

The Messenger



October 2024

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

Next Meeting

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**Saturday,
October 5, 2024**
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
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What You Missed at Our September Meeting:

Attendance: 35 members in attendance.

President Rodger McReynolds opens the meeting.

Reports: President— No Report
1st Vice-President —No Report
2nd Vice-President—No Report
Treasurer—Hans gave a breakdown of our 2023 Financial Report
Secretary—No Report
Historian—Scott received a donation from Victor Ellison on Westport KC
Librarian—Neil received a book for the library on the Pony Express from George Corney
Website—No Report
Exhibits—Cutoff of entries for the December Member Exhibiting is the *November meeting*.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Omaha Stamp Show will be held September 14-15. See September newsletter for details.
The Greater KC Area Stamp Show is tentatively scheduled for May 30-31, 2025 here at Westminster Hall.
Chicagopex is the weekend before Thanksgiving. Several members plan to attend and exhibit.
Boston World Stamp Show is in May 2026, start your plans now.
Fred Reynolds discussed the “Collaboration Crew” which is several of the stamp societies determining ways to work together.

Show N Tell: We had several members with very interesting material.

Program: Scott Couch gave his program “Collecting Missouri Covers”. Very interesting topic.

Formal meeting portion was adjourned by Rodger. Declared a short break and we moved on to the Auction.

Respectively submitted by Jim McKinzie



Happy Halloween

U.S. #1548
Headless Horseman & Ichabod
Issued October 10, 1974

Join us on
October 5, 2024
For Rick Karlslyst's program,
“The DO-X Aircraft”

Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, October 5th
Meeting is to be held at 1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall
417 W Lexington Ave
Independence, MO 64050

10:00am—Noon Dealers and members, buy, sell and trade.

NOON October Luncheon served

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:

Several members, some of whom are dealers, will have material for sale. A good time to maybe find some stamps that you are looking for. If you are looking for something in particular, you might contact one of them and ask them to bring it to the meeting.

Philatelic Happenings:

MSDA St. Louis Area Stamp Show

Westbury Center
20 Westbury Dr.
St. Charles, MO

October 5-6

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: 10am to 3pm

Ozarks' Coin Club, Coin & Stamp Show

Relics Antique Mall Event Center
2015 West Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO

October 25-26

Friday Noon-6pm

Saturday 10am to 4pm

I counted 10 MPS members who showed up on Saturday for the Omaha Show. How many were there on Sunday, I don't know but it was good show and a great day for a nice drive. Thanks to the Omaha Club and the dealers for working hard on having this show.

JMc

Annual October Luncheon This Meeting



We are on fire for



We will serve at NOON

If you have not paid Hans your \$10 for the luncheon, it may not be too late. But don't wait.

Call Jim today-816-916-1288

Philatelic Ramblings:

September was a busy month philatelically for me. Went to the Omaha Show in which I found some good items. Then last Saturday I went to the St. Joseph Stamp Club meeting and met and heard Alan Barash of the Webster Groves Stamp Club talk about Queen Elizabeth II's life on stamps. Good talk and had fun meeting some of their other members. In between all that I was working on expanding my exhibit of EFO's of the Bicentennial Period. I plan to get it to three frames(16 pages each) for CHICAGOPEX in November. Lots of work but fun. When you work on exhibit, you learn even more that you did not know about your subject. Our exhibiting in December is only 9 pages. Think about what you could do with some part of your collection you are passionate about. Our exhibiting is a relaxed affair and is a good way to start if you have never done it.

What do you plan to do with the cold weather coming soon with your stamp collection? Something new or expand on what you have been doing? Plan on going somewhere that relates to philately? If so, write up a short note about what you plan to do for an upcoming newsletter.

Because I received no submissions from the members this month, I have written an extensive article about my trip to Hartford, CT and G.A.S.S. For those of you that wish for different content, then please consider writing an article or two. I think of past submissions, like Bob Burney who wrote some great articles that were two or three parts. I appreciate Neil's on going submissions about Dead Countries. Tomas has had several articles over the years, some that were two parts. Andrea Smith's articles have also been a great addition over the years. What makes our newsletter interesting to me, is the diversity of thought about collecting from different members. Consider sending me something for next month's newsletter.

