

The Messenger



June 2024

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

Next Meeting

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**Saturday,
June 1st**
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
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Our Secretary Reports What You Missed at the May Meeting:

Attendance: 36 members in attendance.

President: Rodger reported he will not be at the next meeting so Armen will take the lead. The next meeting we will be on June 1st.

First Vice President Report: Armen noted that the APS booklets were selling well this week 12 members purchased \$516 so far. He mentioned that he had a list of 15 members not paid.

Second Vice President Report: No report.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Noted Marjorie Durkee had rejoined.

Librarian report: Neal showed a book of Rail Road Post offices which was donation by Michael Keil

Historian: No report.

Newsletter: Jim McKinzie asked the members to keep the article submission coming. He also mentioned the meeting will be on the first day of June Saturday the 1st letting all to know it was early.

Website: Rodger reported that a banner for the stamp show had been put up on the website. Then he opened the floor to Rick Karlslyst to update the members. Rick reported that the show will be on the 7th and 8th of June. 11 Dealers have committed, and some still have to pay. The location will be the church. He is looking for members to take names at the door and have a rotation of members so no one person is doing all the time at the door. Jim McKinzie will have a sign up on list at the next meeting. Rick has taken fliers to other shows and asked other to do the same. Rick asked how many wanted to present at the show so we know how many frames we needed. There were 5 volunteers to start. Dale Smith suggested to drop off fliers at the libraries and he had already started. Rick reported that Ads have been placed in the Linn's magazine, APS, Stamp Community forum, and ATA Topical. Some suggested placing some fliers in antique malls also.

Exhibits: No report

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Looking for: Neil Becker is looking for transparent Vario Pages so the front and back of his stamps are visible.

Show and Tell: Rodger McReynolds – Showed a coin with the MPS Symbol on the coin. It was for the 1850 – 1950 KC Centennial. He found it online and will be donating it to the club historian.

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**Join us on
Saturday, June 1st
for Mike Keil &
"Trans-Pacific
Clippers 1935-41"**

Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, June 1st

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.

Philatelic Happenings:

MSDA St. Louis Stamp Show

Westbury Center (Knights of Columbus)

20 Westbury Drive

St. Charles, MO

June 1-2

Saturday 10am to 5pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm

OKPEX

Student Union of Rose State College

1910 Hudiburg Dr.

Midwest City, OK

June 28-29

10am to 5pm

The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show

June 7-8 2024

Location: 1st Presbyterian Church...Westminster Hall
417 W. Lexington Ave
Independence, MO 64050

Time: 10am-5pm Friday
10am-4pm Saturday

Over a dozen dealers are scheduled to be there so far.
Mark your calendars today!

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Michael Kiel – Showed a couple covers from mid-winter air drop from the Antarctic but one was from January 1988 which does not make sense due to the fact it is summer and they do not do air drops.

Victor Ellison – Showed Stanley Gibson Items and was wondering which color guide to use for an 1888 US stamp since there are two different Stanley Gibbons with two different guides.

Jesse Hykes – Showed the variety of Susan B. Anthony stamp that is missing the period after the “B”.

Armen Hovsepian – Compared the US decade sets to the British decade stamps and then commented that the Islamic do not have this due to a difference in their calendar.

Program: Presentation was by Bill Johnson, on collecting Western Mail. It was very informative.

Respectfully submitted by,
Perry Kilpatrick

Philatelic Ramblings:

Sometimes, even in the most modest and mundane collection, you will find something interesting. I found an item in a collection I recently acquired. While it has no value, it is very interesting, at least to me. Between some saved postcards, ratty first day covers and envelopes stuffed with U.S. stamps on paper, was an article from an Arizona newspaper. The date of the newspaper article is written in pencil as 5/27/1967. See the article on page 4.

