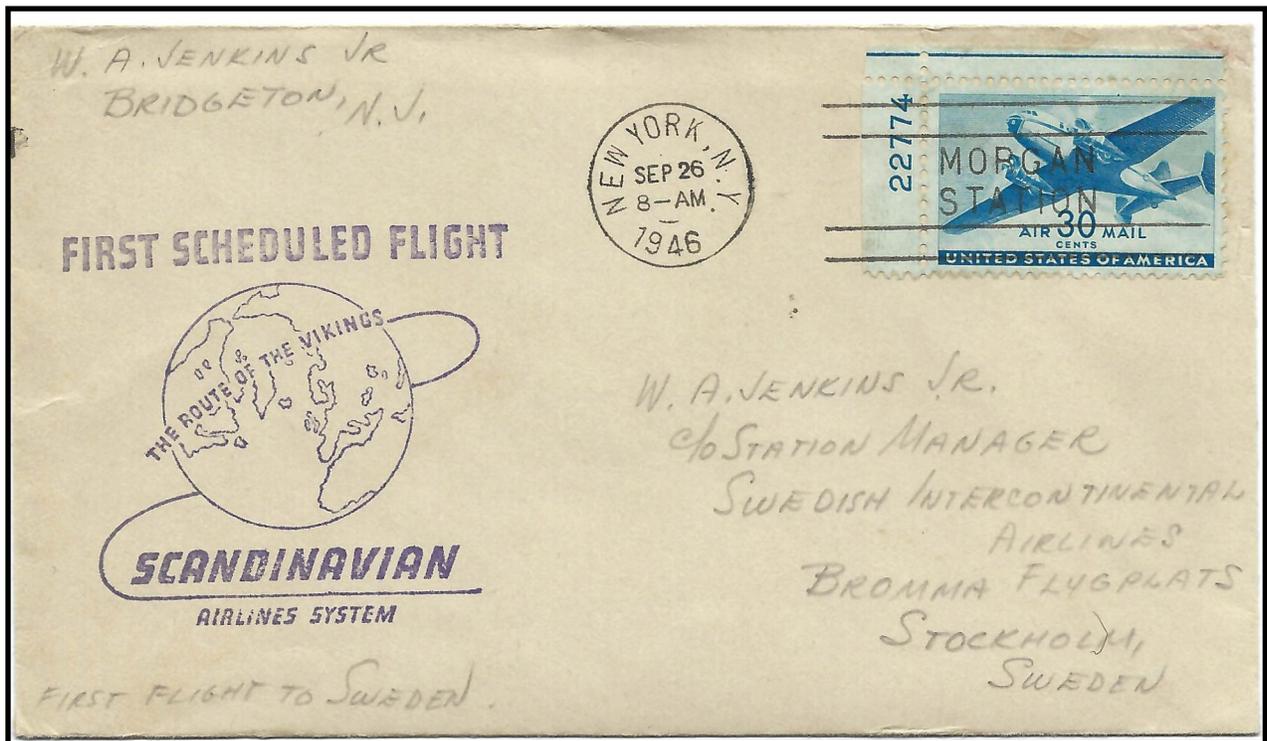
In 1957, SAS was the first airline to offer around-the-world service over the North Pole via a second polar route served by Douglas DC-7Cs flying from Copenhagen to Tokyo via Anchorage International Airport in Alaska. The flight via Alaska was a compromise solution since the Soviet Union would not allow SAS, among other air carriers, to fly across Siberia between Europe and Japan, and Chinese airspace was also closed.

