

The Messenger



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Next Meeting
In Person or by Zoom
**SUNDAY,
MARCH 5th**
Room available 1:00PM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
See Details Inside

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the February meeting:

Attendance: 32 in attendance.

Treasurer: Please renew your membership.

Secretary: No report.

Librarian: If anyone has a book out please get with Neil.

Historian: No report.

First Vice-President's Report: Still a plea for a few months on providing a program.

Second Vice-President's Report: No report.

Newsletter: If anyone is unable to come to the next few meetings, please send a photo of yourself to Jim to be included in the new membership directory. Pics are being taken today and next month at the meeting.

Exhibits: Barbara is asking for someone to take over the exhibiting. Please consider if you feel this is a worthy addition to our club activities and would like it to continue.

Announcements: None

Old Business: None

New Business: George Corney made the suggestion to have first time membership at \$10. No motion was made.

Show and Tell: Bill showed a Kansas territorial cover with a free frank of James Lane first senator of state of Kansas. Zach had a Chamberlain cover that went from Great Britain to Tokyo Japan. Also a first flight cover from Miami FL to the Canal Zone. Jim shared about his great experience at the Sarasota FL stamp show in January.

Program: The Stamps of the Allied Military Government was given by Rodger McReynolds.

Respectively submitted by,

Jim McKinzie for Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on
Sunday, March 5th for
"Collect Germany" by
Neil Becker**

Meeting Location and Time:

We are back at the Central Library for this month but the day and time has changed.

MPS Meeting Schedule for Sunday, March 5th

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

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:

St. Louis Stamp Expo

March 24-26

Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-3

St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel

9801 Natural Bridge Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63197

The is the biggest show held in our area each year.

E and D Auctions

March 26

Sunday 1:30pm

1901 Clay Street, Suite A

North Kansas City, MO 64116

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.

This month's log-in to ZOOM.

Time: March 5th 2:00pm CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695863041>

So do the same crazy fools that went to the Chiefs Super Bowl parade go back downtown KC for the St. Patrick's Day Parade?

The image to the right is the closest to a St. Patrick's Day stamp ever issued by the USPS. Unfortunately it was one of eight different designs in the 10 stamp booklet pane. Each stamp contained a different greeting and image, with two each of the Happy Birthday and Congratulations stamps.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



US #2271
Best Wishes

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

#6 British East Africa

British East Africa arose out of the continent's patchwork of colonization in 1890. Sandwiched between German East Africa to the south and Italian Somaliland to the north. The Imperial British East Africa Company-controlled territory issued the first postage stamps with three Great Britain stamps overprinted "British East Africa Company" and surcharged in the currency of India. (See first image, SC#2.) Between 1890 and 1894, a new design was used in a set of 17 stamps, with the 2 thru 5 rupee stamps in a larger format of the same design. (See #18) Six surcharges were applied to several of these between 1891 and 1895.



#2



#18



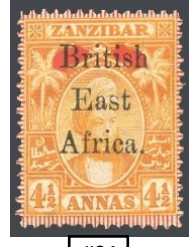
#51



#55



#74



#91

In 1895 the territory became a British Protectorate and the name changed to British East Africa. The old designs were overprinted with a handstamp of the new name on 16 stamps, including one surcharge. (See #51) Later that year, stamps of India (1876-1895) were overprinted (#55), along with one surcharge.

1896 saw the introduction of a new design with Queen Victoria as the centerpiece. (#74) Sixteen values up to 5 rupees plus a color change of the 1 anna in 1901 were issued. In 1898 six stamps from 1 to 50 rupees were printed in the large format.

Six stamps from Zanzibar's 1895 issue were overprinted "British East Africa" in 1897. (#91) In addition, six of those were surcharged 2 1/2 annas.

In 1903 the entire area was reorganized and the majority of the country merged with Uganda to become East Africa and Uganda Protectorate.