Lots of new issues coming out this month. The new definitive for this year is also coming out and you guessed it. It's another Flag issue! I am shocked!! Just shocked!!! I never would have guessed!!!! If you add up the print quantities of all the formats for this year's flag issue it is over 4 billion stamps printed for one issue. 4,187,000,000 to be exact. That is a lot of flags. I wonder how many the counterfeiters will print. There is only 7.951 billion people on this planet called Earth. 3.333 million people populate the United States. And we keep getting told that no one uses the mail anymore. Really! Whose buying all these stamps? Collectors and dealers will buy a fraction of these recycled U.S. Flags.

As for the other new issues, I do like the sea turtles, horses and the Shaker stamps. And I still love the duck stamps. I love the turtles because my brother and I were always trying to take one home and we did. But the closest we had to a sea turtle were what we called the "Dime Store" turtles that you could buy and keep in an aquarium. We caught box turtles and my brother once tried to catch a snapping turtle until my Dad stopped him. We had a Florida Gopher Tortoise for years. Tommy the Tortoise is a story for another day. Horses are fascinating creatures. Although I had a former boss, who had cattle, that called horses, "Eating and S****ing machines!". Karl was not fond of horses. To top off the horse issue, you can go to St. Joe to the first day ceremony for that issue. The Shaker people were interesting but what is amazing that this Christian sect is all but extinct. But is admired for their enduring hymns, "Simple Gifts" for one. Which was immortalized by Aaron Copeland in the ballet score "Appalachian Spring". Their architecture and furniture design has endured also. It's the furniture that is represented on a sheet of stamps this month. The Carnival Nights do nothing for me. We rarely got to go to the "Midway" at The Tulsa State Fair growing up. So no real memories of carnivals. Mostly all I see is neon lights when I look at this sheet of stamps. With the exception of the carousel horse. I think having a carnival barker trying to entice a young man into winning a big stuffed animal for his girl, the cotton candy booth and/or a freak show would have better represented the carnival along with the rides.

Lastly but not least. I hope all of you plan to attend our stamp show coming up this month. A lot of work has been put into it. For the show to be successful, we need attendees with dollars to spend. See page 8 for what you can expect when you come. Bring some friends. Show them what fun we stamp collectors have. Also, please consider helping out. We need able people to help set up the tables and chairs on Thursday before the show and to take down at the end of the show on Saturday. We also need members to help with the door table. We need to greet people as they come in and get their mailing or email info for future shows plus to answer questions. I would like to have a "beginners table", not a kids table. To answer questions about the hobby and to have some give away items. I plan on donating some items and I hope others will too. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for you to tell us when you will be there to help out. It will take all of us to make this a suc- JMc
cess!

P.S.-The info about the show on page 8 can be printed out by you and distributed in your area of town and to friends. Please consider doing so.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is

www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

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

Found with a Stamp Collection:

POSTMAN NOW

5/27/67

Sailor On Stamp Is Phoenix Man

The May 22 edition of The Phoenix Gazette carried a story about the photographer who, 22 years ago, snapped the "smiling sailors" picture which was used as the model for the U.S. 1945 3-cent Navy Commemorative stamp.

Jim Chemi, Gazette stamp columnist, reported the Navy photographer was Bob Towers, a Phoenixian who took the picture atop the photo shack at the Corpus Christi, Tex., Naval Station, where a group of trainees waited their turn to have their ID (identification) photographs taken.

NOW THERE'S a sequel to the story, resulting from publication of the original Towers photograph:

Charles Atkinson, 2522 W. Highland, while reading The Gazette, noticed that he is one of the trainees in the lower portion of the Towers photograph which actually appears on the 3-cent stamp.

"I was sure surprised when I opened the newspaper to page 24 and saw my picture," said Atkinson. "Two of my buddies who enlisted with me in Kansas are also in the same photograph."

Atkinson, now a mail carrier working out of the McDowell Station, recalled the day the picture was taken.

"I REMEMBER that we had marched to the photo shack to get our ID photographs. The photographer (now identified as Towers) was on the roof and the officer in charge told us to look up and smile. We did.

