

MY FAVORITE COVER  
by Charles Hiehle

**SHIP-TO-SHORE/SHORE-TO-SHIP AIRMAIL**  
**S.S. Leviathan Attempted Mail Drop**  
**August 20-22, 1927**

This cover was flown aboard an unsuccessful attempt of a shore to ship mail drop from Staten Island, New York onto the S.S. (Steam Ship) *Leviathan*, which was eastbound 500 miles from the New York coast in the Atlantic Ocean. Because of dense fog, the pilot was unable to locate the ship and was forced to return to New York. The cover was postmarked August 20, flown August 21, and backstamped as returned to New York August 22, 1927.

Before the establishment of regular trans-Atlantic airmail service, these mail drops to ships already underway could cut days off the time normally required for international mail delivery.

The pilot of the attempted airmail drop was Navy Lieutenant Clarence H. "Dutch" Schildhauer. Lt. Schildhauer's claim to fame came two years earlier. On May 1-2, 1925, he and a Lt. J. R. Kyle made a test flight of a Naval Aircraft Factory PN-9 "flying boat." They remained aloft over the Philadelphia area for 28 hours and 35 minutes, establishing a world endurance record for this type of aircraft.

The steamer, S.S. *Leviathan* also had a rather interesting history. Built in 1913 at the Blohm & Voss Shipyards near Hamburg, Germany and commissioned in 1914 as the *Vaterland*, she was the largest liner afloat. In July of 1914, the *Vaterland* arrived at New York. This was at the beginning of World War I and, fearing her attack by the British, she was laid up at the Hoboken, New Jersey terminal for a few years. When the United States entered the war in April of 1917, she was seized and placed in service by the U.S. Navy after having been renamed the *USS Leviathan*.

After the war, the *Leviathan* was re-outfitted as a luxury liner and operated in the Atlantic until the early 1930s.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is already over and we're a month into Fall. It seems like 2008 has just flown by. I hope everyone has done OK so far this year. Only a few more months and we'll be looking forward to 2009.

Things to look forward to:

- 1) High postal rates (they'll never go down again)
- 2) a new President
- 3) a new Congress
- 4) a new year (hopefully a better one)
- 5) gas prices (up, down, right, left - who knows)
- 6) the economy (let me get my crystal ball)
- 7) 23 stamp club meetings!!! :>)

Matt Benward, President NPS

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\* STAMP CLUB NEWS \*  
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Club Officers' Election  
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November is Election month not only for our country, but for the Nashville Philatelic Society too. All positions are up for election. You can see a list of them in the column to right on this page. If you interested in running please let myself or one of the current officers know. Ballots will be available during the first meeting of next month. Results will be announced at the ending of that meeting.

Bill Vance's one man show  
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Bill Vance will be holding his one man stamp show at the Music Valley Event Center on November 14 - 16th. Hours: Friday 12 - 6 Saturday 10 - 5; and Sunday 10 - 4.

Nashville Stamp Show 2009  
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Our annual stamp show will be held on March 14 - 15th at the Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as it have been is previous years Remember we always need volunteers.

Articles for this newsletter  
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If anyone would like to write an article for this newsletter, please let me know. It can be on any aspect of stamp collecting and can be of any length. I was thinking of the topic of "My Favorite Stamp" would be a good start for any collector. It could be from a few paragraphs up to one page. Please let me hear from you. Thanks.

As you can see Chuck Hiehle is out first new author and ended up on the front page in this issue. Give it a try. You could be next!

New Members  
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Mark Block

The Volunteer State  
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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays  
of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30  
p.m., Business meeting a 6:30.m.,  
and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Madison  
Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin  
Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp  
packet at their first attendance.  
Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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# Nashville Philatelic Society

## Minutes Review for April 2008 – June 2008

The NPS had its 4/14/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seven members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 3/24/08 meeting were read and approved. Emmett Sullivan won the door prize. Al Bollmeier won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Donations were received for the Stamps Committee from Matt and Bill Vance. Thank you! Bob Picirilli forwarded the Treasurer's report for the first quarter 2008 and the 2008 Show that was reviewed and approved. The business session was then adjourned for an APS slide program on "What are Revenues?"

The NPS held its 4/28/08 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 4/14/08 meeting were read and approved. Matt Benward won the door prize. Amelia Munn's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but she wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Donations were received for the Stamps Committee from Matt, Mr. Hall and Bill Vance. Thank you! Matt asked again for 2009 Show theme suggestions. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 5/12/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/28/08 meeting were read and approved. Nick Munn won the door prize. Amelia Munn won the Participation Award. The new postal rate change beginning today was discussed. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt suggested the "200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln" as the theme for the 2009 NPS Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk by Tom Tribke on "A Regent for Bavaria".

The NPS held its 5/27/08 meeting (Held on Tuesday due to Memorial Day) at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 5/12/08 meeting were read and approved. Randal Coble won the door prize. Bob Picirilli won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 6/9/08 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Six members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/27/08 meeting were read and approved. Ben Price won the door prize. Patricia Jackson's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but she wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2009 NPS Stamp Show theme. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide show on "What Happens When U. S. Presidents Die".

