

The Messenger



July 2024

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

Next Meeting

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**Saturday,
July 6th**
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
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Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the June Meeting:

Attendance: 27 members in attendance.

President: Rodger had surgery and is recovering at home. Armen presided in his place.

First Vice President Report: AP circuit books sold very well last month.

Second Vice President Report: No report.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: 56 members have paid their dues. Hans will contact those that have not paid. Betsy will do the audit again this year.

Librarian report: A book was donated to the library by Victor Ellison. If anyone is interested in checking out a reference book please let Neil know.

Historian: No report.

Newsletter: No report

Website: No report.

Exhibits: No report

Old Business: The Great KC Stamp Show will be held June 7 & 8 here at Westminster Hall. Sign up sheet is going around for volunteers to help with check in of attendees. Also need help on Thursday and Saturday before and after the show is over to setup and tear down the show.

New Business: No new business.

Show and Tell: Victor Ellison—Non-profit cancellations and stamps. Jeff Jaax—1st flight cover Hindenburg. George Corney had a censored FDC of 1c Freedom Stamps. Block of 4 The cover was censored because it had the 3c Victory stamps on it also. The cover was sent overseas.

Program: Michael Keil gave an interesting program on the Trans-Pacific Clippers and the covers/mail carried on these flight routes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jim McKinzie for Perry Kilpatrick

**Join us on
Saturday, July 6th
for Rick Karlslyst &
"A Pair of Cuban Airmail
Pioneer Flights"**

Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, July 6th

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.

2:00pm— 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 can be found on our website. Check out the January or February newsletters on the website.

What you will find if you come early to the meeting:

APS Circuit Books will be available

Armen will have Plate Block, Coils, Souvenir Sheets, booklets and full sheets from Scott #1000 to #1100 (years 1951-1957). Are you missing anything during this period, if so now is a good time to complete your missing items.

Philatelic Happenings:

Tulsa Stamp Club Show

Faith Lutheran Church
9222 N. Gamet Rd
Owasso, OK

July 5th

Friday 9am to 3pm

Minnesota Stamp Expo

Crystal Community Ctr.
4800 Douglas Dr. N.
Crystal, Minnesota 55429

July 19-21

Friday 10am to 6pm

Saturday 10am to 5pm

Sunday 10am to 4pm

E and D Stamp Auction

New Location:

79 E US Highway 69
Claycomo, MO 64119

July 14th

Sunday 1:30pm

Hartford is a long way from here. About a 21 hour drive. But it is only a six and half hour drive to Minneapolis. According to their show info, they plan on around 30 dealers and exhibits.

Great American Stamp Show

Connecticut Convention Center, Hall AB
100 Columbus Blvd
Hartford, CT 06103

August 15-18

Thursday 10am-6pm

Friday 10am-6pm

Saturday 10am-6pm

Sunday 10am-4pm

If you are interested in going to a bigger show, this might be a good one to go to this year.

HAVE A BANG UP 4TH!

U.S. #120
Declaration of Independence



Philatelic Ramblings:

Sometimes it is hard to believe another month has gone by. It has been a busy month with our first endeavor of mounting a show this century. I believe it was very successful that we can build on for the future. The dealers in attendance seemed very satisfied and would like to be invited back. The attendees to the show seemed to have a good time also. Let's make this an annual show that we can be proud of as an organization. A special thank you to Scott Couch and Rick Karlslyst. Without their help and energy, this would never have happened. Thanks to the other area clubs, Gladstone and St. Joe for their help.

The other night I decided I wanted some ice cream. I don't keep it at the house because I would eat it all the time. So occasionally I go up to the corner to Hi-Boy and get a Hot Fudge Shake. So good! Ever since COVID they have closed the dining room early and only the drive thru is available. To me a nuisance. And because of that I don't go as often as I want to but still more than I should. The reason I don't like the drive thru is it seems that no matter when I go, there is quite the line and everyone a head of me is buying dinner for a family of 12. The other night was no exception. But I was in no hurry so I am sitting in line around 9pm waiting for my ice cream. As I was getting closer I noticed the gal at the window was inspecting most of the bills she was receiving for payment. I figured they were twenties and there must be counterfeit bills floating out there. This slowed the line up even further. It made me start thinking how much money has passed through my hands over the years. Between the various businesses I have owned and operated, you would have thought that I would have encountered some counterfeit bills. Years ago when I operated the variety store in Anderson, Missouri the bank would let the merchants know about counterfeits floating around. Still I never saw any, although I think Dad ran across one in the till of the drug store once. As a fairly new dealer, I was pleased to mostly receive cash for payments at the show. Lots of twenties but no counterfeits, I guess? So with all that in mind, I was surprised when Ricky Pease found a counterfeit stamp in the kiloware that I had brought in for the show. Ricky has an eagle eye for things. Below I have both the counterfeit and a the real thing. Can you easily see the difference?