JMc

Unusual Announcement from the U.S.P.S:



An announcement was made this past week that the United States Postal Service will not be asking for an increase in postage rates at the end of the year. This ends an every six month cycle of increased rates since August 29, 2021. Which had gone to 58¢ from 55¢ for first class mail. Most of us starting collecting when the rate was 3, 4 or 5 cents. 73¢ seems unbelievably high. But back then you could buy a hamburger, fries and a coke for less than a buck. What is it today?



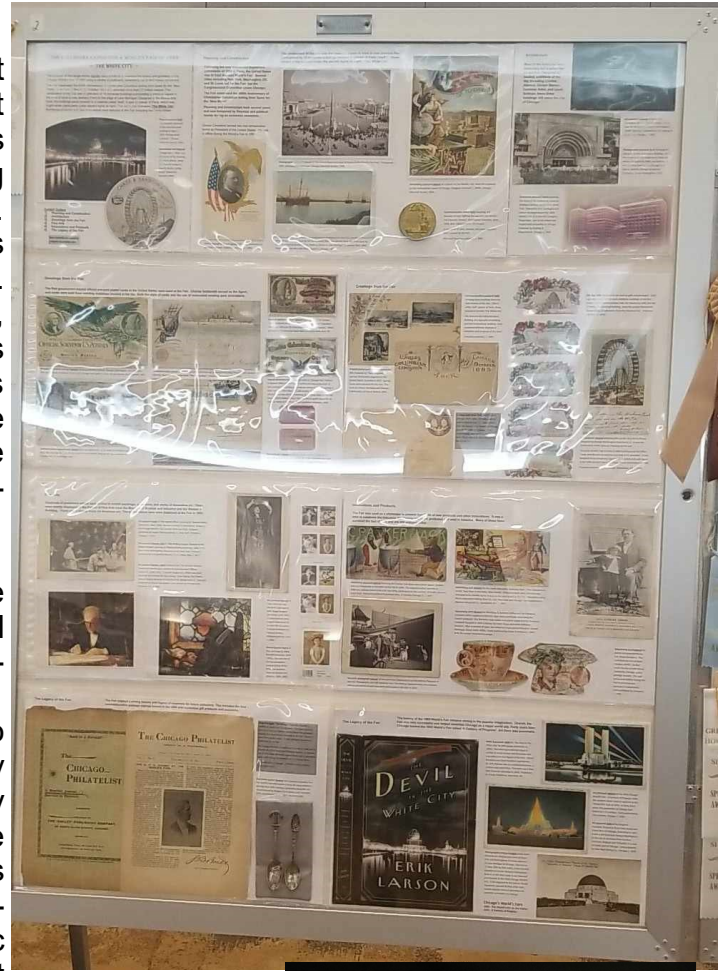
While no increases at the end of the year, they are asking for a price increase for some package services during the holiday season for 2024. Starting October 6th and ending January 19, 2025. This would include USPS Ground Advantage, Priority Mail and Express Mail depending on the zone. You will need to consult the USPS website or at the Post Office as to what

your package will cost depending on where it is going.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com
Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

Tomas Griebing is an Award Winner in Houston:

