

# The Messenger



October-November  
2023

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Next Meeting  
In Person or by Zoom  
**SATURDAY,  
October 7th**  
**Room available 10:00AM**  
**Meeting starts 2:00PM**  
See Details Inside

## **Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the September Meeting:**

**Attendance:** 34 members with 1 visitor.

**Treasurer:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Librarian:** Nothing to report.

**Historian:** Nothing to report.

**First Vice-President's Report:** The video promoting MPS was preview. It will be posted on various social media outlets.

**Second Vice-President's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** Because there will be two meetings in October (November meeting moved to October 28 because libraries were not available) the deadline for the newsletters for both will be September 15.

**Exhibits:** Registration forms for the December exhibits program are available and were handed out. They are also available on the MPS website. One-page non-competitive exhibits will probably be allowed this year if there are any open frames. Use the same registration form for these entries. Need to get registrations in ASAP (November 1 deadline?)

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** Nominating committee will need to be appointed. Perry, Dale, and Jim volunteered and were appointed by Roger.

**October BBQ:** The annual MPS BBQ will be on October 7 at the Monticello Branch in conjunction with the October meeting. Cost is \$10 per person with MPS picking up the balance. You need to sign up for this, so contact Barbara Crompton ASAP to let her know you are planning to come. Need to get signed up so she can order enough food for everybody.

**Announcements:** Bob Baltzell passed away. Omaha Show is Sept. 9-10; Gladstone Show is Sept. 22-23. Details are in the current newsletter. Tomas will be exhibiting at the Houston show. A group is planning on going to the Chicago show which is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

**What Are You Looking For:** Stephen Slack is looking for a dependable way to determine laid paper. Jim Jupe is looking for a Gibbons Great Britain Revenue Stamps Catalog.

**Show and Tell:** Byrd/Cruzon/Vogeley autographed cover; Josiah Bartlett documents; Self-Adhesive Sierra Leone stamps from the 1964 World's Fair; Tonga stamps; UV short-wave light; Hobby Lobby is now stocking some stamp supplies.

**Program:** First Day Covers by Hideaki Nakano by Dale Smith.

Respectively submitted by,

Michael Keil

**Join us on  
Saturday, October 7th for  
"The Sacred Cows of Bundi"  
By Stephen Slack**

# Meeting Location and Time:

## OCTOBER'S MEETING PLACE & TIME

We are at the Monticello 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, October 7th**  
Meeting is to be held at Johnson County Monticello Library  
22435 W 66th St  
Shawnee, KS 66226

10am—11:30am Dealers will be there and good time for members to trade and talk all things philatelic.

11:30am—12pm Set up for Annual Luncheon.

12pm Luncheon served

1:30pm— 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.*

## NOVEMBER'S MEETING PLACE & TIME

We are at the Central Branch of the Johnson County Library this month. We only have the room for the afternoon.

**MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, October 28th**  
Meeting is to be held at Johnson County Central Library  
9875 W. 87th St.  
Overland Park, KS 66212

1:00pm— 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:**

Joplin Stamp Club Show  
October 7th  
Saturday 9-5  
Granny Shaffer's Banquet Center  
2728 N Rangeline Road  
Joplin, MO

E and D Stamp Auctions  
October 15th  
Sunday 1:30pm  
1901 Clay Street, Suite A  
North Kansas City, MO  
*Catalogue online [eanddstamps.com](http://eanddstamps.com)*

Cedar Rapids Stamp Club Fall Bourse  
October 29th  
Saturday 9-3  
Hiawatha Community Center  
101 Emmons Street  
Hiawatha, IA

CHICAGOPEX  
NOVEMBER 17-19th  
Friday & Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4  
Westin Chicago Northwest  
400 Park Blvd  
Itasca, IL 60143

*There are some MPS members that are planning on going to Chicago to the show. If you have never been to a big stamp show, this is a great opportunity to go. It is always well attended and full of great dealers and exhibits.*

## ***Annual October Luncheon This Month:***

Barb Crompton is bringing the BBQ for our annual luncheon. If you have *NOT* made your reservation with Barb, you will need to contact her today. Her contact information is in your membership directory.



We will be serving up KC Joe's BBQ at Noon on the 7th. So don't be late or we might eat your share.