Genuine

Counterfeit

U.S. Flag #5260 Coil

While there is microdot shading in the fold of the flag to the right of US FOREVER on the real stamp, there is heavy shading in the same white stripe on the fake. That is the most obvious difference. In the 2023 edition of Scott's Specialized Catalogue of United States Counterfeits, you will find on this particular variety of the flag stamp there are 23 different counterfeits. 23 is an unbelievable number and when you consider this is just one of the multiple varieties of this design, it is just crazier.

By the way, sorry this isn't blown up more for you to see but I have spent the last four hours trying to get my scanner to work. Still not working, so I took a picture with my phone. After all that, I think it's time for ice cream! Hello, Hi-Boy!

JMc

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is

www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

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

Show Review by Rick Karlslyst:

Its about time to give everyone a show review. Personally I thought it was a success, the vendors all appeared happy at the conclusion, and that's always a good sign of how it went.

For those who missed it.....here is a list of vendors:

Fox River Stamps– Micheal Mules

Stamp Smith– Dale and Andrea Smith

Tiger Collectibles– Scott Couch

First Century Stamps-Dennis O'Brian

H&O Hobbies and Collectibles– John Harmon

Paul Aschenbrenner

Allied Philatelics-Jim McKinzie

John Brown

We had 4 other vendors scheduled but they could not participate for various reasons, and we had other vendors who WANTED to participate but were already scheduled elsewhere.

We had 48 attend the first day (Friday) and 36 people signed in the second day, total of 84 registered. I think we are also missing the final sign in sheet and I will admit that some of us workers never signed in EITHER day and on the second day we did not require a sign in if they were there the day before. (I think a couple folks snuck in without registering also...) In a nutshell, there were people at tables working with vendors ALL DAY long.....! There were folks from Omaha, Lincoln, Wichita, Jefferson City, Lawrence, etc, so I am sure our advertising worked. (35 no response on sign in) Mailing and Club were the most reasons for hearing about the show.

I would like to thank all the various club members who volunteered: Betsy Scott, Neil Becker, Victor Ellison, Steve Stratton, Stephen Slack, Howard Buhl, Jeff Jax, Ernie Leirman, Charlie Wunsch, Ricky Pease, Jim McKinzie, John Brown, Armen Hovsepian, Rick Karlslyst, Scott Couch and Richard Spiek, and special shout out to Perry Kilpatrick and Lori Hill for running lunches!

We will be having this show again next year and hope to get a bigger crowd and more dealers!

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The exhibits did attract some attention...as did the bin of stamps near the front door. Everyone seemed happy with the door prizes they won. I remember one fellow sitting near the door waiting 2 hours to hear his number called out...and he DID win something!! Check out the photos :



More Show Pics:



If you are reading this on-line and are not a current member of the Midwest Philatelic Society, please consider joining us at our meeting location on Saturday July 6th.

As listed on pg 2, we have a full day of activities. Come and join the fun.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tongs or Tweezers by Jim McKinzie



STAMP TONGS

At our recent show, I overheard two different people refer to a pair of stamp tongs as “Tweezers”. My comment to one of them was, “Are you British?” In Great Britain they refer to stamp tongs as tweezers but in the U.S. we call them stamp tongs, why?

We call them stamp tongs so that the novice collector or someone totally new to the hobby doesn't think they can go to the drug store and buy a pair of tweezers and use them to handle their stamps. Actual tweezers most often have little ridges that if you grab a stamp with those you most likely will damage your stamp. With it harder to buy supplies locally, new people to the hobby could possibly get the wrong thing and damage their stamps. Why do we use tongs? Mostly to keep the oils on our fingertips from transferring to stamp and potentially damaging the stamp over time. Food, drink and greasy hands are death to a good stamp.

Why is correct terminology important? Those of us that have been around this hobby all our lives have a duty to teach and pass on information about our hobby. We that have been around for ever tend to take for granted that everyone in our local club or people that come to the shows know as much as we do. I get proven wrong about something almost every month. This is a vast and deeply complicated hobby when you really get into it. While many stay in the beginners stage or are casual collectors, there is no reason for us to use the wrong phrase or word about something.

Just because the Brits still say tweezers doesn't mean we should. Remember, they still have a monarch, we don't.



Tweezers

First Day Ceremony in St. Joe:

It was a very hot day. In fact it got so hot and I had not been feeling my best, by the time the USPS employee had finished the National Anthem (beautiful voice), I was done. Fortunately Rick Karlslyst was there and took some great pics. Also, Ernie Lierman from our club drove up for the ceremony. By attending the ceremony you were given some freebies from the USPS plus the Pony Express Museum gave out free passes to visit the museum.

I was also fortunate enough to have bought the new Horses issue and some commemorative covers before the ceremony began. I had to be guided back to my car by a friend Cindy, who came up with me, and a kind gentleman whose name I did not get. But I thank him and Cindy. She drove us back to Independence. Right after the USPS First Day Ceremony was a reenactment of the Pony Express. They do this each year from the Patee House where the Pony Express originated.

Maybe next time it won't be so hot and I won't pass out!

