

The Messenger



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Next Meeting
In Person or by Zoom
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 4th
Room available 11:30AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
See Details Inside

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the January meeting:

Attendance: 29 in attendance, 1 on zoom and 1 guest.

Treasurer: Annual dues for 2023 are now due.

Secretary: An article on the Pharmacy stamp by Dale Smith has been published in the latest edition of Topical Times. Postal rates increase on January 22.

Librarian: Several new titles have been added to the library and they will be added to the website soon.

Historian: Nothing new.

First Vice-President's Report: A sign-in sheet for volunteers to do programs for 2023 was passed around.

Second Vice-President's Report: No report.

Newsletter: items need to be in as quickly as possible as Jim will be out of town later this month. A new, updated membership directory is in the works. Photos for inclusion will be taken next month.

Exhibits: Award certificates were handed out.

Announcements: The Wichita show is Feb. 17-18; LINPEX (Lincoln, NE.) is Feb. 25-26; St. Louis Stamp Expo is Mar. 24-26; and the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show is May 26-28.

Show and Tell: An 1840 Mulready cover; a first flight Graf Zeppelin cover (1929); Buff or not post card?; GB 2P red complete reconstructed plate; World War II Japanese naval postcards and World War I German naval cover.

Program: Around the World in 80 Days by Zach Lawrence. Thank you, Zach.

Respectively submitted by,

Michael Keil



**Meet in person or log into Zoom on
Saturday, February 4th for
"AMG Overprints"
Presented by Rodger McReynolds**

Meeting Location and Time:

We are back at the Central Library for this month.

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, February 4th
Meeting is to be held at Johnson County Central Resource Library
9875 W. 87th St.
Overland Park, KS 66212

11:30am —1pm Dealers time, trade and talk

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

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:

Cessna Stamp & Coin Show
February 17-18
Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-4
Cessna Activity Center
2744 George Washington Blvd
Wichita, KS

LINPEX
February 25-26
Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4
Country Inn & Suites
5353 N. 27th St
Lincoln, NE

Past President's Corner:

This column was originally intended for the December newsletter, but got lost in our faithful Editor's recent fever dream....Just kidding Jim! Glad you are feeling better!! Thanks, Tomas

President's Corner

Dear MPS Colleagues-

As we approach the upcoming December meeting for MPS, I am reminded about just how quickly time passes. I have been truly honored by the opportunity to serve as your club President for the past 3 years. I know that my husband, Michael Miklovic also appreciates having been able to serve as 1st Vice-President for the past 4 years. It has certainly been a time for change and growth including nearly a full year of online-only meetings. We were fortunate to be able to connect on Zoom, and several members continue to use that as a means to participate in our meetings. I am so pleased that our club weathered that storm of the Covid-19 pandemic and emerged robust and active. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and participated in our group in so many ways. We have had terrific programs, fun monthly meetings, and successful fundraising efforts. Many of us have been to other regional and national stamp shows as dealers, exhibitors, and attendees. It has also been a time of sadness and reflection as we remember our several friends and MPS members who have passed away during the recent months. Their memories will live on in our hearts. I am excited for the new group of members who have offered to help lead us into the future. I am confident MPS will continue to be vibrant, active part of our philatelic hobby. Happy stamping! Tomas

From the Editor—So sorry for the oversight last month. I for one wish to thank both Michael and Tomas for their efforts to keep this organization going during a difficult time. I could always count on them in answering my inquiries for the newsletter promptly. Thanks, Jim

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

#5 Crete



Crete #3

Crete is a large island in the south Aegean Sea, southeast of Greece. From 1669 to 1898, Crete was a part of the Ottoman Empire. A rebellion beginning in 1896, aided by Greek troops and multinational forces the following year, led to the Ottoman withdrawal in 1898.

During 1898, the British Sphere of Administration issued, first a hand stamped, imperforate 20pa stamp (#1), followed by a new design of a 10pa blue and a 20pa green. These were followed in 1899 by new colors for both colors.