"I knew I was included in the stamp design," Atkinson added, "but my friends always thought I was kidding them. The blow-up of the entire photograph in



1945 * and now 1967
Phoenixian Charles Atkinson, who recognized himself in U.S. Navy stamp, is pictured as a World War II sailor and today.



**U.S. #935
U.S. Sailors
Issued 10/27/1945**

The article doesn't really specify which sailor is Atkinson. Just that he was in the lower portion of the picture that later became the 3¢ stamp. This is another example of living people on U.S. stamps which was and still is contrary to USPS policy. Very amusing!

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up of the entire photograph in The Gazette now leaves no doubt that I'm included on the stamp."
Atkinson said he kept "in touch with my other buddies for about 15 years after the war's end."
He is married and has a daughter, Cynthia Sue, 10.

Why I Collect by Barry Fitzgerald

Jim's recent article in Philatelic Ramblings caused me to think about my own introduction to collecting stamps and subsequent years with the hobby. For the most part, I have always been a collector. I love the thrill of filling a previously unoccupied space or finding something rare or interesting.

I have been a member of both MPS and APS for a number of years and also have retained memberships in the St. Joseph and Lawrence Stamp Clubs. It was a meeting in St. Joseph 15 years ago or so that restarted me on serious collecting again. My purpose for attending the meeting was to gauge the value of my collection and whether or not I could or should sell it. The meeting was interesting and informative, and I suddenly had the desire to start collecting again.

My interest in stamps began as a young man. Boy's Life had a stamp section and there were also many offers to buy stamps and receive approvals. I subsequently received my Stamp Collecting merit badge on the Way to Eagle Scout and I was hooked on the hobby. My Great Aunt Esther, who was well-traveled and taught school in New York City for 40 years, took an interest in me and furthered my interest by helping me buy a 1957 Scott catalog. It was bright yellow, and the \$7 cost was steep for a young collector, but it was my reference for many years. My favorite stamp was the 4 pence Australia koala stamp of 1942 (or 1938 depending on the perfs). I finally secured one and I still have an interest in Australian stamps today.

Alas, life got in the way. I went off to college, got married, served in the Navy, worked, and raised kids. The love of stamps was still there though, and I was always on the lookout for them. I stayed close to the hobby by accumulating every stamp that I came across. While working for Jostens American Yearbook Company, I amassed a large hoard of stamps on paper. Schools would send their yearbook pages to the plant, and the large envelopes often carried great numbers of commemoratives, as well as high dollar \$2, \$5 and the 1983 \$9.35 Eagle and subsequent issues, etc. These stamps filled many boxes. After finally returning to collecting, I spent many hours soaking them off. My back never forgave me.

I traveled to Hong Kong three times during my Navy days. There was an optometrist who also sold stamps from his business. Receiving mail at the business, he would fill a large box with stamps. I bought the accumulation each time I visited the city. These were mostly foreign stamps, and included some interesting countries like North Korea and Communist China. Ping Pong Diplomacy had not yet occurred and the country's businesses in Hong Kong were off limits to us. Thus, it was interesting to acquire these exotic pieces of paper.

My U.S. collection has filled out and lacks those stamps that require a Brink's truck to purchase. I collect worldwide because over the years, the stamps have taught me much about world geography and history. I generally stop with the fifth International album years but have developed an interest in Canada, Japan, Great Britain, Australia, and a few other countries and have collected those into the early 2000s. I rarely leave MPS meetings without having bought something at the auction, the APS circuit books, or from members. Scott Couch is great for purchasing those U.S. stamps that we have a hard time purchasing at the post office.

Jim's article summed up many reasons why I collect. He spies something that catches his interest and then he goes after it. Being retired helps but I have now accumulated enough to go 24/7 for a year to catch up. Even though the little birdie on my shoulder reminds me that purchasing more stamps adds to the accumulation, it doesn't stop me. There is just something about acquiring new material that excites me.

Of course, my wife is concerned. If I am hit by a bus, what does she do with a room full of philatelic material? She is resigned to the fact that I am a diehard and probably will never stop collecting. However, I am working on ways to make it easy on her.

