

# The Messenger



February 2024

*The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club*

Next Meeting

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**Saturday,  
February 3rd  
Room available 10:00AM  
Meeting starts 2:00PM  
See Details Inside  
On page 2**



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

**Attendance:** 33 members in attendance. One Visitor George's wife

**First Vice President Report:** Armen has a Jelly Jar with several 2 cent stamps in the container. The closest guess wins the container of stamps which is between 20 and 2000 pieces.

**Second Vice President report:** No report

**Secretary Report:** No report. Still looking for a secretary.

**Treasurer Report:** Han was not at the meeting, no report. Rodger McReynolds will be taking Dues which are \$25.

**Librarian report:** No report

**Historian:** Victor gave a donation to the archive, in reference to the old Bryant Building where the club used to hold their meetings.

**Newsletter:** Please send in articles. The newsletter needs more articles for future publications.

**Website:** For cancelations of meetings see the website and look for an email blast.

**Old Business:** No old Business.

**New Business:** Armen motioned to obtaining APS circulation books. A discussion followed and several suggestions were made on how to proceed. A motion was made and seconded and passed. Arman will obtain the circulation books from APS for German and the various German states, and the club will evaluate how well this works.

**Announcements:** No announcements

**What are you looking for?** Zach is looking for Japan #46, 47 and 50 and miss prices assets; William is looking for Junior National series 106A overprint 25¢.

**Show and Tell:** Two Missouri items, Ad MO 1939 State Fair stamp show and a very small Christmas card from 1919; Mystic heritage collection fully identified; Swiss stamp with a grilled mostly in the gum but sometimes can be seen in the paper; Smithsonian magazine article – Head over heels; 2 matching metals seen on stamps one on 1965 Battle of New Orleans and the other on 1957 Polio; George has Disney stamps from Anguilla free to first person that wants them, Bill Johnson spoke up and received the stamps.

**Program for this month:** Exhibits are the program, with prizes to follow the auction.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Perry Kilpatrick

**Join us on  
Saturday, February 3rd  
Zach Lawrence  
"Collecting Fantastic Stuff on  
a Shoe String"**

# Meeting Location and Time:

## NEW MEETING PLACE & TIME

We will be at our new location in Independence, MO. We have secured this location for all of 2024.

**MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, February 3rd**  
**Meeting is to be held at 1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall**  
**417 W Lexington Ave**  
**Independence, MO 64050**

10:00am—1pm Dealers and members, buy, sell and trade.  
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.*

**Directions to new location (see maps on pgs. 3 and 4)**

**If coming from the west or southwest:** From I-70 & I-435 on the Missouri side, go north on I-435 from I-70 to the second exit which is Truman Rd. After exiting I-435 go east on Truman Rd. approximately 3.7 miles to Pleasant St. and turn South (right). Go to the second stop sign (Lexington Ave.) and turn to the east (left) and then turn into the parking on your right. Westminster Hall sits on the SE corner of Lexington and Pleasant St.

**If coming from the east:** From I-70 & State Route 291 go north on 291 from I-70. Take the Truman Rd exit. Turn right (west) onto Truman Rd. go approximately 2.1 Miles to Pleasant St. and turn South (left). Go to the second stop sign (Lexington Ave.) and turn to the east (left) and then turn into the parking on your right. Westminster Hall sits on the SE corner of Lexington and Pleasant St.

**If coming from the north:** From I-435 & Highway 210, go south on I-435 to the third exit (Truman Rd). Turn left (East) onto Truman Rd. approximately 3.7 miles to Pleasant St. and turn South (right). Go to the second stop sign (Lexington Ave.) and turn to the east (left) and then turn into the parking on your right. Westminster Hall sits on the SE corner of Lexington and Pleasant St.



