

The Messenger



September 2024

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

Next Meeting

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**Saturday,
September 7, 2024**
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
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What You Missed at Our August Meeting:

Attendance: 37 members in attendance.

President's Report: No Report.

1st Vice President's Report: Discussed the continuance of the APS booklets. Some members thought that the APS booklets could potentially take money from the auction and dealers. After much discussion, the members decided to continue the APS booklets.

2nd Vice President's Report: Thanked Armen for the member identification stickers. Also requested feedback from the MPS stamp show in June.

Secretary's Report: Perry was not present. Jeff Jaax will take this meetings minutes.

Treasurer: Hans reported that the financial statement for 2023 was completed. There was a net income of \$398 for the year. Hans will be completing the State of Missouri paperwork by the end of the month,.

Newsletter Editor's Report: No Report.

Website Master's Report: No Report.

Exhibit Chairman's Report: Reminder that exhibits will be in December and that sign up deadline is the MPS meeting in November. Time is short, plan on and sign up now.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Show and Tell: A Civil War cover with a Confederate stamp was shown. It was interesting because it was sent by a Union surgeon to Pennsylvania. There was some speculation by members on why Union mail had a Confederate stamp. A WWII cover and letter were produced. The letter was a note from bootcamp to his wife at home in Boulder City, NV. The letter was reunited with the grateful family 80 years later. Armen presented a stack of returned orders from his ebay store. There orders were placed with false addresses intentionally. It is felt that scammers are trying to build positive histories by buying quantities of small purchase to hopefully defraud customers in the future.

Program: Neil Becker presents HOW AND WHAT I COLLECT. He showed his stamp room and collection. He discussed his collecting interests and thoughts on how to organize a collection.

Respectively submitted by Jeff Jaax

**Join us on
September 7th
For Scott Couch program,
"Collecting Missouri Covers"**

Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, August 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.
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. John Harmon will have his inventory of stamps and souvenir sheets of countries D, E & F. He encourages you to bring your want list.

Philatelic Happenings:

Omaha Stamp Show

Metro Community College
South Omaha Campus-Cam Bldg.
2709 Edward Babe Gomez Ave.
Omaha, NE

September 14-15

Saturday & Sunday: 10am to 4pm

MSDA St. Louis Area Stamp Show

Westbury Center
20 Westbury Dr.
Saint Charles, MO

October 5-6

Saturday 10am to 5pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm



The following members attended the recent G.A.S.S. in Hartford CT.

From L to R, then down

Dale Smith, Andrea Smith, Jim McKinzie,
Fred Reynolds and Tomas Griebling

Not Pictured

Celeste & George Hampton

Philatelic Ramblings:

So, I drove all the way to Hartford, CT to G.A.S.S. I think I am nuts! It was great though. We have such a vast and beautiful country. I actually crossed into Rhode Island one day before I headed back just so I could say I have been there. Doesn't leave many states now that I have not been to. I spent four days getting up there. Stopped at some interesting sites along the way. Took even longer coming back.

The part that is rather fun is going to the different ceremonies at G.A.S.S. and there were plenty to go to. I only made it to four.

Seminars are great at G.A.S.S. The most fascinating were two back to back seminars on the current problem of counterfeit stamps. Our own Tomas Griebing gave a talk on his "Pink Triangle" exhibit.

Tomas received a Large Vermeil on both of his exhibits. *The Olympic Symbol in Design* and *From Mark of Oppression to Symbol of Gay Pride—The Pink Triangle*. Congrats!

Dale and Andrea had a booth at the show and were doing quite well every time I walked by or was at their booth. They have started their process to retire from the stamp business. Sad to see but I sure get it. Dragging all that inventory to shows, setting up and working the show booth is a lot. We wish them well.

Since Daniel F. Kelleher is in Danbury, CT. and I had planned on bidding on a couple of items in their auction that was held after the show on Tuesday—Thursday, I just decided to stay over and attend. It was great fun but alas I only got one item that I went to the auction for. Although I bid on four other lots that I had not planned on and won those lots.

Next year's G.A.S.S. will be in Chicago. That is about as close as it will probably get to us for many years. If you have never been to a big show, I would recommend that you start making plans on going next year to Chicago. Even if you don't buy one stamp, it is worth going for the ceremonies, seminars, exhibits and the many people you will meet and talk to.

JMc

An Invite from the St. Joseph Stamp Club:

The St. Joseph Stamp Collectors Club will be hosting Alan Barasch of the Websters Grove Stamp Club at our September 21st meeting. Alan has been asked to come to St. Joe and deliver a presentation honoring Queen Elizabeth II.

All Midwest Philatelic Society members and the Gladstone Stamp Collectors Club members are invited to attend.

The St. Joseph Stamp Collectors Club hold our meetings in the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center located at 100 South 10th St., St Joseph, MO. There are parking spots beneath the building. Take the elevator up to the first floor to find our meeting room. The center is open at 8:00am, but our meeting will not take place until about 1pm. Rick2 will be there at about 11am to set up for the presentation.