Our MPS meetings have taught me that our members possess different motives and budgets, but one thing is certain . . . we all share the love of collecting. That's it in a nutshell. Happy collecting.

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

#19 Griqualand West

Griqualand West can be found on Nineteenth Century maps between Cape Colony and Bechuanaland in south central Africa. It was established in the early 1800s by a semi-nomadic mixed race people called Griqua. The Afrikaans-speaking Griqua, like many of the Dutch origin people became disenchanted with the British rule and moved north, out of Cape Colony. Griqualand West gained official status by a treaty with Cape Colony in 1834. With the discovery of diamonds around Kimberly on the eastern edge of the country, thousands of British and Boers moved in and by 1870 disputes over the control of the area were getting heated. In 1871, Griqualand West asked Britain for intervention and in October they fell under British control as Griqualand West Colony. This lasted until October 1880 when the territory was annexed into Cape Colony.

(The reader may have wondered: "If there's a Griqualand West, where is the East?" Well, early on, a group of Griqua split off and went east into Natal where they colonized an area called Griqualand East. They eventually were absorbed by Natal. No postage stamps were ever issued during their existence.)

The first postage stamp used in Griqualand West Colony were Cape of Good Hope 4p stamps, hand surcharged "1d" in dark red ink by the Kimberly postmaster in 1874. Cape of Good Hope stamps were also used from 1877 to 1880, first with the overprint "G. W." on the 1p and 4p issues and, subsequently, ninety-nine Cape of Good Hope issues from 1/2p to 5sh were overprinted with seventeen different fonts of a single "G".



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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 June 1st.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Know Your Philatelic Terms

Obsolescent. About to become obsolete—to remain in use until existing stocks are exhausted or withdrawn. Example: the death or abdication of a monarch renders all existing stamps bearing his or her portrait obsolescent immediately. They normally become obsolete when the new issues appear.

Obsolete. Philatelically—no longer in use; or, that issue has ceased, i.e. stamps that have been discarded or replaced by a new issue, value, color, or other variant. No longer available to the public at post offices in the country of origin, but not necessarily invalid for prepayment. See 'Demonetized.'

Demonetized. A stamp is said to have been demonetized when the issuing authority has declared that it is no longer valid for the prepayment of postage. In some cases, for example certain modern commemoratives, the period of validity is announced in advance at the time of issue, but usually stamps remain postally valid long after they have been withdrawn from sale at the post offices. Thus all the Queen Victoria stamps of Great Britain were demonetized from June 30, 1915, and those of King Edward VII from March 31, 1930.

Printers' Waste. Term used to describe badly printed or otherwise faulty stamps which are or ought to be destroyed by the printers—as distinct from genuinely unnoticed errors or varieties sold over the post office counter.

Quadrillé Paper. Watermarked with cross lines forming rectangles. The 1892 15¢ issues of France bear a pseudo-watermark (quadrillé) of oil or transparent varnish.

Varied perfs. Applied to the special horizontal perforations of the 'coil' stamps of Australia, which consist of larger holes in the center than at the ends, to facilitate separation.



Example of Quadrillé Paper on Right



Example of Varied Perfs

The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show

June 7th and 8th

**Westminster Hall
First Presbyterian Church of Independence
417 West Lexington Ave
Independence, MO 64050**

**Friday 10am to 5pm
Saturday 10am to 4pm**

The following dealers are scheduled to come:

**Allied Philatelics-US, France, Great Britain & More
First Century Stamps-U.S./Worldwide pre 1947
Fox River Stamps-U.S. BOB and Supplies
H & O Hobbies-Worldwide
IML Stamps
John Brown Stamps-U.S. and more
Kyle Nybo- The World
StampSmith-Topicals
Three Trails Stamps-Worldwide collections
Tiger Collectibles-U.S.
Worldwide Philatelics-Worldwide**