**Westminster Hall — Enter from South Doors**

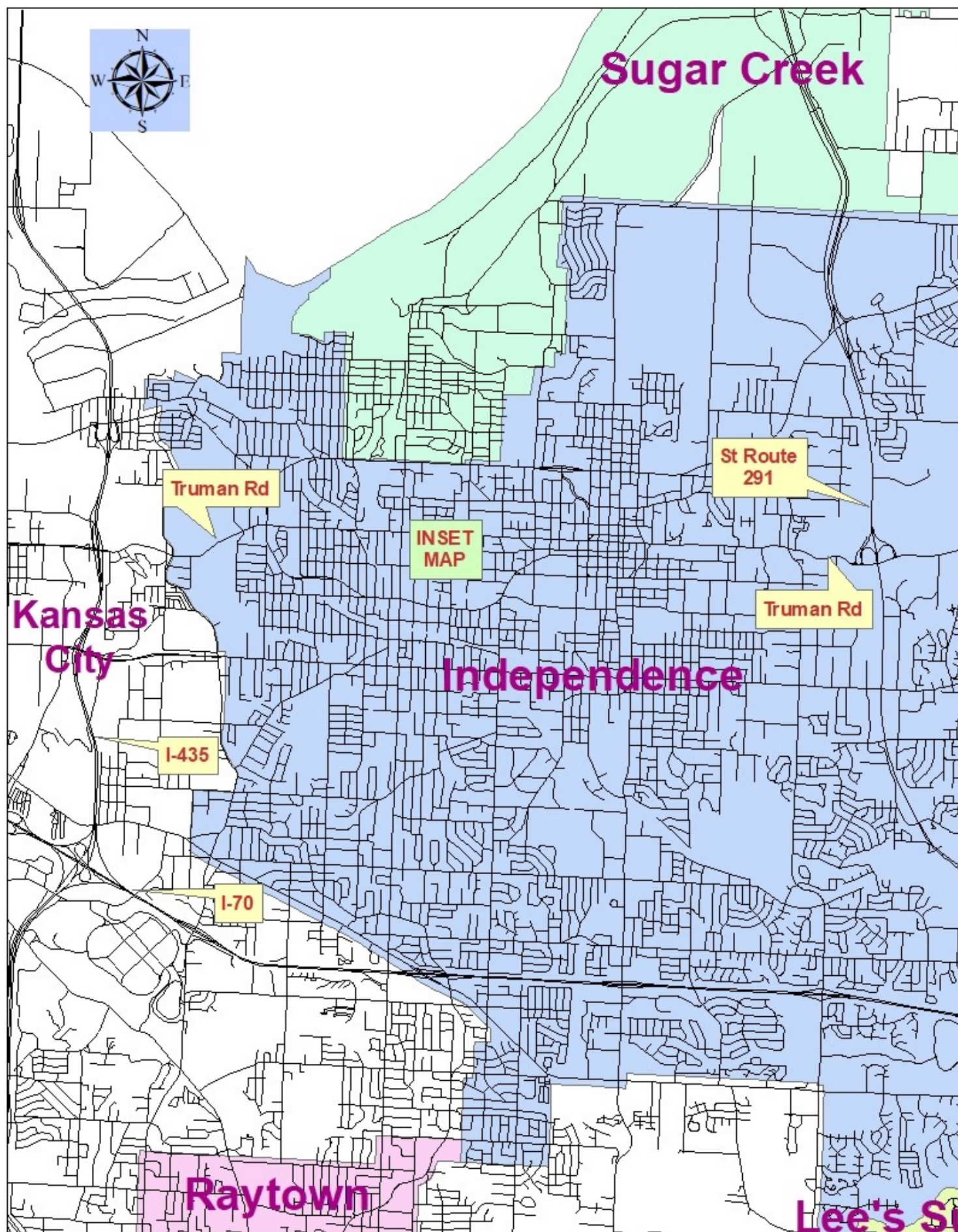
## Philatelic Happenings:

