

The Messenger



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Next Meeting
In Person or by Zoom
SATURDAY,
August 5th
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
See Details Inside

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the July meeting:

Attendance: 33 members in attendance, 1 visitor.

Treasurer: There are still some who have not paid 2023 dues. Please do so.

Audit Report: Betsy presented the audit reports for 2022. Everything is in order. Copies of the Audit Reports are available upon request.

Secretary: Postal rates are going up on July 9. Forever stamps will now cost 66 cents. The USPS has reported a significant increase in stolen mail.

Librarian: Nothing new.

Historian: No report.

First Vice-President's Report: The next meeting will be August 5 from 10-5 at the Resource Library. New name tags are now available.

Second Vice-President's Report: No report

Newsletter: Always looking for more articles. New membership directories have been sent out. If you didn't get one and are not in the directory, it's probably because you haven't paid your dues.

Exhibits: There is some discussion about having a single page exhibit included in the December show. Nothing has yet been decided on this.

Website: Nothing new.

Old Business: None

New Business: Coffee will be available at the meetings in the future for a minimal cost.

What are you looking for? Larry Sheerer--Australia #1

Announcements:

Fred Reynolds is looking for volunteers to help with the AAMS and Zep tables at the GASS. Gladstone show is Sept. 21-23.

Armen has offered to help members interested in selling items on Ebay. Contact him about this.

The Minnesota Show at Crystal Lake has been cancelled because their parking lot is under construction and other parking is not available. The show will return next year.

Show and Tell: Italian Polar airship cover from 1926; Japanese FDS's; Indian cover to Japan; 1887 Fukushima cover; Dead letter covers from 1886 and 1882; Zeppelin cover and post card; Scott's U.S. Counterfeit Catalog.

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**Join us on
Saturday, August 5th for
"USA Forever"
By Armen Hovsepien**

Meeting Location and Time:

We are at the Central Branch of the Johnson County Library this month. We have the room for the day. This is the perfect time to talk and trade stamps.

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, August 5th

Meeting is to be held at Johnson County Central Resource Library
9875 W. 87th St.
Overland Park, KS 66212

10am—1pm Dealers will be there and good time for members to trade and talk all things philatelic.

1pm— 2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view.

2pm— 5pm Business meeting, show-n-tell and program with Auction to follow.

We must be out by 5pm, so be ready to bid, pay with cash and pickup your auction lots.

Philatelic Happenings:

The Wichita Show

August 18-19

Friday 9-5

Saturday 9-4

Cessna Activity Center

2744 George Washington Blvd.

Wichita, KS

30 Dealers, 52 Tables

StampFest 2023

August 19-20

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 10-4

Kirkwood Community Center

111 S Geyer Rd

Kirkwood, Missouri

15 Dealers



GASS

AUGUST 10-13

For details go to the APS
website, stamps.org

More Details Next Month!

Upcoming Local Show:

The Greater Kansas City Area Stamp Show

September 22-23

Friday 10-6, Saturday 9-4

Claycomo Community Building

Minutes continued from front page:

Program: "Mutiny on the Bounty" by George Corney. Very interesting program.

The Philatelic community is mourning the loss of Janet Klug. Janet was a past president of APS and the first woman to hold that position as well as serving on the board of directors for 16 years. She was a prolific writer, publishing several books and had numerous articles published in various philatelic journals. Janet will be greatly missed.

Respectively submitted by,

Michael Keil

**Zeppelin Collector Meeting
The Great American Stamp Show**

Cleveland, Ohio

August 11, 2023

3:00 PM



**Featured Presentation by Jim Hill:
Postal Flights of the Graf Zeppelin II
1938-1939**

Added Attractions:

**Show and Tell - Bring a Favorite
Item**

Q&A / Discussion Groups

Tour of Zeppelin Exhibits





The Sunday Group:

Most every Sunday morning a group of MPS members show up at the Winstead's on Roe at I-435 for breakfast. The members start arriving around 8am and some don't leave till around 11am.

The discussion is informal, the topics very. While we start off talking all things philatelic, the group is known to get off onto other varied topics. All friendly!

It is a good chance to bring an item you have questions about or a stamp you are having trouble identifying. There is usually a lot of valuable knowledge there each Sunday morning.