Crete #1



Crete #38

The Russian Sphere of Administration also issued 42 different stamps in 1898-99 in four designs, all overprinted with control marks.

In 1900 Crete was granted autonomous status and began issuing its own stamps. Up to 1907 three sets, including one surcharge and ten overprints. The designs are attractive and are a similar style to Greece's 1906 Olympic Games set.



Crete #77



Crete #114

In 1908 Crete voted to form a union with Greece. To signify this intention, they began overprinting their stamps with "HEL-LAS" (meaning Greece) written in Greek letters. Use of these stamps continued until 1913 when the annexation was complete.

Most of the stamps from 1900 on carry a reasonable Scott catalog value with just a few over \$100.

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.

Don't forget your sweetie come Valentine's Day or ????. I always thought this cherub's expression was funny. Do I love them or not? Candy or flowers? Forget the whole day, maybe!!! Anyway,

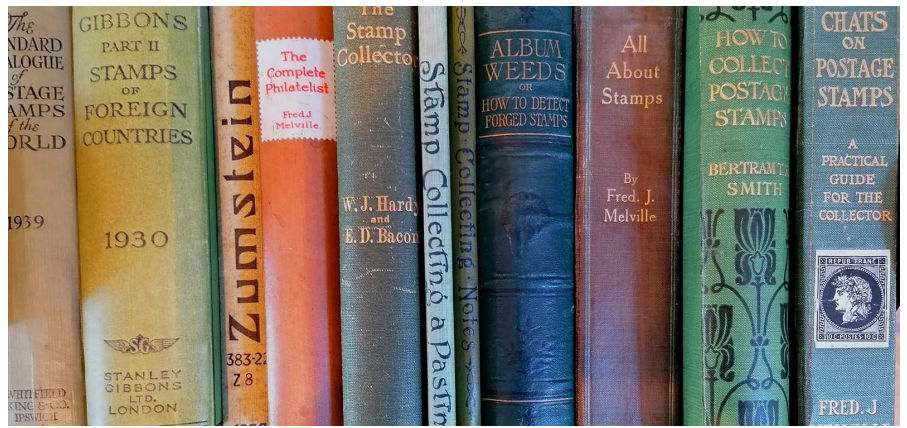
Happy Valentine's Day



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

The Library Corner:
Reviews of Books Found in the
MPS Library that you can
check out. Check with Librari-
an Neil Becker at a meeting or
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Review by Rick Karlslyst

The Pioneer Airplane Mails of the United States

This book covers pioneer (Milestone or First) flights involving the carrying of mail from 1910-1916. When I first started reading this book, I needed to define what a "Pioneer" was...I thought this was a biography of individual flyers and pilots...it is NOT. Don't get me wrong, there is biographical information about flyers and the pilot's, but the book REALLY is about the famous EVENTS involving flying the mail, as well as covers generated by the events. Many of the early flights involving mail were staged events intended to make money and advertise the beginnings of the early aviation industry. This book covers those early events like Earl Ovington's first mail flight, the Rochester NY Flying Exhibition, a Savannah GA aviation meet etc.

The main thing to remember is that when flight was in its infancy, just going to a local track or field to see someone fly an aircraft was a notable and interesting thing! Promoters were holding flying activities like air races, air meets, and air competitions all the year round. Mail being stamped with handwritten notations; signatures of pilots and various hand stampings were one way the promoters could recoup expenses. The cachets we know and see today were still just ideas, so it is rather difficult to identify these flight and event covers. This book helps identify the covers. There are tons of great pictures of mail items flown during these events to give readers an idea of what kinds of things to search for while establishing or increasing their collections. There are 93 separate events covered in this book.

I purchased this book through the APS and I am glad I did. It's actually a wonderful insight into the beginnings of flight and early airmail history. A must read for Aero philatelists.