Hope to see you there!!

Rick2

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

DEAD COUNTRIES: (Stamp-issuing countries that no longer exist) by Neil Becker

#21 Natal

On December 25th in 1497 Vasco da Gama sighted the coast of south-east Africa and subsequently named the area *Terra Natalis*, Portuguese for Christmas Land. It would later be called Natal. The Portuguese colonized Mozambique just to the north and Natal remained mostly occupied by local tribes for the next 225 years. In 1823 the British established the town of Port Natal as a trade center. Afrikaans and Boers began settling in the inland areas, and then in 1838 established the Natalia Republic. It lasted until 1843 when Britain annexed the entire area of Natal as a Crown Colony. Subsequently a majority of the Afrikaners moved west to Transvaal.

The Crown Colony of Natal had a rather colorful sixty-three year history, including wars with the Zulu Tribe and the Boers. It became Natal Province, one of the founding provinces of the Union of South Africa on May 31st 1910.



Embossed Pattern on Natal #3

Between 1857 and 1909 Natal produced 121 postage stamp issues and 6 official stamps. The first 7 stamps were various designs embossed on colored paper. Most are quite expensive, but reprints are more readily available. Between 1860 and 1864 the "Chalon" portrait of Queen Victoria was chosen for three denominations in nine printings. The years 1867, 1874-8, 1880, 1882-9 and 1891 saw a return of the original (Wyon) left-facing portrait used on the first 1840 British stamp. 1869-1875 and 1888 saw 44 stamps overprinted "postage" in various fonts and configurations. Ten stamps were also surcharged between 1877 and 1895. Finally, in 1902 King Edward was featured on a set of 20 stamps, up to 20 pounds, having the CA & Crown watermark. This was followed by 9 stamps with a multiple CA & Crown watermark in 1904 and 7 stamps with a design change (from "POSTAGE, REVENUE" to "POSTAGE, POSTAGE" on the sides of the vignette). These were valid until 1913.



Natal #9



Natal #43



Natal #51



Natal #61



Natal #89



Natal #113



Natal #56



Natal #95



Natal #116

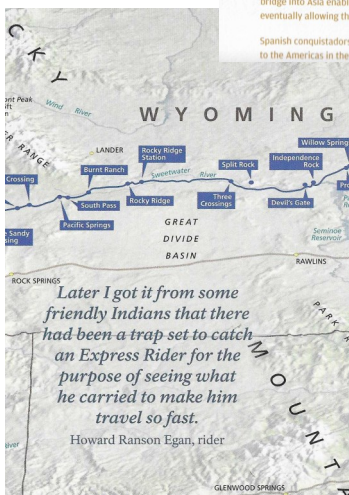
If you are reading this on-line and are not a current member of the Midwest Philatelic Society, please consider joining us at our meeting location on Saturday, September 7th.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FDC Ceremony and the Pony Express Re-ride Event by Rick Karlsllyst

Recently the City of St Joseph hosted a FDC ceremony in conjunction with the annual Pony Express Re-ride event. I attended this event in order to make a purchase or two and to take pictures for my local St Joseph Stamp Club as well as the Gladstone Club and the MPS.

The First Day Covers produced are for the "Horses" stamp issued 17 June 2024.



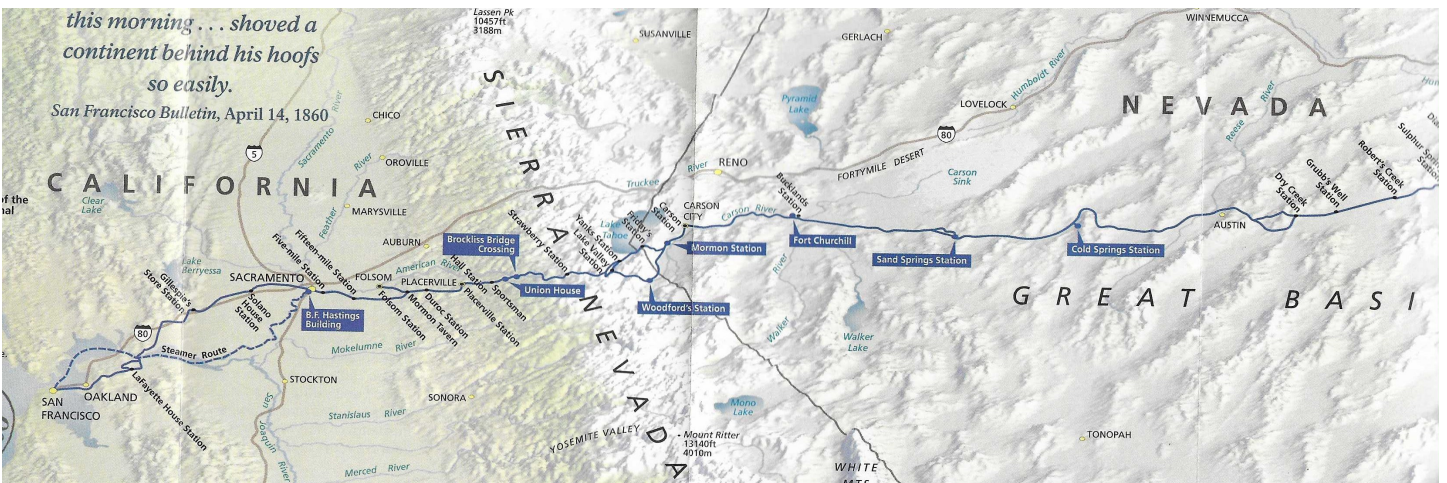
Seeing me shooting pictures with my camera, a young lady approached me and handed me a folder.