This picture was taken on July 9th and was one of the larger groups we have had for breakfast in some time.

Come join us some Sunday!

MPS Sunday Breakfast Group
 From Front to Back on Left Side
 Jim Jupe, Armen Hovsepian, John Harmon,
 Hans Vergara & Jim McKinzie
 From Front to Back on Right Side
 Neil Becker, Rodger McReynolds, Victor Ellison & Jeff Jaax

Philatelic Ramblings:

Last month I asked the following question:

The USPS website lists the John Lewis stamp as available for preorder at the 63¢ forever rate but it is not to be released and shipped until July 21st. The rate is scheduled to go up to 66¢ on July 9th. So if you preorder it, do you get the old rate? Same with the new envelope, old rate or new rate?

So the answer was exactly what I suspected. The day I was getting the John Lewis information off the USPS website, the pricing was incorrect. When I went back to pre-order the stamps, the day after I mailed the newsletter, it was at the new rate of 66¢. As we all have known since we were wee little boys and girls buying stamps at the post office for our collections, **THERE ARE NO DISCOUNTS FROM THE POST OFFICE.** That is why I continue to be befuddled with the people who buy discounted current stamps off ebay and not realizing they are counterfeit stamps. Logic would tell you that the post office can not discount stamps when they lose money every year. That would sink them into a bigger hole financially.

I so appreciate this month's contributors to the newsletter. Some months, inspiration is hard to come by. This has been one of those months for me. So THANKS! Send your articles to me for an upcoming issue. 12pt Arial type, Word or Publisher document, and include jpg. files of your images to support your article. Also if you are using stamp images, include the country and Scott catalogue number. Length can be a half page to several pages. If it is a very lengthy subject, it might get broken up into a two part article.

JMc

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www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com
 Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.**



Tunisia #561

Paprika—Put Some Spice in your Life! by Andrea Smith

Paprika is one of the most consumed spice products in the world because of its' importance in spice blends, including rubs, marinades, and seasoned salts. It is also popular because of the bright red coloring it can produce in foods and other products.

Historians believe that these peppers were first cultivated in the region that is now occupied by Brazil and part of Bolivia. It is difficult to determine exactly where in this vast area the peppers originated since the original cultivation may have occurred around 7000 B.C.

Chili peppers were discovered by Christopher Columbus on his voyages to the New World at the end of the 15th century. He brought them back to Europe and offered them to the King and Queen of Spain, who gave them to monasteries to be cultivated.

The pepper plants from which paprika would eventually be made were first used as a decorative houseplant and would spread from Spain throughout Europe.



Brazil #2361a

Over time, the peppers would become key ingredients in both Spanish and Hungarian cuisines. While paprika is grown in numerous places around the world, Spanish and Hungarian paprikas are considered the gold standards for this spice and there are multiple varieties of each.

European cooks use paprika in many ways, depending on the region. In England, they use paprika in their egg dishes. In Germany, it is used in stews, soups, potatoes, sausages, and to season vegetables. In Italy, paprika is used in sauces to go with seafood as well as in many of their risottos, cheeses, and even as a sauce for Chocolate souffle! French cooks frequently use paprika in stews.



Syria #1014

In Spain, paprika is known as pimento, and it is dried through smoking it to give it a distinctive Spanish flavor. It is a main ingredient in their Spanish sausages as well as in their seafood dishes. They put it in their rice dishes (like paella), soups, stews, pork dishes, and sauces. Smoked paprika, often called *pimenton* or smoked Spanish paprika, is made from peppers that are smoked and dried over oak fires. This process gives the red powder a rich, smoky flavor. The flavor is still sweet and cool without adding any heat to the dish, unless you purchase a hot, smoked variety. You can find this smoked variety in mild, medium-hot, and hot. True Spanish *pimenton* is produced using traditional techniques and comes from specific areas in Spain, as per the European Union's laws.

Currently, the major producers of paprika include Spain, South America, the regions around the Mediterranean, India, and, of course, Hungary.



Hungary 2012 #4240

No one else in the world is as passionate about paprika as the Hungarians, and it is the national spice of Hungary. Pepper cultivation was established in Hungary during the Turkish occupation in the sixteenth and seventeenth century. However, it wasn't until the late eighteenth century that paprika gained widespread acceptance as a spice in Hungarian foods.