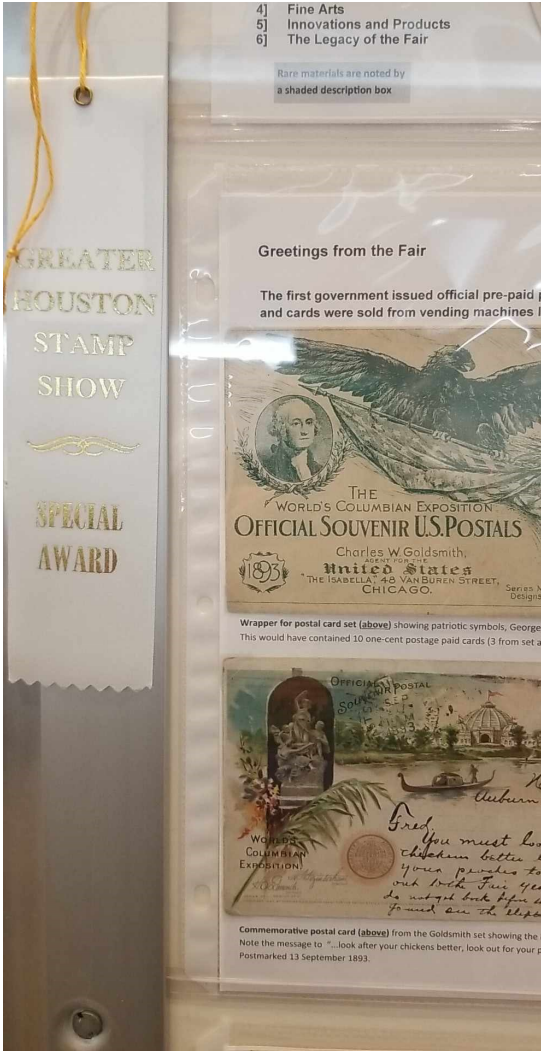
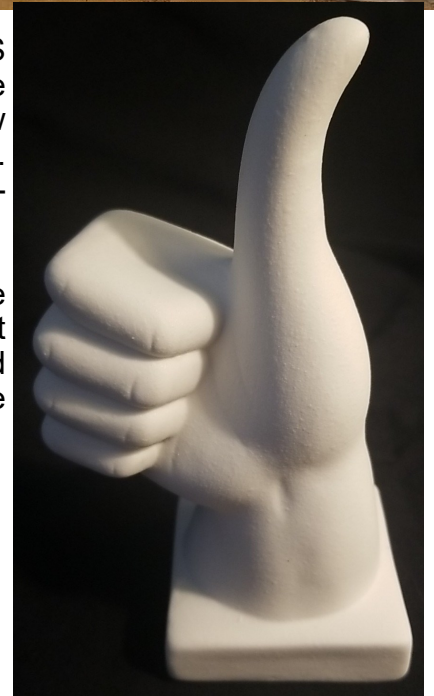
The Greater Houston Stamp Show was held this past September. Tomas entered his new one frame exhibit in the show, "The Columbian Exposition and World's Fair of 1893 –The White City. Houston does exhibiting a little different than the rest of the philatelic world. Each year a different color is picked for a theme. This year's was white. Hence, Tomas' Display Class Exhibit. It features original postally used postal cards, tickets, commemorative medals, sterling silver collector spoons and other ephemera. Great idea which obviously was popular. He won a Silver award from the judges and he received the creativity award for the "Most Imaginative 'White" Single-Frame Exhibit". Trophy for the Most Imaginative is the lower right picture.



A highlight, in the exhibit, is a full copy of the newsletter/magazine from the Chicago Philatelic Society dated 26 July 1893 (during the Fair). The articles include descriptions of philatelic exhibits shown at the Fair, and critiques from the CPS members! Also some notes on the "new" stamps. What were those new stamps, the Columbians, of course. The first real set of U.S. commemoratives.

Next year's color is black. It is the last color from the box of crayons that they draw from each year. It would be fun if several of us did a one frame and went to Houston next year.

Congrats, Tomas!



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, October 5th.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Heading to Hartford by Jim McKinzie

As I stated last month, I decided to drive to Connecticut to the Great American Stamp Show.

DAY 1– I started out on a nice Sunday morning before the show with the plan to stay in Terre Haute, IN that evening. I made a stop in St. Charles, MO for lunch and a visit with some old friends. They took me to Hobos At The Legion. Unbelievable place in an old American Legion Hall. Fried chicken, catfish, pizza, burgers and it seemed like everything else. Huge menu and it was all good. Although if you are watching your waistline or your cholesterol, probably not the place to go. Great lunch and nice visit but I had to get on down the road.

Not far into Illinois from St. Louis, is a place at the junctions of I-70, US 40 and IL 143 called Blue Springs Café. They are known for their pies. While I had just eaten I stopped anyway and picked up a piece for later. What agony! So many choices from fruit pies to cream pies piled with meringue. If they would have had a piece of blueberry pie I might have gotten that but I ended up with the chocolate meringue. Which is really no surprise since I very seldom pass chocolate anything up. It was worth the stop.



U.S. #5652
Blueberries
Issued January 9, 2022



U.S. #4382
Lincoln as a Politician
Issued February 9, 2009

Not far down the road I spied a sign about an Abraham Lincoln site. Since visiting presidential sites was a part of my travel plans, I pulled off the road to visit the Vandalia Statehouse which was the Illinois Capitol from 1836-1839. As I drove up I was very curious about what Lincoln's connection was to this town of Vandalia. Of course, with it being late Sunday afternoon, I knew nothing would be open but that was fine. Beautiful grounds around this stately building. It was from this spot that Lincoln took his first public stand against slavery. While some would have considered it a somewhat lukewarm stand, for the time it was quite controversial. Even though Illinois was a free state, being anti-slavery was not popular in the state.