She assumed I was with the local media and had given me a media handout consisting of a ceremony program and a National Parks Service handout with a cool map showing the stations along the route of the Pony Express!

Overall there was a good crowd but it was VERY hot!!

Pictures from both events.....





The Ceremonies at G.A.S.S. by Jim McKinzie

The first day of the show was the First Day Ceremony for the Pinback Buttons issue. On Friday the other First Day Ceremony by the U.S.P.S. was presented for the Autumn Colors issue.



The National Duck Stamp Collectors Society had a ceremony unveiling their new label for this year. Wayne Youngblood and APS Executive Director Scott English are center and right. I apologize to the gentleman that was on the left of Wayne. I did not get his name. I had never attend one their ceremonies but it was interesting and kept me from buying stamps on the floor with the multitudes of great dealers.



My favorite ceremony for the past several years has been the Boston 2026 label. This is the fourth label issue by the Boston 2026 Show Committee to promote and raise money for the International show. The gentleman on the far left is Chris Calle, who is the artist that has created all four labels. This one honors John Adams. Scott English is on the right with the members of the Boston show committee.

At all these ceremonies you can pick up the stamps or labels and get them signed by the artists (usually) and the other dignitaries/speakers in attendance.

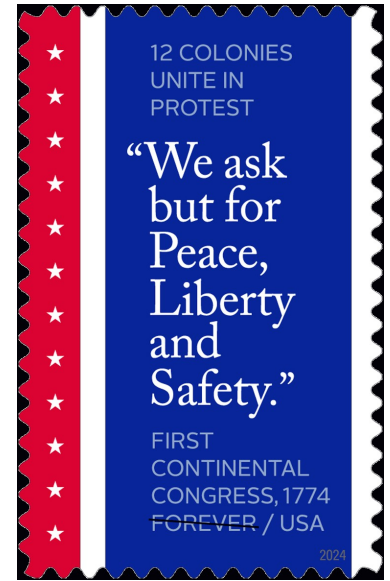
New Issues for September 2024:

Good group of new issues this month. Nice designs overall.

It would be fun to be in Philly for the FDC ceremony on September of 5th.

First Continental Congress

Forever First Class Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date September 5th
First Day of Issue City is:
Philadelphia, PA
Print Quantity-18,000,000



Madonna & Child

Forever First Class Rate
One Design, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date September 14th
First Day of Issue City is:
Washington, D.C.
Print Quantity-210,000,000



Holiday Joy

Forever First Class Rate
Four Designs, Booklet Pane of 20
Issue Date September 14th
First Day of Issue City is:
Washington, D.C.
Print Quantity– 500,000,000



Hanukkah 2024

Forever First Class Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date September 19th
First Day of Issue City is:
Washington, D.C.
Print Quantity– 10,000,000



Kwanzaa

Forever First Class Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date September 25th
First Day of Issue City is:
Pittsburgh, PA
Print Quantity– 12,000,000



It's BBQ time!

Our annual October luncheon is coming up fast. We will sit down to eat at Noon, Saturday, October 5th before the meeting. The cost per member is \$10 and will include everything that will fill you up with the exception of drinks. Please bring your own drink for the luncheon.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please pay your \$10 at the September meeting. Hans will be taking your money. If you are unable to attend September's meeting but plan on coming in October to the luncheon, then please mail your payment to Hans today. Don't wait, we need a total number to give to the caterer.

Mail to: Hans Vergara
11916 W 109th St #204
Overland Park, KS 66210

The \$10 does not cover the overall cost of the luncheon, the club picks up the rest of the tab.



The opening day of the Great American Stamp Show (G.A.S.S.) in Hartford at their convention center.

The line was snaked all around from the entry point at the far left behind the APS registration desk, to the guy in green who thought I was taking his picture. I did talk with him but I didn't take any notes about who he is or where from.

That is part of the fun of going to these shows. You meet and talk with fellow philatelists from all over. Sometimes you can learn some valuable information about what you collect or are trying to research.

JMc