## ***News of the Gladstone Stamp Show:***

If you did not venture north to Claycomo because of the storms on Friday and Saturday, you missed a good show. There were several dealers in attendance. Two from St. Louis area, one from Austin, TX, one from Utah and of course Scott, Bernie and Damian. Damian's sister had a table. I had a table also. John Brown, President of the Gladstone Club had a table. So as you can see there was a lot there.

Kyle Nybo from Utah always has a wonderful selection of material. If you did not buy something from him then you were not trying very hard to find something. The gentleman from Austin had very nice material and at very good prices.

As always I bought, even though I was trying to sell. Bernie from Branson and our fellow MPS member and dealer Scott always get some of my money. But many of the others did too. So, a most enjoyable show.

## ***Exhibiting Time Soon:***

The deadline for entry submissions in November 10th. We only have so many frames. To guarantee your spot, get your application in soon. Jeff Jaax is Exhibit Chairman this year but he is unable to attend this month. Get with either Barb or Rodger with your application and entry fee (\$10) or email the application to Jeff. The application is on our website.

This year we are also allowing single page non-competitive exhibits to be entered. You will need to fill out an application to reserve your space.

Fill out your application today!

## ***Nominating Committee:***

Yes, it is that time. A nominating committee has been appointed and are working to put a slate of officers together for next year. The following offices are open for nomination, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you have a suggestion for one or more offices or are interested yourself, please contact the nominating committee. Either Dale Smith, Perry Kilpatrick and Jim McKinzie will be happy to take your suggestions.

It's time to step up and help us with this great organization that we have.

**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.***

# In Memoriam

Robert "Bob" Baltzell

1936–2023



Bob Baltzell served as President and most recently as Historian for the MPS. He was a passionate and knowledgeable philatelist. Once he completed his United States collection, he sold it and started another collecting passion. Fascinated with Franklin Roosevelt, he started a collection around the President. He was researching and working on a book about the Roosevelt stamp collection with Bob Burney until he fell ill and Bob B. passed away.

Bob was a long time member of The American Philatelic Society. He was also an exhibitor, winning a award at the APS show in Omaha in 2019 on his exhibit about Franklin Roosevelt. He won a Large Vermeil for *Franklin Delano Roosevelt—A Gifted Collector*. The exhibit above was a club exhibit in December 2019 titled *Stamp Secrets Hiding in Plain Sight*.

Bob was born in Los Angeles, CA but lived in Kansas City metro for many years with his wife Jan where they raised their family. They have lived in Independence for the past 40 years.

## Philatelic Ramblings:

With the ongoing problems of securing a permanent time and day for our meetings each month, I may not be able to produce a November newsletter. The time is too compressed to get it out in time. That will give me more time to get December's newsletter together. Of course, November also has some time constraints with the Chicago show and then Thanksgiving.

Given that we have had trouble with the Library systems since COVID, Armen and others are looking at other alternatives to find a more permanent meeting place. Do you have personal knowledge of a good place we can meet on a regular, monthly basis? If so, get with Armen.

It was an interesting experience being a dealer with a good group of dealers this month. I had really only done one other show and it was with Bob Burney in 2019. We had gone to Tulsa for really just fun. We had fun. We ate too much but broke even. This time being close to home, it was more worth my time and effort. It would have been nicer had the weather cooperated.

This show got several of us talking about mounting a show this spring. Would you be willing to help put one on? It takes several people to set up and tear down. Sit at a booth to take names of the people who come to the show and to talk up MPS. While a lot of the buyers at the Gladstone show were either from their club or ours, there were many people at the show that were not members of either. So there is an opportunity for this club to recruit at a local show. But it takes manpower. Or womenpower!!! Think about it.

You would think with the popularity of the fall season, with women especially, there would be more fall or autumn related stamps released by the U.S. Me, I prefer spring over fall. Why? Fall reminds me that winter is coming which I detest. Spring is renewal and the promise of summer. As they say, to each his/her own. So for you fall lovers, here are a couple examples from around the world.

JMc



FDC from Sweden 2008



Japan #439

**Pan American Airways Postal Rates 1935-1941 by Michael Keil**

With the introduction of air service from the continental United States across the Pacific Ocean to the Far East, new postal rates were established and new stamps issued. Initially the postal rate was set at 25 cents per half ounce per leg of the route from San Francisco to Manila. However this caused some confusion as there were actually 5 stops, not 3. The legs of the journey were, San Francisco to Hawaii; Hawaii to Midway Island; Midway to Wake Island; Wake to Guam; and Guam to Manila. But because Midway and Wake Islands had no postal facilities, they were not included in the rates. Service was initially scheduled to begin November 8, 1935, but under pressure from the philatelic community it was pushed back to November 22 to allow collectors time to prepare covers for the inaugural flight.