Finally, Terre Haute and a bed. Much needed rest for the next day on the road.



Day 2—From Terre Haute I drove to Marion, Ohio to see the Warren G. Harding sites. I had to blow through Indiana to get to Marion that day. I figured I could check out some Indiana sites on the way back. I should have remembered from my sales rep days that many historical sites are not open on Mondays. This was true of the Harding Presidential Library & Museum. While disappointing I did get to walk the grounds behind the library and his home. Several various structures from the Guard House to the Press House that was built in two days to house the seventeen journalists that covered the 1920 Front Porch Campaign that Harding conducted.



U.S. #610
Harding Memorial Issue
Issued September 1, 1923



There was a general revulsion from the country at large of the presidential aggrandizement as practiced by Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. So it was from this front porch of his home that Harding promised a return to "normalcy". A huge Republican majority responded to him and with the Democrats in disarray, Harding won overwhelmingly. He was still very popular among the general public when he died in a San Francisco hotel in August of 1923. Only two and a half years after being inaugurated. His appointments of Charles Evans Hughes as Secretary of State, Herbert Hoover as Secretary of Commerce and Andrew Mellon as Treasury Secretary were three sound appointments.



It was his weak appointments of his Attorney General and Interior Secretary, Albert B. Fall that led to the Teapot Dome scandal that mired Harding's legacy. Attorney General Daugherty turned a blind eye to the growing corruption and graft in the federal bureaucracy. Fall was implicated in the corrupt transfer of Government oil reserves in Wyoming and California. Harding seems not to have suspected the extent of the mess until it was too late. The storm broke after Harding's death. While the scandals tarnished his legacy, the people still admired the man greatly, especially his fellow Ohioans. They built a magnificent memorial that gleamed in the sunlight of

that beautiful summer day. He and his wife Florence are entombed in the center of roofless memorial. I sat on the steps enjoying the day and the lovely surroundings. I could



have sat there all day. As I sat there, I could imagine the magnificence of ancient Rome with all its marble structures. A grandmother and her young grandson were sitting near by. The child was deaf and the grandmother told me he liked coming to see the "pretty flowers" and the tall building. I could see why.

It was time to move on, as my plan was to get to Canton, Ohio for the night. I planned to go to the McKinley Museum and Memorial the next day. I had to stay outside of Canton in an area that was a popular fishing and hunting area. Beautiful countryside. In fact all of Ohio, especially when you get off the Interstate roads is quite nice.

Day 3—I got up and had a great breakfast in a little café on the way into Canton. I arrived about the time,

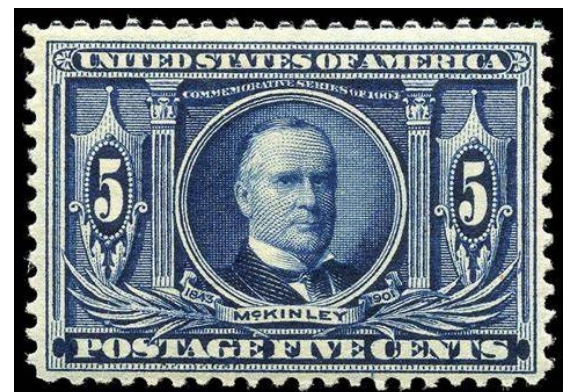
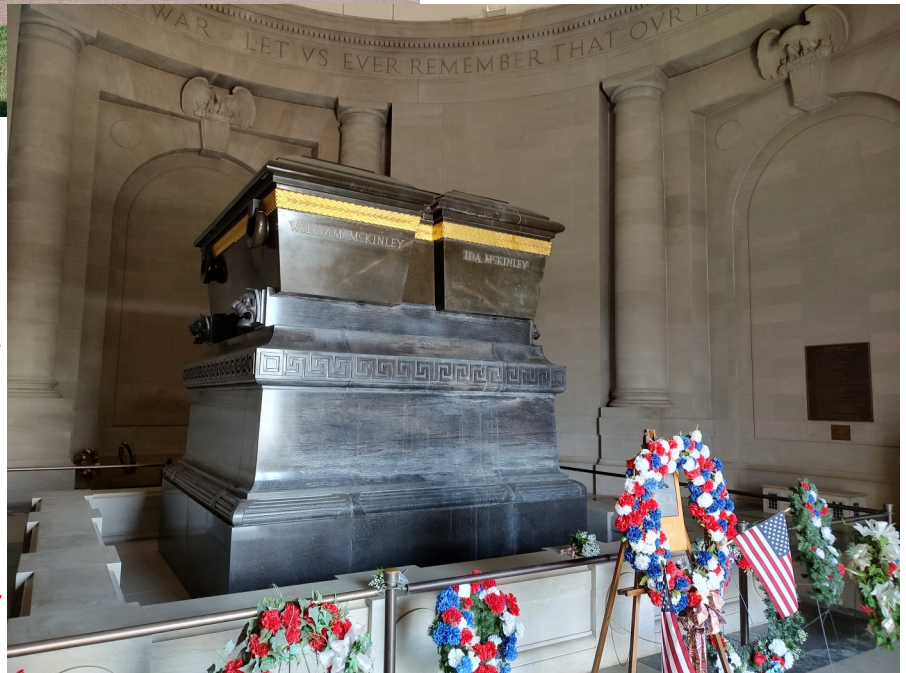