Much of Hungary's paprika comes from the fields of Kalocsa, and Szege, both located in the south of the country. It is such an important

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cash crop that the locals call it “Red Gold”. For three to four weeks every autumn, more than 8,000 acres of fields around Kalocsa are filled with farm workers picking the bright red peppers. In the town you will see strings of peppers hanging from balconies and porches.

Hot paprika is the Hungarian variety of paprika and is generally accepted as superior to the rest. In Hungarian cuisine, paprika is used as a primary flavoring method, instead of simply adding color to a dish. It is often fried in fat before using it in their cooking. It is used in Hungarian dishes including cheeses, eggs, fish, pastas, sweet pastries, and meat seasonings. Hungary’s national dish, ‘goulash’ is a stew made from red meat, onions, potatoes, and vegetables, and served over egg noodles. Large amounts of paprika is used in the goulash to give the thick and spicy soup a brilliant red color as well as its’ smoky flavor.



Sweden #2624

Paprika can come from a variety of peppers, so it can vary in taste. You will find, for example, that most Hungarian paprika is mild, smoky, and sweet. Meanwhile, most Spanish paprika is spicier and smoky. Hot Paprika adds a peppery, spicy kick to any dish.

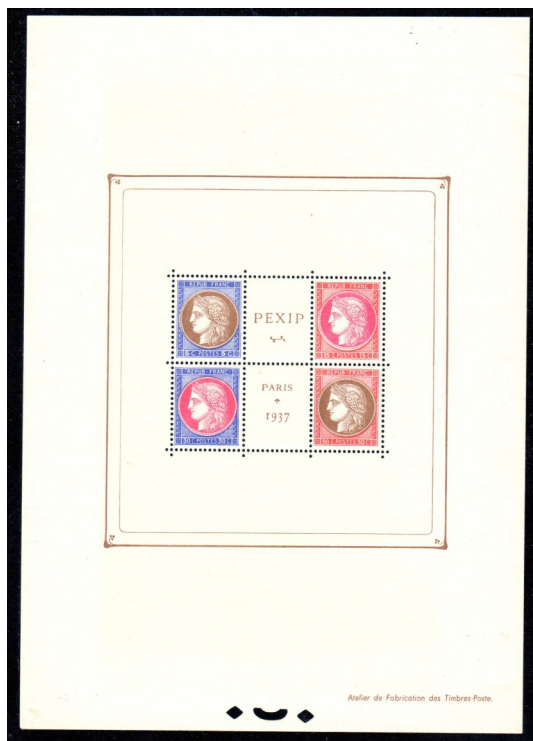
Finally, it was not until the 1900s that paprika began to be really used in American kitchens. It seems like Americans are still trying to figure out how to use the stuff and it tends to be used more decoratively than as a flavor enhancer. Here in America, it is often specified if the paprika is “smoky”; if it does not say “smoky paprika”, chances are you have a very, very mild and more earthy-tasting paprika in your jar. So put some spice in your life, grab a jar of Hungarian paprika and make a stew!

References:

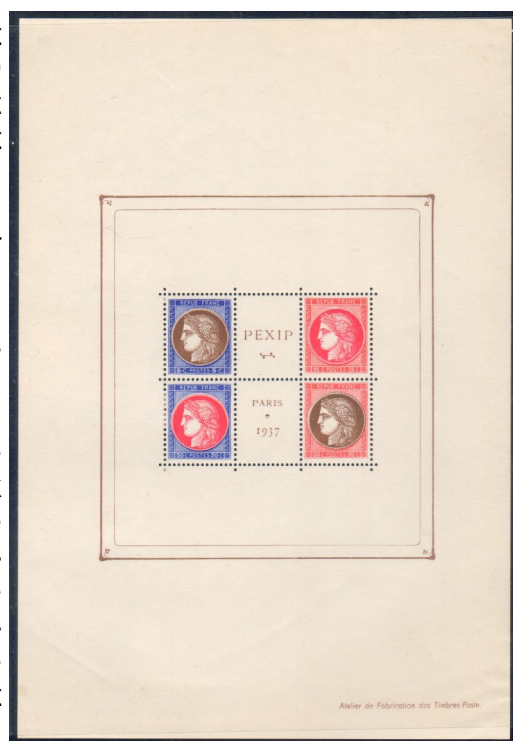
<http://www.thehomesteadgarden.com/theculinaryusesofpaprika/>