Looking for:

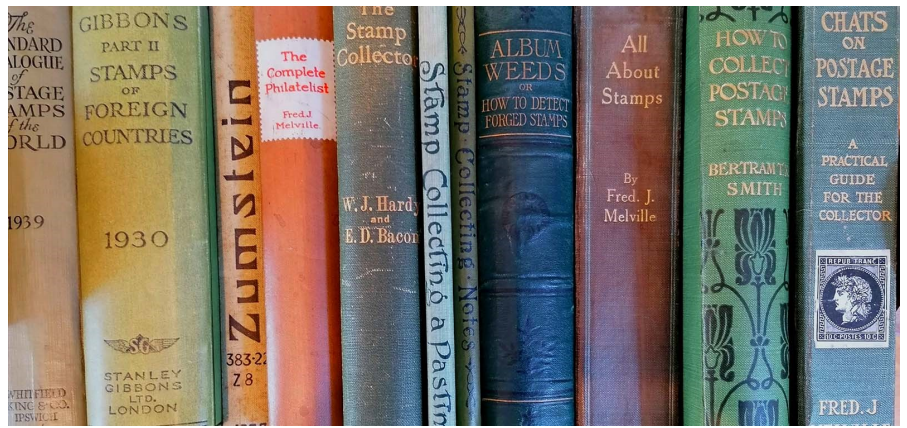
Enjoy our club exhibiting that we have at the December meeting each year? Would you like to see it continue? If the answer is yes to both those questions, then please consider becoming the Exhibits Chairman. Barbara is ready to step down and would appreciate someone else taking it over. We have a great club with a good amount of capable people. It is time for someone to step up. If interested please see Barbara and Rodger. They can tell you what is involved.



A past winner in 2019
Our current
Historian, Bob

**The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com
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
nbecker44@gmail.com



Review by Rick Karlslyst

Via Airmail

This book contains a collection of events from the field of Aerophilately. The stated aim of this book is to provide the reader with some of the various fields of airmail collecting...thus providing the reader with information to guide him/her in choosing a specialized field for their collection. It does a good job of showing the many facets available.

Some of the chapters are, Worlds First Night Airmail-1870 Paris Balloon, Early Chicago Area Airports and Airmail Dedications, Canadian Airmails 1918-1934, The Lindbergh Circle, The World's First Cosmographers.

In addition there are chapters on US Domestic Airmail Rates, Beacon Airmail Rates to Foreign Destinations and US Zeppelin Mail Rates.

The chapters provide insight into certain airmail events and really contain a lot of detail as well as a good bibliography for further research. Pictures of actual covers, charts for rates and historic pictures abound! The Zeppelin section has rates for USS Los Angeles flights and USS Akron Flights made in 1925 and 1932 respectively as well as 4 flights of the Graf Zeppelin and the 1936, 1937 Hindenburg flights.

The Canadian Airmail section even contains a listing of "semiofficial" airmail covers and other special event covers. This section does not contain a huge selection of covers themselves, but it does list flight dates and some of the towns/cities.

This book is well written for its purpose and is a must for anyone thinking of starting a collection of aerophilatelic covers. The photo quality is not the best but it may be because of the printing or scanning process.

This book may be purchased on the APS website.

Philatelic Ramblings:

Did not make it to Wichita show this past month as I normally do. Just could not work it out. Did anyone else go? I was curious about the amount of dealers this year.

In reading a recent article in Linn's, I was reminded how I still do not understand the concept of cryptocurrency. As much as I have tried to understand it, I don't. When I first heard about it, I thought it was a scam and based on the recent stories about Bankman-Fried, I have not changed my mind.

With that in mind, how surprised was I to learn about crypto stamps issued by some countries in the past few years. Gibraltar issued the world's first cryptocurrency stamps on May 15, 2018, in a pane of four.

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Since that time several other countries have followed suit. The Netherlands and Austria along with the United Nations have all jumped on the band wagon. The author of the article attempted to buy the Swiss issue released in 2021 but the crypto stamps are not permitted to be shipped to the United States. It was not clear to me as to whether it was a Swiss or U.S. restriction or both.

