

Charles Lindbergh
By Matt Benward

Charles Augustus Lindbergh was born on February 4, 1902 in Detroit. His father was Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Sr. and Evangeline Land Lodge was his mother. His father was a Lawyer and served as a U.S. Congressman from Minnesota from 1907 to 1917. When he was 18 Charles entered the University of Wisconsin to study engineering, but after 2 years quit to become a barnstormer at fairs doing daring stunts. In 1924 he enlisted in the Army to so he could train in the Army Air Corps and a year later he graduated top in his class in flight school. Soon after he was hired by the Robertson Aircraft Company to fly the mail between Saint Louis and Chicago. Quite soon he became know as a capable and professional pilot.

In 1919 the amount of \$25,000 was offered to the first pilot who cross the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris. By 1927 the prize was still unclaimed and Charles decided he was the right person to attempt this challenge. So the backing of nine Saint Louis businessman and specially built plane he began his quest. On May 20, 1927 at 7:52 AM in the *Spirit of St. Louis* took off from Roosevelt Field. After a flying 3600 miles in 33 1/2 hours he landed at Le Bourget Field in Paris to the cheers of thousands of people.

When he returned to the U.S. he was honored with many awards and parades. Soon after President Calvin Coolidge personally presented Lindbergh with the Congressional Medal of Honor. Also in 1927 he published his first book, *We*, which refers to his plane, the *Spirit of St. Louis*, and himself. Then he began to travel across the United States to promote air travel and the science of aeronautics.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2002. Our theme for our show is the 100th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's birth. This year we have twenty stamp dealers from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps from the US and the rest of the the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stamps. The dealers are always ready to help and answer any of your questions. The stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems, or just stop by and chat. Also, stop and look at the exhibits. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at

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Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for January - February 2002

Highlights of our club's activities for the above period follow.

The NPS held its 1/14/02 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/26/01 meeting were read and approved.

An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 10, 2001. Doug Old won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed.

Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt reported that he expected eighteen to twenty dealers for the NPS 2002 Stamp Show.

Also, Trevor Hicks is expecting repairs to the NPS trailer to be done well before our show. Kevin Baker reported that the NPS website address would be changing due to the buyout of @Home by Comcast. The business session then adjourned for an APS slideshow on "The Tale of the Kicking Mule Cancel".

The NPS had its 1/28/02 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 1/14/02 meeting were read and approved with corrections. Robert Hall won the door prize.

Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt advised that the lawyers had inquired about the availability of NPS club minutes from 8 to 20 years ago to search for evidence of stamps owned by Dr. Bugel. This was to substantiate ownership for philatelic materials stolen last year. Steve Meyer, one of the evening's guests, offered a number of well-filled stamp albums for sale by an individual for whom he was acting as an agent.

It was announced that the National Guard Armory was not available for open public gatherings such as our Stamp Show due to 9/11 related security concerns. This was a nation-wide situation and especially critical due to threats that had been received to the armory. Matt was able to arrange for an alternative location for our show at the Days Inn - Airport. Revised posters were provided to the members for display and distribution.

Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The membership was saddened to learn of the death in November of Mrs. Louise Fitzgerald and a sympathy card was sent to her family. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2001 Annual Report. Tom Tribke reviewed a request from the Georgia Stamp Federation to support the holding of the 2004 APS Winter Stamp Show in Atlanta. NPS agreed to support this request. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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The NPS had its 2/11/02 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 1/28/02 meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Smith won the door prize.

Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Dr. Green donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Marie Farmer advised that she had sufficient stamp packets prepared for the show.

Matt reported that twenty dealers were committed for the NPS 2002 Stamp Show. Also, 23 frames of exhibits have been reserved and more exhibits were needed. Matt asked for help for setup and takedown of the NPS Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a presentation by Matt on "Preparing Effective Exhibits".

The NPS held its 2/25/02 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/11/02 meeting were read and approved. Doug Old won the door prize again! Wesley Lepter's application for NPS membership received its first reading.

Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A dealers' show will be held in Murfreesboro on March 22-24. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees.

Matt reported that at least twenty dealers have committed to the NPS 2002 Stamp Show and again asked for help for setup and takedown of the Stamp Show. Bob Picirilli reported that he had seven exhibits for the Show and hoped that there would be more. He also advised that Gary Wulfsberg could not finish his expected exhibit due to the death of his father.

Tom Tribke advised that the Krause organization had furnished two yearly subscriptions to the "Stamp Collectors" magazine for a drawing at our Stamp Show. Thank you! Kevin Baker advised that new website for NPS is <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/nashvillephilatelic/>. Good job - thank you! The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

New Members

Wesley Lepter

Contemporary U.S. Challenges
By Bob Picirilli

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When he learned Robert Goddard's work in rocket research he persuaded a prominent family to put up financial backing. Even then he could see the possibilities of space travel.

Before World War II he was against U. S. voluntary entry into the war. After the Japanese attack he volunteered for service, but was rejected. Later while working as a civilian advisor he flew about 50 combat missions in the Pacific Theater. After the war he became an advisor to the chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force and in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower returned his commission and promoted him to the rank of brigadier general in the U. S. Air Force.

In 1954 he published the book *Spirit of St. Louis* which was an expansion of his earlier book. For this he won a Pulitzer prize. In his later years he traveled widely and developed an interest in the peoples of Africa and the Philippines. In the 1960's became vocal in the conservation movement and became especially involved in the campaign to save the Humpback and Blue whales. On August 26, 1974 he died of cancer at his home in Maui, Hawaii.

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