The New Food Lover's Companion Fifth Edition by Sharon Tyler Herbst and Ron Herbst

Special Markings Missing from French Souvenir Sheet by Jim McKinzie



I bought this souvenir sheet at the right, from E and D Auctions many years ago. It was unusual as it did not have the special “punched control holes” at the bottom that the French souvenir sheets of the time always had. Jim Allen and I could not determine if it was the real thing or not. Or was it a counterfeit sheet. I have tried researching this over the years off and on with no luck finding an answer. I have never seen another sheet offered for sale without the holes. I hope to get an answer at GASS from a France specialist. Maybe I don’t have to wait. Do one of you know? Let me know!



France #329
International Philatelic Exhibition 1937 Issue

Dead Countries: Stamp Issuing Countries That No Longer Exist by Neil Becker

#10 Spanish Sahara: La Aguera, Cape Juby, Rio de Oro and Spanish West Africa

Spanish Sahara was located on the northwest coast of Africa between Morocco to the north and Mauritania, south and east. The area has had many names as a colony (and later a province) of Spain.

Rio de Oro was the oldest colony of the Western Sahara, but did not issue postage stamps until 1905. Up until 1922, eight sets of definitives showing different designs using King Alfonso VII were issued. There were also several issues of surcharges during that period and the 1912 set was reissued with a “1917” overprint. Only six out of the total 152 stamps from this colony catalog over \$100.



Cape Juby was the territory at the northern point of Spanish Sahara. Spain occupied the region in 1916 and issued six stamps of Rio de Oro overprinted “CABO JUBI” with a surcharged amount. Stamps of Spain were similarly overprinted between 1919 and 1925 and in 1929 Spain’s Seville-Barcelona Exposition issue was overprinted “CABO JUBY”. That spelling was used on all subsequent issues overprinted on Spanish Morocco stamps between 1934 and 1948. Including B.O.B., There are around 175 stamps; most are reasonably priced. In 1958 Cape Juby was ceded to Morocco.



La Aguera is now a ghost town of a port located at the furthest point south on the coast of Spanish Sahara. In 1920 13 stamps of Rio de Oro were overprinted “LA AGUERA” and were used until June 1922 when they were replaced with a set of 13 stamps like Rio de Oro’s 1922 issue, but imprinted “La Aguera”.



In 1924 the territories of Rio de Oro and La Aguera were combined and named **Spanish Sahara**. A total of 329 stamps, including B.O.B., were issued up to 1975.



Spanish West Africa was the name of the political division that included the countries of Rio de Oro, Ifni, the port city of La Aguera and Cape Juby. Spanish West Africa only issued 26 postage stamps (including B.O.B.) between 1949 and 1951.



In 1976 all of the land of Spanish Sahara was divided between Morocco and Mauritania. Spain’s tenuous hold on this corner of Africa ceased to be.

ABOUT ZOOM:

We have currently suspended our ZOOM account. The decision was made due to lack of interest in recent months and the cost. This subject can be revisited if the need arises again in the future.

New Issues for 2023:

Life Magnified

Forever rate

Twenty designs, Pane of 20

Issue Date August 10th

First Day of Issue City is: Cleveland, OH (GASS)

Print Quantity– 32,000,000 stamps



Two First Day Ceremonies will be held at GASS this year. These events at the show are always standing room only. There are usually some free give aways and mostly an interesting program about the issue.

Thinking of You

Forever rate

Five designs, Pane of 20

Issue Date August 11th

First Day of Issue City is: Cleveland, OH (GASS)

Print Quantity– 25,000,000 stamps



Bridges

Presorted First-Class Mail

25¢ value

Four designs, Coil of 3,000 & 10,000

Issue Date August 24th

First Day of Issue City is:

Portland, CT (no formal ceremony)

Print Quantity– 20,100,000 for 3,000 coil and 600,000,000 for 10,000 coil.



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Neil B. and Andrea S. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the September issue will be August 15th.** Happy stamping!

Jim Mc