I read this article at least twice, and I understand the crypto stamps about as well as I understand how crypto currency works. Maybe even less so. So I would challenge someone smarter than me to study this new introduction into the stamp world and give a future program on it. Perhaps you can dumb it down for someone like me. You can read more in the February 20th, 2023 issue of Linn's.



If the USPS believes that it costs 63¢ to mail a first class letter but someone uses a Forever stamp they bought at 42¢ in 2008, are they not losing money? Better yet, someone buys "discount" postage on ebay that is actually counterfeit postage and uses that, who is losing then? Not just the post office, but every one of us that mails a letter. The counterfeiting has gotten to be such a problem that Scott's is not planning on including all the new counterfeit stamps in the US Specialized Catalogue in the future. Why, because there are too many of them. I understand they may come out with a separate catalogue of counterfeit US stamps. Up till recently you could easily determine which are fake and which stamps are real because of obvious design differences and they were never tagged. Well, they have learned how to apply the tagging agent to the stamps. Although the tagging agents they are using currently glows differently then the real issues, it still makes it hard for the postal inspectors to detect as they go through the sorting machines.

New issues of counterfeits are popping up of older Forever issues. Plus the international rate stamps. How many of those will show up in collections as the real thing? This is a problem for everyone. And it makes me think that someday the USPS may have to solve it by demonetizing all Forever stamps. Perhaps they may try the QR code like Great Britain but I have read somewhere that might not be the answer either. The Brits are having trouble with the new program and it is not working like they thought. Amazon no longer allows discount postage sales and ebay is starting to look at that. But how does that affect the dealer who is sitting on a mountain of legitimate postage. Unfortunately, too many of us expect something for nothing or at the very least want a great bargain. But if it is too good to be true is it the real thing? And doesn't that hurt us all in higher prices and less service? Seems to me that this counterfeiting problem has the potential of completely undermining the USPS.

JMc



This roll of US Flags from 2022 is being offered on ebay for \$23.33. Is it real? It should cost \$63.00

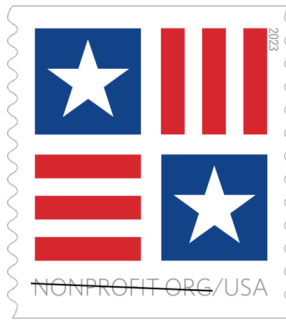
If you have not already, please fill out the attached membership form and send in to our treasurer, Hans or bring to the next meeting. Your continued membership and contributions to this organization is appreciated. We will be taking pictures for the future membership directory for those of you that 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.

New Issues for 2023:

Patriotic Block

Nondenominated Nonprofit Rate (5¢)
 One Design, Coil of 3,000 & 10,000
 Issue Date March 1st
 Print Quantity –30,000,000 stamps for 3,000 coil and 1,000,000,000 stamps for 10,000 coil.
Yes, that's right one billion for the 10,000 roll.



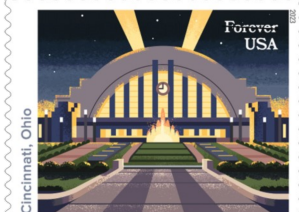
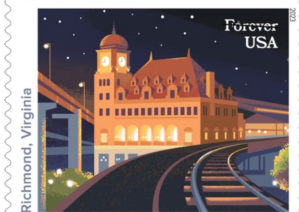
The print quantities were not available at press time for the following:

\$10 Floral Geometry
 Print Quantity– 500,000

Notice, a small quantity compared to most issues.

Toni Morrison

Forever rate
 One design, Pane of 20
 Issue Date March 7th
 Print Quantity-30,000,000



Art of the Skateboard

Forever rate
 Four designs, Pane of 20
 Issue Date March 24th
 Print Quantity-?????

Railroad Stations

Forever rate
 Five designs, Pane of 20
 Issue Date March 9th
 Print Quantity-30,000,000



Why not our Union Station with the Super Bowl 2023 Champs. Special stamp rouletted!

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 April issue will be March 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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