First regularly scheduled Transatlantic flight, 18-19, May, 1953.C

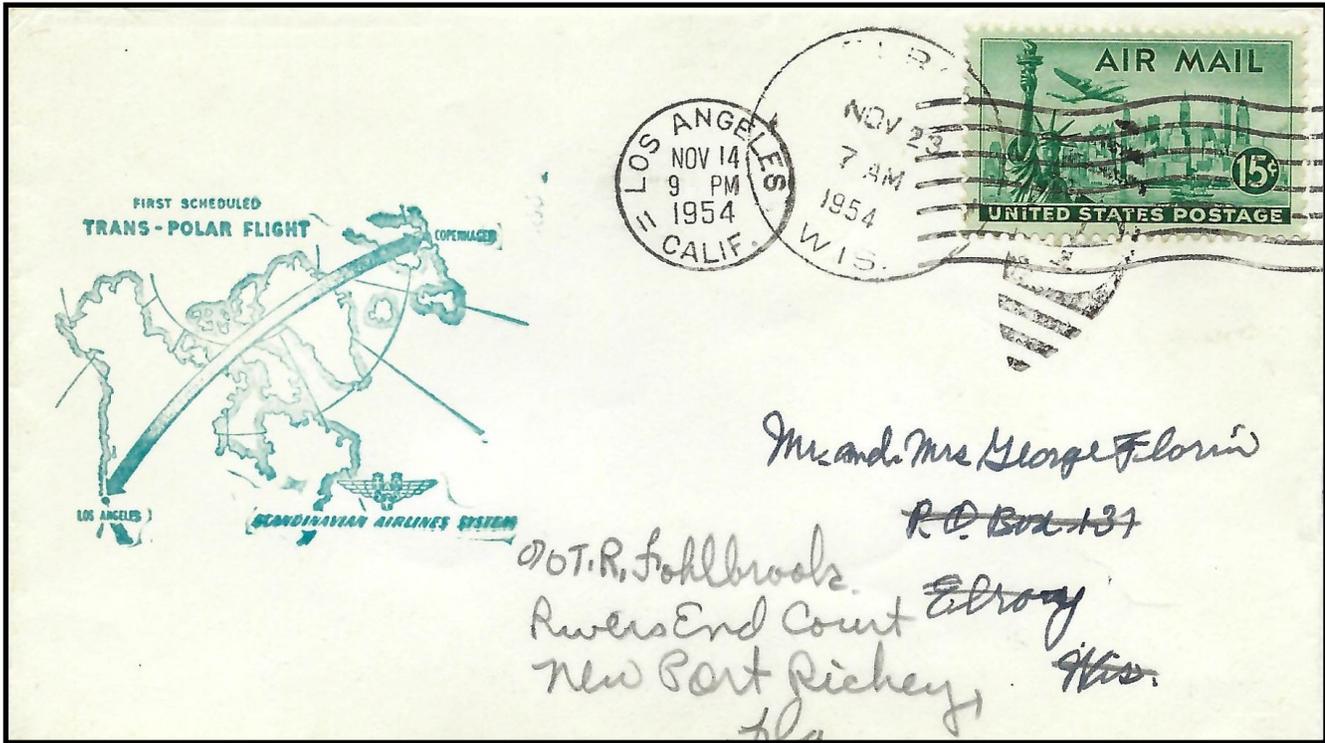




Special 15 November SDR. STROMFJORD cancellation from Greenland along with 16 November "Kobenhavn (Copenhagen) Gronlands Postkonter" receipt postmark. Franked with Greenland Scott no. 1 (x 5), no. 2, no. 6, no. 17, and no. 37 (x4).



First SAS scheduled flight from New York to Stockholm, Sweden, 26 September, 1946. These early flights did not follow the Great Circle Route.



First polar flight cover with map cachet showing the polar route. Most cachets of this design are done in violet ink. Green ink is somewhat unusual.

Machine cancelled on 14 November, 1954 and sent on from Wisconsin to Florida on 23 November, 1954. Backstamped Kobenhavn 16 November, 1954. Enclosed note to recipient explaining the cover.



Bremerton, Wash.
Nov. 9. 1954

Dear George and Alise

I am sending this Cover to Los Angeles where a special Cachet will be applied and then sent via the Scandinavian Airlines System to Copenhagen, Denmark on its first Air Mail Flight over the North Pole. Then on arrival at Copenhagen will be backstamped and returned over the North Pole to you.

Jacob

Time to Get Out the Wallet:

It is membership renewal time. Yes, that time of year that we are all hit with renewals. Although, for what this organization offers, it is very reasonable. AND this year, we will publish a membership directory for members only. This is why we are asking EVERYONE to fill out the attached membership form so that we can create a good directory that will be helpful to everyone. The plan is to include a picture by each member along with your collecting interests. That way if you have something to trade or sell or just need to share some info on a subject, you will know who else might be interested. Sound good?

Please don't refrain from coming this next meeting because you are camera shy. If you don't want your pic included or some part of your information, just indicate that on your renewal form and we will exclude that information. This is a project that has been talked about for many years and we want to complete it as soon as possible. So bring your dues and membership form on Sunday, January 8th to the meeting.

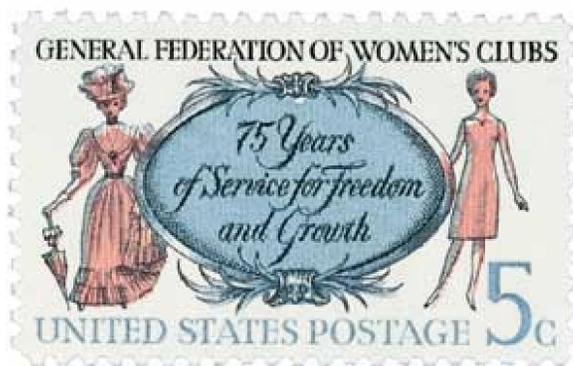
If you are unable to attend our meetings, you can mail your form and dues to Hans our new treasurer. Include a pic of yourself and we will scan it and get it back to you.

We will have blank forms available at the meeting if you are unable to print off the membership form.

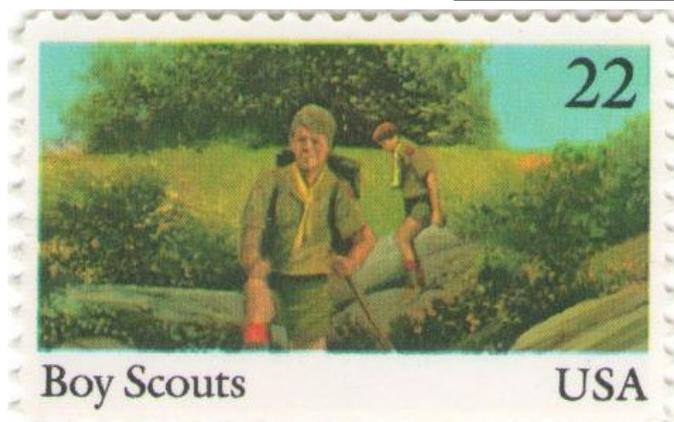
Thanks for being a loyal member and we hope to see you at the Monticello Library.



US #1005
4-H Issue



US #11316
General Federation of Women's Clubs



US #2161
Boys Scouts, 75th Anniversary

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: Bring to meeting with dues.

Or mail to: Hans Vergara
Treasurer
11916 W 109th St #204
Overland Park, KS 66210

- 2022 dues (individual).....\$25.00.....\$ _____
- 2022 dues (family)\$30.00.....\$ _____
- Life Member (contact Hans first for eligibility)\$175.00...\$ _____ Current Life Member
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- 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:

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My collecting interests: _____

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