Philatelic Ramblings:

Vacations for me have become more than just getting away. I tend to center trips around stamp shows. So going to Florida in January was an easy decision with the National Sarasota Stamp Show available at a good time to enjoy warmth and water. The show was very good with lots of dealers, many I knew and many I was not familiar with. There were many good exhibits also to study and enjoy.

The most unusual exhibit to me was the British Television Tax Stamps. And I wasn't the only person from MPS that thought it was interesting. Who did I run into but Charlie Wunsch. Did not expect to run into him or anyone else from KC area. We had a nice conversation and then we



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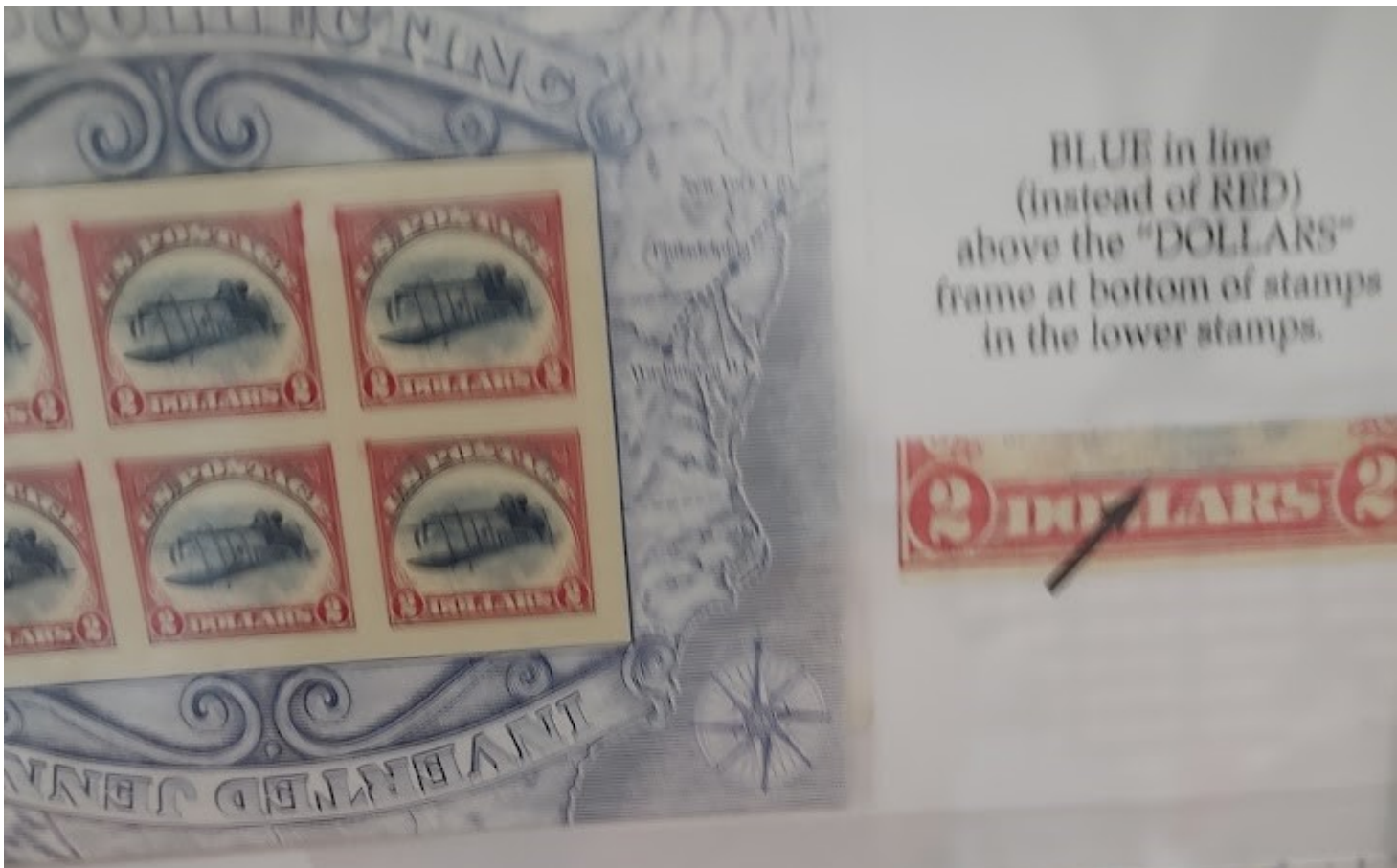
were on to our respective philatelic hunts. I noticed later that afternoon that Charlie spent a lot of time at one particular dealer that I never made it to. I must ask him about that dealers stock for future reference.