**You will be able to
see award winning
exhibits on
interesting
philatelic material.**



**A beginners table
with knowledgeable
collectors on hand
to answer your
questions.**

New Issues for June 2024:

Carnival Nights

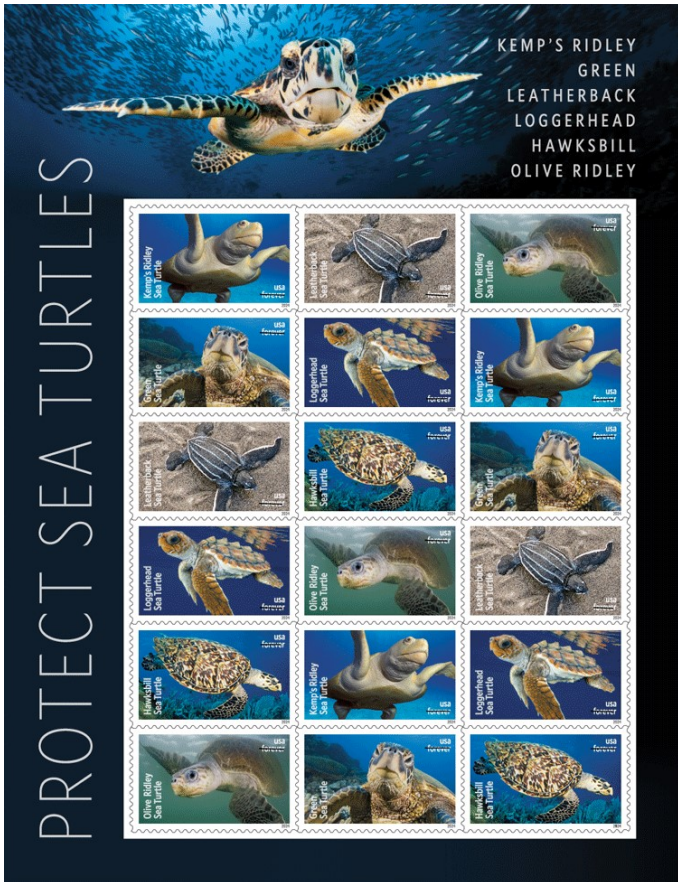
Forever First Class Rate

Ten designs, Pane of 20

Issue Date June 6th

First Day of Issue City is: Biloxi, MS

Print Quantity– 18,000,000



Protect Sea Turtles

Forever First Class Rate

Six designs, Pane of 18

Issue Date June 11th

First Day of Issue City is: Corpus Christi, TX

Print Quantity– 27,000,000



U.S. Flags

Forever First Class Rate

Double-Sided Booklet of 20 (4 Designs)

Issue Date June 11th

First Day of Issue City is: Keystone, SD

Print Quantity– APU and BNA 900,000,000 each.

Coil Roll of 100

Print Quantity—APU 1,250,000,000

BNA 1,000,000,000

Coil Roll of 3,000

Print Quantity—APU 12,000,000

Coil Roll of 10,000

Print Quantity—APU 125,000,000

New Issues for June 2024 continued:

Horses

Forever First Class Rate
Five designs, Pane of 20
Issue Date June 17th
First Day of Issue City is: St. Joseph, MO
Print Quantity– 30,000,000

**First Day Ceremony will be at 2pm
Patee House Museum
1202 Penn St.
St. Joseph, MO 64503**

RSVP: All attendees are encouraged to register at: usps.com/horsesstamps

Shaker Design

Forever First Class Rate
Twelve designs, Pane of 12
Issue Date June 20th
First Day of Issue City is: Pittsfield, MA
Print Quantity– 18,000,000



Shaker Design



Duck

Special Hunting & Conservation, \$25
Pane of One and Pane of Twenty
Issue Date June 28th
First Day of Issue City is: Hanover, MD
Print Quantity– 1,282,180 for Pane of 1,
43,600 for Pane of 20



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Barry F. & Neil B. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the July issue will be June 15th.** Happy stamping!

Jim Mc