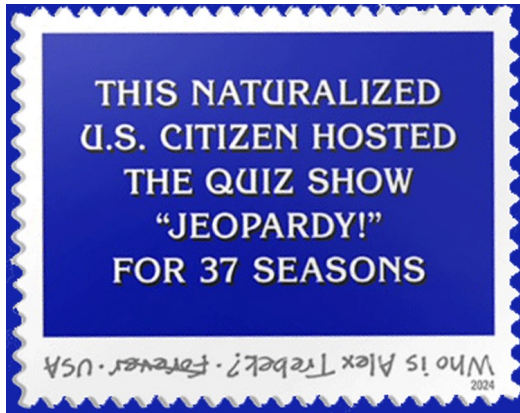


New Issues for July 2024:

Low-denomination Flowers

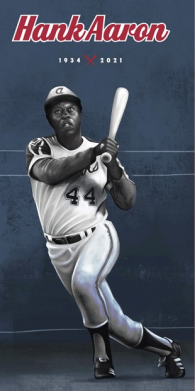
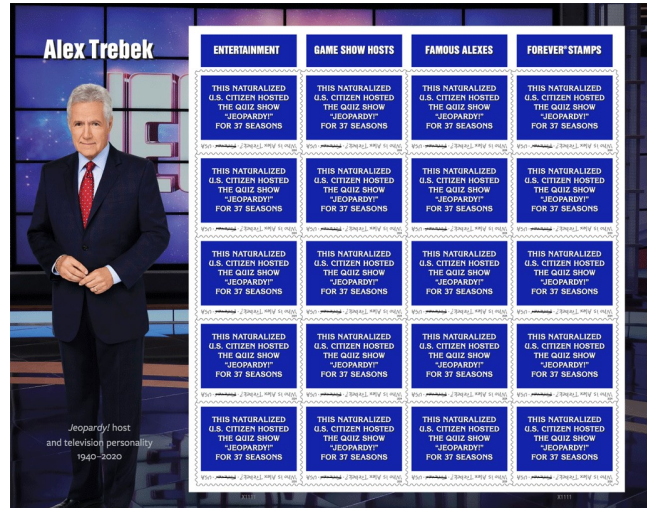
Various rates
 Five Designs, each in a Pane of 20 &
 Coils of 10,000
 Issue Date July 18th
 First Day of Issue City is: Berkley, CA

Print Quantity— 1c Pane 30,000,000, Coil 2,000,000,000
 2c Pane 10,000,000, Coil 190,000,000
 3c Pane 10,000,000, Coil 300,000,000
 5c Pane 20,000,000, Coil 125,000,000
 10c Pane 25,000,000, Coil 300,000,000



Alex Trebek

Forever First Class Rate
 One Design, Pane of 20
 Issue Date July 22nd
 First Day of Issue City is: Culver City, CA
 Print Quantity— 27,000,000



Hank Aaron

Forever First Class Rate
 One Design, Pane of 20
 Issue Date July 31st
 First Day of Issue City is: Atlanta, GA
 Print Quantity— ???

The “Collaboration Crew” at G.A.S.S., Hartford by Fred Reynolds

A group of leaders from several philatelic societies have formed a group called “The Collaboration Crew,” to foster collaboration among societies with similar or overlapping interests. The “Crew “ consists of: German Colonies Collectors Group (GCCP), Germany Philatelic Society USA (GPS), Military Postal History Society (MPHS), American Airmail Society (AAMS), International Society for Japanese Philately (ISJP), the American Helvetica Society (AHS), and the Zeppelin and Airship Collectors FaceBook Group. Collectively we support joint presentations, research, exhibits, publications and seminars. We invite other societies, clubs, and groups to join us to brainstorm together the the exciting future of philately.

At GASS this year in Hartford, The Collaboration Crew will jointly man our several booths, which for convenience have been located together on the same convention aisle. In addition the “Crew” is sponsoring the following Joint Presentations:

Jim Hill, “Around the World on the Graf Zeppelin” and meeting of the Zeppelin and Airship Collectors. Joint with MPHS, GPS, AAMS and Zeppelin and Airship Collectors. Saturday, August 17th, 10:30 AM, Room 22.

Fred Reynolds, “WW I Zeppelin and Airship Combat Postal History” joint with MPHS, GPS, AAMS and Zeppelin and Airship Collectors. Saturday, 17 August, 12:00PM, Room 22.

Harold Krische, "The 1919 Ninoshima POW Camp Exhibition and its Postcards", joint with ISJP. Sunday, August 18th, room 22.

Come join the Collaboration Crew in a public presentation and discussion at GASS of the benefits of collaboration among societies and clubs, and practical ways to do it:

10AM Friday, August 16, Room 25, "How to increase your society's benefits, and membership!" Introduction, Fred Reynolds; Presentations David Ball, Pres. AAMS, and Harold Krische, V.P. MPHS.



For more info on the show, go to the American Philatelic Society website: stamps.org

Hope you enjoyed this month’s newsletter. Thanks to Rick K. & Fred R. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month’s issue. **Deadline for the August issue will be July 15th.** Happy stamping!

Jim Mc