the museum was opening but I decided to walk up to the memorial first. While I was impressed with the Harding Memorial, McKinley's Memorial is impressive in a different way. It sits atop one of the highest points in Canton. When it was built, it was visible from all over Canton. I walked up the 108 steps to the monument, slowly. Resting a couple of times. Then sat for a time before I went in. Inside both McKinley and his wife lay in rest along with their two daughters that died very young. One as an infant and

the other at age four. Ida McKinley became an invalid shortly after and remained that way the rest of her life. The daughters are entombed in the wall behind their parents.

The inner dome has a beautiful skylight of stained glass. There are 45 stars representing the 45 states at the time. From the floor to the highest point inside is 77 feet. But that is just the interior dome. There is a protective outer dome on top.

Onward to the museum and on east next month!



**U.S. #326
William McKinley
Issued April 30, 1904**

New Issues for October 2024:

This is it, unless the U.S.P.S. makes a surprise announcement of another new issue. Nothing is scheduled after these two for the rest of the year.

Thank You Healthcare Community

Forever First Class Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date October 3rd
First Day of Issue City is:
Washington, D.C.
Print Quantity-20,000,000



Holiday Joy

Forever First Class Rate
Four Designs, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date October 10th
First Day of Issue City is:
Charlottesville, VA
Print Quantity- 220,000,000



Members Andrea & Dale Smith were in Norway recently. They spied this truck.

Now what we want to know, is that a branch of this MPS chapter and is that how they solved their meeting place problem during COVID.

Glad we have our current place.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS:

It is time. Have you thought about it. Would you like to serve in some capacity. Please think about it. We will elect the new slate of officers at December's meeting. The officers are the group that help hold this society together. Without people serving in each office we can not continue. Rodger has served as President for the past two years and would like to pass the gavel. There are probably other officers that feel the same.

Below is a list of the elected offices and their duties:

The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Society, including the Board of Directors. He or she shall appoint all committees, with the approval of the Board of Directors, and be an ex officio member of all committees.

The First Vice President shall act for the President in case of temporary absence, and shall be responsible for the programs at Society meetings.

The Second Vice President shall be responsible for club auctions, and shall act for the First Vice President in case of temporary absence.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Society and present them for approval of the Society at the next regular meeting. He or she shall also keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors. A summary of the minutes will be sent to the Editor for insertion in the following month's newsletter (not to include the actual treasury balance), and shall be posted to the Society's website.

The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the Society, making regular reports to the Society which shall be incorporated into the minutes. He or she shall be empowered to collect all dues and receipts and to pay the bills and disburse the funds of the Society. He or she shall be the custodian of the Bylaws of the Society.

The following offices are appointed by the President after the election:

Three Board Members At-Large
Newsletter Editor
Historian
Librarian
Exhibit Chairperson

And any other committee formed as deemed necessary by the Board and/or the Membership.

Please refer to our website where the By-laws are posted for more information.

Consider running for an office. You will find it greatly rewarding.



**U.S. #1584
Early Ballot Box
Issued December 8, 1977**

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Dale S. and Tomas G. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the November issue will be October 15th.** Happy stamping!

Jim Mc