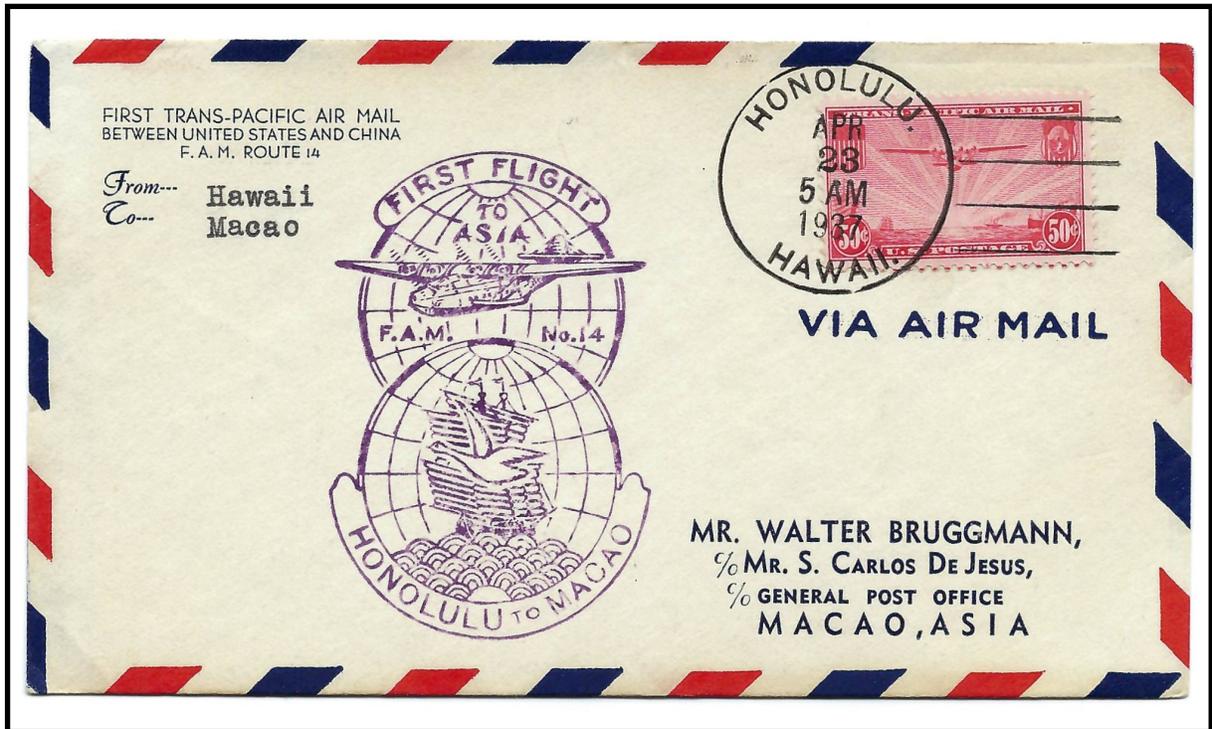
First flight cover from San Francisco to Honolulu (back stamped) franked with the new 25 cent Trans-Pacific stamp (Scott C20).