**E and D Stamp Auctions**  
1901A Clay St.  
North Kansas City, MO  
Sunday, February 4th  
Gavel Start Time 1:30pm

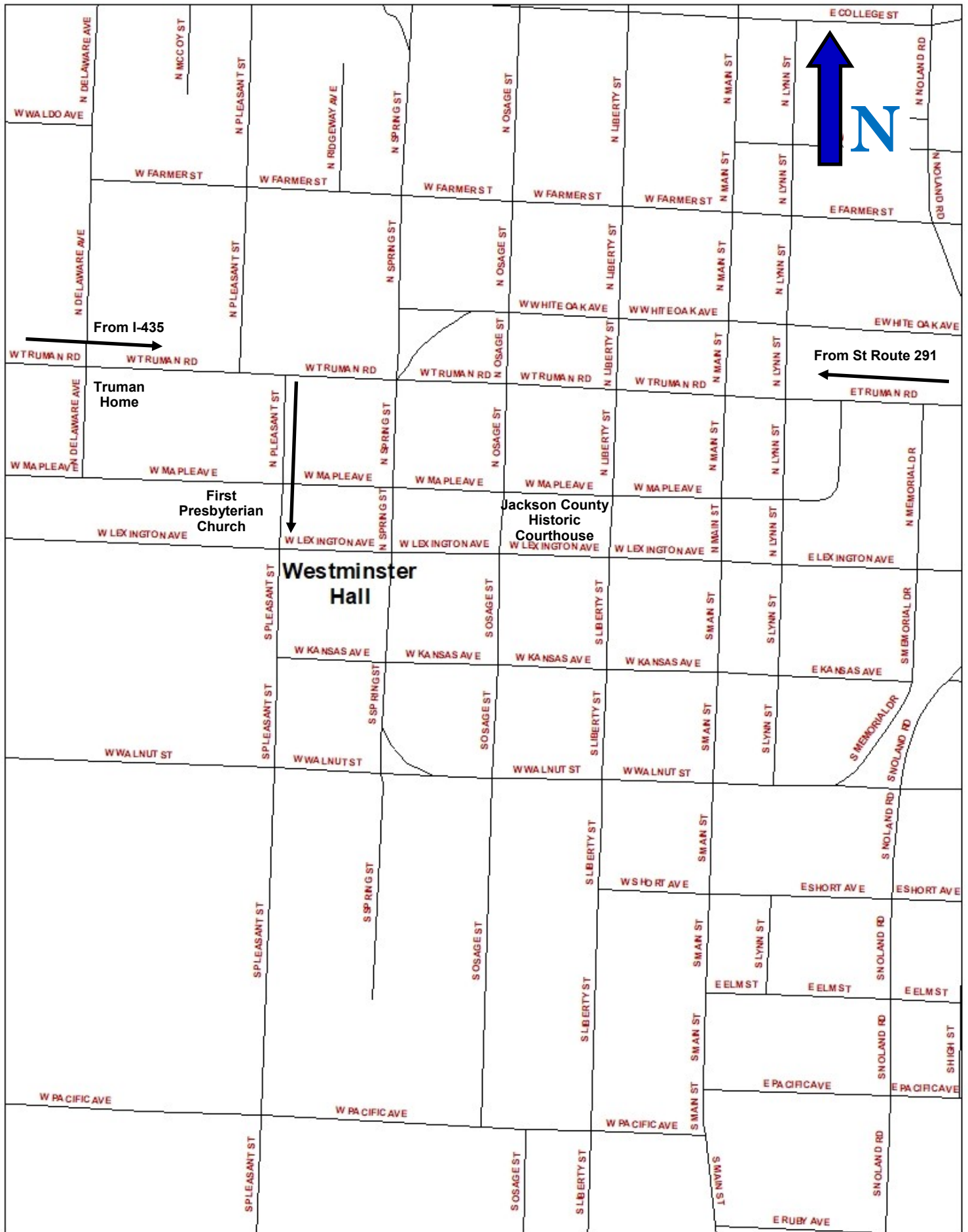
**The Cessna Show**  
Cessna Activity Center  
2744 George Washington Blvd  
Wichita, KS  
Friday, February 16th 9-5  
Saturday, February 17th 9-4

**LINPEX**  
Country Inn & Suites  
5353 N. 27 St  
Lincoln, NE  
Saturday, February 24th 10-6  
Sunday, February 25th 10-4

**Map to New Meeting Location:**



## Inset Map for Directions to New Location:



## Philatelic Ramblings:

For those of you that didn't make it out to Independence for our first meeting of the year, you missed a good day. Some great exhibits, good auction and several dealers with their material for sale. You can see a list of the exhibitors and who won the different awards on page 6 of this newsletter.

