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Guam Guard Mail

Until the 1930s, the USPOD office in Guam didn't deliver mail to addressee's home or businesses. To accomplish this, the military governor, Commander Willis Winter Bradley Jr., created a local post service on April 8, 1930. This was the first official local post in the United States.

Bordallo's Taxi was used to regularly carry the mail. The 15 miles run from Agana to Agat with stops in Asan, Piti, and Sumay, was made twice a day, six times a week. The arrangements with Bordallo's Taxi originally was on a gratis basis, but as the amount of mail increased, he was paid \$5.00 per month. The service was completely equipped with bags, mail boxes, canceling stamps, and signs with Bordallo's bus line as carriers for the mail.

Commissioners of the various villages served were given the duty of providing local postal service. Often these commissioners did not live in their village and so had to delegate authority to others to handle the mail. No specific records exists of the names of those persons who first handled the mails, but the following, listed in the "Guam Recorder" of January 1930 were the commissioners who can logically be called the first Guam Guard Mail Postmasters in their several villages:

- Agana: Antonio C. Suarez
- Agat: Tomas C. Charfauros
- Asan: Santiago A. Limitiaco
- Inarajan: Enrique P. Naputi
- Merizo: Juan E. Lujan
- Piti: Joaquin Torres
- Sumay: Joaquin C. Diaz

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Well Spring is over and the long hot summer is here. Not to worry because summer is the best time to work on your stamp collection! There are several stamp shows coming up in the area. Bill Vance's browse is coming up in August at the Music Valley Event Center (the same place the as the club show in March). The Evansville, Lexington, and Memphis club shows will be coming up in the next few months. Also, many large national stamp auctions are being held live or via the internet. Many stamps seldom seen are available at these auctions. Give a try maybe you'll get lucky and get those stamps you've been looking for years. And don't forget the club - we have lots of fun things coming up this Summer!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2011

Our annual stamp show was held this year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near the Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as in previous years. I must thank all the members who helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job! Secondly, I must thank the staff of the Music Valley Event Center for working so hard to get the venue ready. Lastly, to all the collectors who attended our show - hope had a good time (over 200 this year)!!!

Twitter and Facebook

We are now on both twitter and facebook!!! Jamie and Ken Auerweck have now setup pages on both of these social networking sites for our club. Log on and follow us.

<http://twitter.com/#!/NashPhilatelic>

Thanks for doing this Jamie and Ken!!!

Collectors Show

A "Collectors Show" was held on May 14th at Adventure Science Center. Matt Benward, Tom Tribke, Bruce Tribke represented our club. We had lots of stamps for people to see. We handed out stamp packets (prepared by Marie Farmer) to children that came by our table. We handed out over 100 packets!!! Steve Meyer and Marie Farmer were there to display coins and were about 20 other groups displaying various other collectables.

New Members

Randy Herick
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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

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

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Minutes Review for April 2011 – June 2011

The NPS had its 4/11/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 3/28/11 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Dave Bodkin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported that Tom Tribke had received a Silver-Bronze Award from APS for 2010 Stamp Show Program design. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli presented the first Quarter 2011 and Stamp Show Financial Reports which were read and approved. It was noted that this was Bob's last Treasurer's Report and the Treasurer's responsibilities were now passed to Ray McIntire. Bob was thanked for his many years in support of NPS. It was proposed and unanimously approved that Randal Coble's 2011 NPS dues be waived in view of his service in Iraq. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on "Winning at Stamp Auctions" by Al Bollmeier, Matt, Tom Tribke and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 4/25/11 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 4/11/11 meeting were read and approved. Matt Benward won the door prize. Dave Bodkin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Larry Pacl reported that he had enrolled in an APS Stamp Collecting on-line course that was to start in October 2011. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Stamp donations were received for the Stamps Committee from Al Bollmeier and Tom Grimes. Thank you! The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 5/9/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/25/11 meeting were read and approved. Linda West won the door prize. James Jones' 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 and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received for the Stamps Committee from Larry Pacl. Thank you! Nick Munn presented the best NPS Member Exhibit Award to Matt for his Guam Guard Mail Exhibit at our 2011 Stamp Show. Forthcoming meeting topics were discussed. July's first meeting will be an "Ice Cream Social". Matt also mentioned that he planned a barbeque for the Nashville regions stamp collectors in July. The "125th Anniversary of the American Philatelic Society and, also, the Nashville Philatelic Society" were suggested as possible themes for the 2012 Show. The business session then adjourned for a presentation on "Winning Internet Stamp Auctions" by Al Bollmeier and Matt.