The NPS held its 6/23/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 6/9/08 meeting were read and approved. Ellie Eads won the door prize. Patricia Jackson's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but she wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Chuck Heihle and Bill Vance donated stamps to the Stamp Committee and Bill Vance also contributed items for door prizes. Thank you! Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2009 NPS Stamp Show theme. Virginia Smith suggested the "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Moon Landing". The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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## Minutes Review for July 2008 – September 2008

The NPS had its 7/14/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/23/08 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Tom Grimes won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reported on the recent Murfreesboro Coin and Stamp show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bill Vance and Tom Grimes donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the second quarter 2008 that was approved by the NPS membership. Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2009 Stamp Show theme. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Matt, Tom Tribke and Bill Vance on "How We Store Our Stamps".

The NPS had its 7/28/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/14/08 meeting were read and approved. Karl Schwabe won the door prize. Bill Winstead won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt reported that three dealers had committed to our 2008 Nashville Stamp Show. Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2009 Stamp Show theme. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/11/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/28/08 meeting were read and approved. Ben Price won the door prize. Virginia Smith won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Jim Young. Thank you! Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an APS slide presentation on "Oney, the Traveling Dog".

The NPS had its 8/25/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 8/11/08 meeting were read and approved. Mark Block's application for NPS membership received first reading. Emmett Sullivan won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reviewed the recent AMERICAD Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Tom Tribke reported on the death of former NPS member – Dr. Axel Hansen. A card was sent to his family. Donations were received from Bill Vance for the Stamp Committee and door prizes. Thank you! Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 9/8/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/25/08 meeting were read and approved. Mark Block's application for NPS membership received second reading and approval and he was welcomed into the NPS membership. Mark Block won the door prize. Randal Coble's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Nick Munn suggested that exhibitors at nearby stamp shows be contacted to encourage them to also exhibit at our NPS show. This will be considered to expand exhibits at our 2009 show. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Tom Tribke on the "Concorde on Stamps".

The NPS had its 9/22/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/8/08 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reviewed the recent Lexington, KY Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Mark Block for the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. Mark Block reported on a technique for removing the new adhesive stamps from paper by carefully soaking and then microwaving them. Matt reported that our October meetings would both be held at the Piccadilly Cafeteria due to the holiday and early voting. Concern was expressed about the inability to contact and the continuing absence of Bob Picirilli. The business session was then adjourned for a limited monthly auction by Col. Gregory using lots brought in this night.

# A Big Year for Collecting “Scouts on Stamps”

By Tom Tribke (With a lot of help from the Web) continued from the last issue

**Are they expensive?** An important question if you are, say 12 years old and must pay for the stamps yourself. Some Scout Stamps, especially the older ones, are very expensive. Most of the most recent issues however cost 25-75 cents a stamp or \$1.00 to \$5.00 for a complete mint set. Short sets (sets in which the expensive high values are missing) cost less. Likewise, used Scout Stamps also are less expensive. Sometimes great bargains are available on whole groups of Scout Stamps from a dealer, collector or auction. Ads for this kind of bargain, and others, often appear in the SOSSI JOURNAL. They are placed by dealers who specialize in Scout Stamps. In addition, the SOSSI Sales Service offers Scout Stamps and cachets for sale. Remember though, buying good stamps and caring for them properly, is more like putting money in the bank then spending your allowance or earnings on candy bars.

On the other hand, for the collector who might want to invest in Scout Stamps the opportunity is certainly there. Over the years, dozens and dozens of older issues have increased in value 10 times, 50 times and even more. Many new issues double in value within a year. A few choice Scout stamps can cost \$10,000 or more and are as solid an investment as classic U.S. stamps.

**Where can I get them?** Scout Stamps may be purchased from most any stamp store, or you can obtain them from dealers by writing away for them. As mentioned above, there are dealers who specialize in Scout Stamps and their ads appear in the SOSSI JOURNAL. Additionally, in the Journal there are frequent auctions of Scout Stamps as well as monthly sales announced in the SOSSI Sales Service.

**Is there an album to put Scout Stamps in?** Yes! Attractive printed pages for all Scout Stamps are available commercially and are advertised elsewhere in the Journal. Many collectors prefer to mount their Scout Stamps on blank quadruled pages using their own layout and write up.

**Is there a checklist or catalog of Scout Stamps?** Yes and Yes! A special illustrated catalog of all Scout Stamps, "Scouts on Stamps of the World," [7th edition, 1986] is now online. Annual checklists and album supplements from several commercial sources appear advertised in the SOSSI Journal. The latest Scout Stamps are listed and discussed each month in the Journal and at the New Scout Stamps page at the SOSSI website.

**What are some ways to collect Scouts on Stamps?** Along with the stamps themselves, interest in Scout First Day Covers, Postcards, and Scout stamp and event cachet covers developed. Scout cancellations also became a very popular field. Today, nice collections can be build in many different ways. For example, you might choose to save only new issues and selected older ones; or you just might save stamps to honor World Jamborees. Some collectors just save covers. Others specialize in Scout Cancels from around the world. Or just use your imagination. A jamboree badge and related stamps with your own write-up makes a beautiful home made album page.

All in all, Scout Stamp Collecting is truly an excellent way to combine your interest in stamp collecting with that of Scouting.

## In Closing

I have enjoyed collecting “Scouts on Stamps” for many years and have a fairly complete collection of the first 100 years of Scouting as depicted on stamps. 2007 is somewhat of an overkill with the shear volume (and cost) of this year’s issues. I had thought to stop after this year, but I will probably continue. After all - I am a collector!



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