This is the last month that I will include a map and directions to our new location. Just remember you can always access past information on our website. It is listed below with a link to it.

There was another fascinating article about counterfeits by John Hotchner in the recent American Stamp Dealers magazine. He has some interesting insights into this growing problem. Perhaps I will share some of the information in our next show-n-tell.

While it has been a little dry the last few months as far as somewhere to look, buy and sell stamps, that has ended. This coming month has three events that are not that far off and are great places to spend a day or the weekend. Check them out on page 2.

Between being sick, the holidays and preparing for retirement, I have not had much time for my favorite past time. I don't like it when life gets in the way of my hobby. Hopefully that will change soon. I finally got back several items that I had submitted to APS for certification at the Cleveland GASS show back in August. I wish I had the #1483d Boston Tea Party Block of Four for my exhibit. But it came back as "Genuine". So worth the wait. It is completely untagged, so an error. The other four items I submitted all came back genuine with the exception of one. They were all early U.S. classic stamps. I will wait to share with you that story in an upcoming newsletter.

JMc



Top left is #1483d untagged error  
Bottom right is 1483a normal tagged block  
Boston Tea Party

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.

# 2023 Midwest Philatelic Society - Club Exhibiting Program

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## PALMARES

**First Presbyterian Church  
Westminster Hall  
417 W Lexington Avenue  
Independence, MO 64050**

**Exhibit Chairman:** Jeff Jaax  
**Co-exhibit Chairman:** Barbara A. Crompton  
**Website:** [www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com)

### **1st Place Gold Medal – Grand Award**

*Frame 1: EFOs of the Bicentennial Era*  
Jim McKinzie

### **Midwest Philatelic Society “Annual President’s Program Award”**

*FDCs of Hideaki Nakano*  
Dale Smith

### **Midwest Philatelic Society “The Martin Finkelstein MPS Research Award”**

*Frame 1: EFO’s of the Bicentennial Era*  
Jim McKinzie

### **The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors “AAPE Silver Award of Honor Pin”**

*Frame 4: Alone in the Ice: The USS Atka and the United States Antarctic Expedition of 1954-55*  
Michael Keil

### **Women Exhibitors “Sterling Achievement Award”**

*Frame 5: US Booklet Panes – A Specialist’s View*  
Neil Becker

### **American Topical Association “One Frame Pin & Ribbon”**

*Frame 3: I’ll Have Another: US Beer Tax Stamps 1866-1901*  
Scott Couch

### **“Midwest Philatelic Society” Certificate of Participation**

## Competitive Exhibits

*Frame 1: EFO’s of the Bicentennial Era – Jim McKinzie*

*Frame 3: I’ll Have Another: US Beer Tax Stamps 1866-1901 – Scott Couch*

*Frame 4: Alone in the Ice: The USS Atka and the United States Antarctic Expedition of 1954-55 – Michael Keil*

*Frame 5: “US Booklet Panes – A Specialist’s View – Neil Becker*

## Non-competitive Exhibits

*Frame 6: Show and Tell Finds of a Century – Victor Ellison*

## ***The APS Circuit Books Are Here:***

We have received 17 APS Circuit Sales Books. They will be at our next meeting on February 3rd for members to view and purchase.

The total sales value of the stamps is over \$4,600 with a Scott Catalog value of over \$18,500.

Everything on German stamps are here:

Germany up to 1940  
Germany Pre 1945  
Germany modern, used  
Bavaria Railroad stamps  
German States, Bavaria, Hanover, Lubeck  
Offices in China  
German Territories  
German Empire 19th Century  
Modern Germany  
German Cameroun  
And many others.....

Please bring your Want List, your stamp tongs, and plan to spend quality time with over 2000 mint and used stamps of Germany.

Come to the "MPS Table", more information and directions at the MPS meeting.