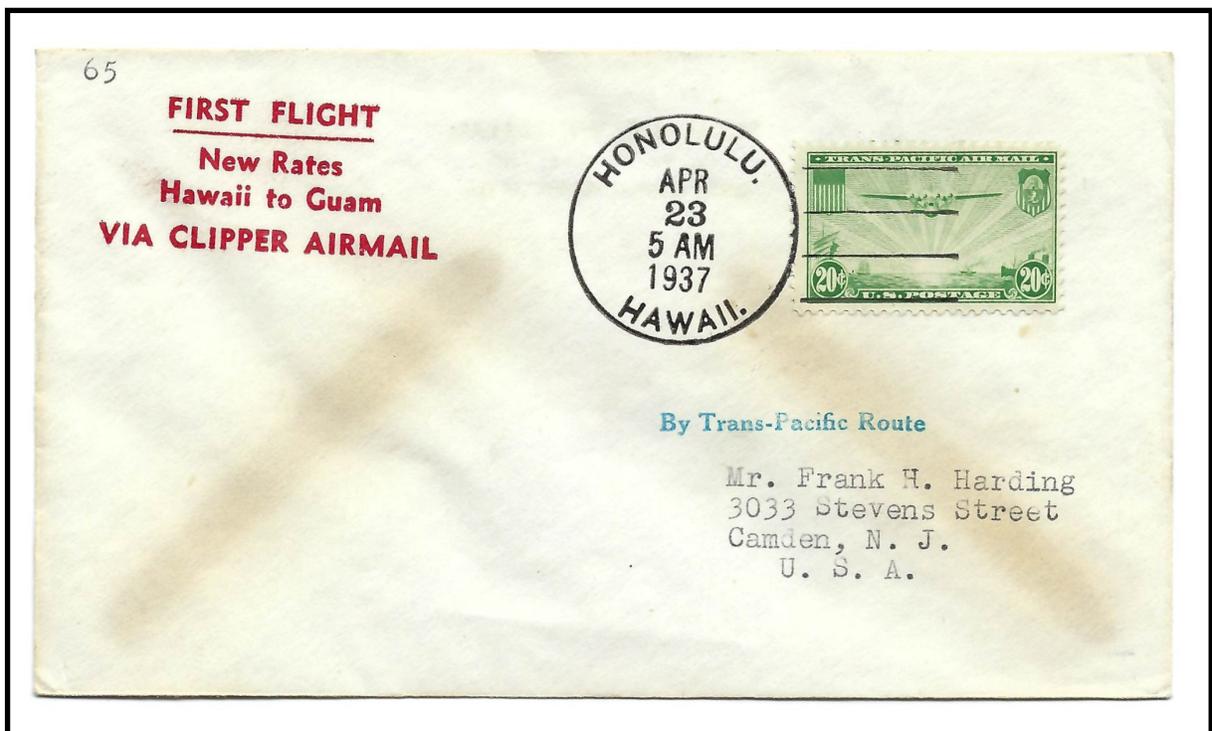
First flight cover bearing three of the #C20 stamps to cover the rate from San Francisco to Manila (back stamped).

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Beginning in early 1937 air service was extended from Manila to Macao and Hong Kong, requiring a rate change and new stamps. The new rate from Manila to Macao or Hong Kong was twenty cents with the new stamp being issued on February 15, 1937. The previous 25 cent rate was also reduced to 20 cents. The same day a new 50 cent stamp was issued to cover the rates from the US to Manila and between Hawaii and Hong Kong and Macao. The total rate from the U.S. mainland to Hong Kong and/or Macao was set at 70 cents.