For those of us that enjoy EFO's (Errors, Freaks & Oddities) the exhibit that caught my eye was Fernando Iglesias's exhibit titled, "COH: The 2013 Inverted Jenny Issue". The exhibit covered everything related to this issue. Including printing freaks. I say freaks as there is nothing proving as yet that they were continuous printing errors. Below shows the red ink blotches in the frame and the next image shows a blue line where a red line should be. I have noticed myself in the copies of this issue that I have some freaks, but I will have to look much closer at those sheets.

But as good as the stamp show was, I must admit it was the beautiful weather, the beach, the food and just being away that I enjoyed the most. Sarasota is a beautiful city with much to offer. Many wonderful restaurants. And Lido Beach is a wonderful beach to go to. They have a free trolley that makes a loop from Main Street to Lido Beach with many stops all along the way. I found a great place to stay that enabled me to walk or take the trolley to most of my destinations. If you are into art and museums, there is plenty to see also. Public art everywhere or you can go to the Ringling Museum complex, from the circus, European art works to wonderful trails through beautiful gardens. I would recommend planning on attending this show sometime in the future and plan on some extra days to enjoy this great city in Florida.

JMc





Going Clockwise
 Pelican diving for his next meal.
 Crane waiting for a fisherman on the beach to feed him.



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On the grounds of the Ringling Museums

Below is another part of the Ringling complex, Art museum and courtyard



KC's Monarchs player Buck O'Neil bigger than life on a building in the neighborhood where he grew up.



US #4905a
Circus Posters

New Issues for 2023:

Women's Soccer

First Class Forever Rate (63¢)
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date February 16th
Print Quantity –20,000,000 stamps



\$10 Floral Geometry

One Design, Pane of 4
Issue Date February 24th
Print Quantity-????



2022 Club Auction Statistics

Our new MPS president Rodger was able to provide stats of our monthly club auction. The following is what we did this past year.

Number of transactions: 550
Number of sellers: 23
Number of buyers: 38
Total revenue: \$4,831.75
Highest monthly revenue: \$819.50 in December (no surprise)
Lowest monthly revenue: \$135.00 in November
Average monthly revenue: \$402.00

If you are interested in what you spent/sold last year in the club auction, Rodger will be happy to give you that information.

If you have not already, please fill out the attached membership form and send in to our treasurer, Hans or bring to the next meeting. Your continued membership and contributions to this organization is appreciated. We will be taking pictures for the future membership directory for those of you that want to be included. That way we can each put a name to that face or collecting interest.

Those of us that know and understand what each of us collects can help one another easier. I know I have much appreciated over the years members that recognize and remember what I am in pursuit of.

The print quantities were not available at press time for the following:

Florida Everglades

Priority Mail rate (\$9.65)
Print Quantity–
2,800,000

Great Smoky Mountains

Priority Express rate
(\$24.95)
Print Quantity– 800,000

If you are interested in newer stamps that may have the potential of increasing in value over the years, it would be these two issues. These more expensive stamps of the last decade, dealers are not stocking many and collectors are not buying them. Also notice the much lower print quantities, especially the Priority Express.

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Rick K. & Neil B. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the January issue will be February 15th.** Happy stamping! *Jim Mc*

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
 - 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:

I ONLY WANT MY NAME and COLLECTING INTERESTS TO BE INCLUDED IN MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY _____ Include picture of myself in directory YES _____ NO _____

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