Thanks,

Armen Hovsepien  
APS Circuit representative



***Have you paid your dues for 2024?  
Membership form on page 10***

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

### **#15 Anjouan, Grand Comoro, Mayotte & Moheli**

The Comoros Islands lay off the coast of Mozambique in the Madagascar Strait. They were primarily inhabited by a mix of Bantu, Malay and Arabs but their European discovery was by the Portuguese in 1505 during an attempt to circumnavigate the island of Africa. (The explorers did not realize that the Suez Canal would not be opened for another 364 years!) The islands were mostly ignored by European powers, except for settlement to maintain plantations and other economic endeavors until 1841 when France purchased the island of Mayotte. By the 1880s France had control of the other three islands: Anjouan, Grand Comoro and Moheli.

In 1892 France authorized a set of stamps for the "SULTANAT D'ANJOUAN" using the "Navigation and Commerce" common design of their colonies. By 1907 there were 19 stamps in the set for Anjouan. Mayotte also had a set of 20 of the same design with their name at the bottom (see **A** on the bottom row of the scans). Grand Comoro was added to the list with 19 stamps from 1897-1907 (see **C**). Moheli used the stamps of Anjouan until 1906. There are 16 values listed from 1906 to 1907 (name seen on **B**).

In 1912 all four of the islands were placed under control of Madagascar and their stamps were no longer considered valid. Some denominations of the unsold stamps were surcharged "5" and "10" and were allowed as valid postage in the islands and in Madagascar. (See scans "**B**" and "**C**") Anjouan & Mayotte, 11 stamps surcharged; Grand Comoro had 10 stamps; Moheli had only 6 stamps. They were valid until 1914.

In 1947 the four islands were joined to form the French colony of Comoro Islands. They became independent in 1975, with Mayotte alone choosing to remain a dependent of France.



## New Issues for February 2024:

### Saul Bellow

Three Ounce Rate (\$1.16)

One design, Pane of 20

Issue Date February 6th

First Day of Issue City is: Chicago, IL

Print Quantity– 8,000,000



The following went into effect on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Product	Current Prices	Proposed Prices
Letters (1 oz.)	66¢	68¢
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	63¢	64¢
Domestic Postcards	51¢	53¢
International Postcards	\$1.50	\$1.55
International Letter (1 oz.)	\$1.50	\$1.55

### Radiant Star

Presorted Standard Rate

One design, Coils of 3,000 & 10,000

Issue Date February 19th

First Day of Issue City is: Star, ID

Print Quantity– 3,000 Coil-24,900,000  
10,000 Coil-1,500,000,000



### John Wooden

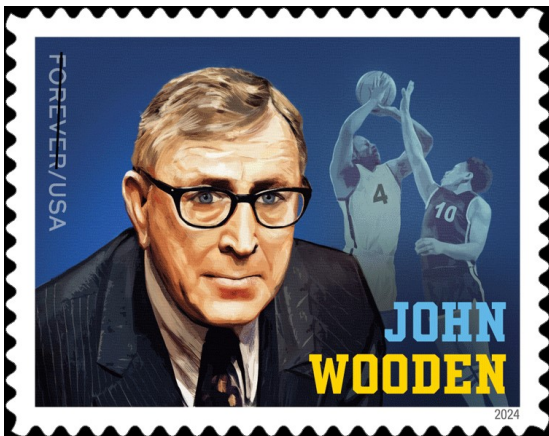
Forever Rate

One design, Pane of 20

Issue Date February 24th

First Day of Issue City is: Los Angeles, CA

Print Quantity– 18,000,000



Print quantities now available on the following from last month's issues:

Lunar New Year-22,000,000

Priority Mail Rate--2,500,000

Priority Mail Express Rate-600,000

Constance Baker Motley-35,000,000

How many will save the Express Mail Rate when it will cost \$121.80 for a sheet of four? Dealers or collectors. And only 600,000 will be printed. Of course, you will probably be able to get the overseas counterfeit cheaper!

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Armen H., Barbara C. & Neil B. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the March 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

☐ 2024 dues (individual).....\$25.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2024 dues (family).....\$30.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Life Member (contact Hans first for eligibility) \$175.00...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2024 Donation to My MPS Club.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2024 Donation to MPS Library.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Upcharge for Mailing Newsletter \$10.00.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

.....Total Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Current Life Member ☐  
(As outlined in By-Laws)

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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