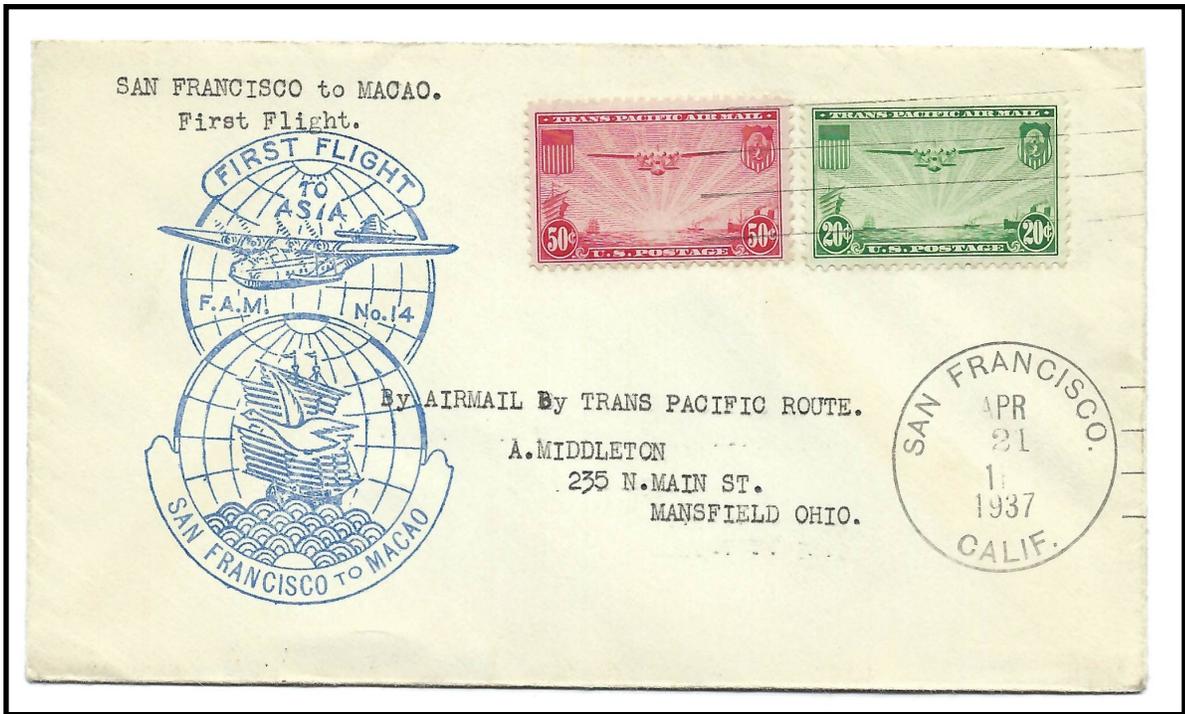


First flight from Hawaii to Macao with the new 50 cent air mail stamp (Scott C22).



First flight from Hawaii to Guam franked with the new 20 cent stamp (Scott C21).

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First flight from San Francisco to Macao franked with the C21 and C22 to cover the new 70 cent rate.



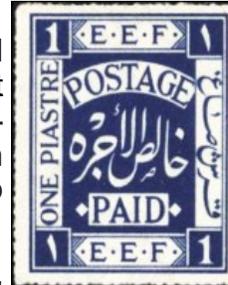
First flight from San Francisco to Hong Kong with C21 and C22 stamps.

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

## #12 Palestine

Palestine's postal history began with the Ottoman Empire with a postal system created in 1834. The postage stamps later created by the Ottomans were valid up to 1917. During the later portions of that period, foreign post offices (including Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and Egypt) were allowed in major Palestine cities.

In 1917, the British Egyptian Expeditionary Force (EEF) occupied Palestine and took over the administration of the area. The first postage stamps (1 Piastre, and 5 Millièmes) were issued in February 1918, lithographed, and rouletted 20. The 1pi was printed in two different shades of blue. The 5m was overprinted on the 1p ultramarine issue.



#1



Overprint on #3

Later in 1918 eleven denominations (1m thru 20pi) were printed using the same design, typographed, perf. 15x14. These stamps were valid throughout the entire occupied middle-east including Trans-Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Sinai.

The [League of Nations Mandate for Palestine](#) of 1920 established the British administration in Palestine up to 1948. 1920-21 saw the Jerusalem printing of four different overprints on the EEF design with "Palestine" in Arabic, English and Hebrew. The variations included changes in the Arabic and spacing between the three inscriptions. Two printings from London in 1921 and 1922 showed (most notably) "Palestine" in non-serif font. In addition the 1922 printing was on watermark 4 paper.



1<sup>st</sup> overprint on #s 15-25



#63



#72



#77



#82

In 1927 Palestine finally got its own stamps – a set of 22 definitives depicting four historic places. The denominations 50 mils to 1 Palestine pound were presented in a larger format. All these served the state until the end of the Mandate when the new state of Israel was formed in 1948.

Finally, Postage Due stamps were issued in 1923 (five denominations), 1924 (six denominations) and in 1928-1945 (nine denominations). [Note: The J9 image shown as "specimen" was the only one found. I don't even own any of that set.]



J1



J9



J14

## New Issues for 2023:

### Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Forever rate  
One design, Pane of 20  
Issue Date October 2nd  
First Day of Issue City is: Washington, D.C.  
Print Quantity– 32,000,000 stamps

### Woodland Animals

Forever rate  
Four designs, Booklet of 20  
Issue Date October 10th  
First Day of Issue City is: Woodland, MI  
Print Quantity– 290,000,000 stamps



This looks to be it for this year's new issues. Which is fine by me. The Woodland Animals are not interesting at all to me. Very simplistic designs. Boring!

And as for Ruth Bader Ginsburg, while it is a very good likeness of her, it is scary to me. It is like she is getting ready to throw her gavel at you or sentence you to life in prison. She seems to have a mischievous smile. Not sure I could turn to that album page and not jump. It is probably from her official portrait as the First Day Ceremony is being held in the National Portrait Gallery. If I ever get back to D.C. I will have to avoid the room her portrait is hanging in.

Perhaps by December we will get a peek at the new issues for next year. I hope they are an improvement over this years.

## 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.

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Neil B. and Mike K. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the December issue will be November 10th.** Happy stamping!  
*Jim Mc*