The NPS held its 5/23/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-three members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 5/9/11 meeting were read and approved. Jamie Auerweck won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, and Stamp committees. Jim Young donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Tom Tribke reported that a stamp (Scott US No. O113 used – value \$125) was missing from the BPS Circuit Books during the 5/9/11 meeting. Tom asked that club members be watchful for any unusual activities near them related to the APS circuit books. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 6/13/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/23/11 meeting were read and approved. Matt Benward won the door prize. Dave Bodkin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported upon the recent Huntsville and Louisville Stamp Shows. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Al Bollmeier and Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! It was noted that the computer screen projector at the library, that was to be used for the program, was out for repair. A suggestion was made that NPS consider buying its own projector. Matt said that he would check on available models and costs. The "100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts in the U.S." was suggested as a theme for the 2012 Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk and computer program on "Railroads on Stamps" by Larry Pacl.

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Minutes Review for February 2010 – March 2011

The NPS had its 2/14/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/24/11 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Ray McIntire was selected for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2010 Annual Report. This report was reviewed and approved. Matt reported that Kevin Baker had again paid the NPS website annual fees. Thank you! Jamie and Ken Auerweck volunteered to setup "Facebook" and "Tweeter" internet interfaces for NPS. The club members agreed that this would be a great idea and asked Jamie and Ken to go ahead with this project. Matt reported that nineteen stamp dealers had committed for the 2011 Show. Show posters and flyers were handed out. Nick Munn advised that ten frames of exhibits had been committed for the show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2011 Stamp Show. Voting was held for NPS Officers for the next year. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on "Philatelic Societies" by Matt, Al Bollmeier, Larry Pacl and Tom Tribke.

The NPS held its 2/28/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 2/14/11 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Bill Siesser was selected for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson reported on the recent APS Show in Atlanta that he had attended. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Richard Smith reported on his mother's, Virginia Smith, progress in recovering from surgery. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Tom Tribke displayed the Cacheted cover formats for Show covers. Bill Vance and Frank Yost were thanked for their help in gathering stamps for use on these covers. Ken and Jamie Auerweck reported that the Facebook and Tweeter interfaces had been setup for NPS. Thank you! Voting continued for NPS Officers. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2011 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 3/14/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/28/11 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Randal Coble's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Randy Herick and Mark Bell's applications for NPS membership received first readings. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Steve Meyer advised that there was to be a "Collectors Show" at the Adventure Science Center on May 14th and asked for participation by the NPS. Matt agreed to participate in the program. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Stamp donations were received at the Nashville Stamp Show from Rouse Tucker and guests at the show. Thank you! A NPS "Facebook" and "Twitter" site update was received from Jamie and Ken Auerweck. Bill Vance and Frank Yost were thanked for stamp donations for the Nashville cacheted covers. Tom Tribke mentioned that he had a supply of Stamp Show covers for sale. Members who assisted with Stamp Show setup and takedown and manning of the Welcome Table were thanked for their help! 2012 Show theme suggestions were received for "Titanic Sinking", 100 years; "Stones River Battle" and "Alice-in-Wonderland"; 150 years and "New Madrid Earthquake"; 200 years. Also, to allow for timely cover preparation, it was suggested by Nick Munn and approved that the theme selection would be done by the first meeting in September. The business session was then adjourned for a talk by Matt Benward on "Postal Buddies".

The NPS had its 3/28/11 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members were present. Minutes of the 3/14/11 meeting were read and approved. Ben Price won the door prize. Ray McIntire won the Participation Award. Randy Herick and Mark Bell's applications for NPS membership received second readings and they were approved and welcomed to NPS membership. Forthcoming stamps and stamp shows were discussed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Marie Farmer reported additional stamp donations were received. Thank you! A preliminary Stamp Show report by Bob Picirilli indicated that the 2011 Stamp Show had a modest loss of money. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Guam Guard Mail

On August 29, 1930 the Guam Guard Mail service was extended to the southern part of the island with stations at Merizo and Inarajan. This route also included Umatac. The route was by bus from Agana to Piti and then to Merizo via the semi-weekly boat service (this was necessary since a bridge had not been completed on the road to Merizo). Then from Merizo to Inarajan by Island Government truck.

Stamps were issued to mark the payment of this service. On April 8, 1930, two stamps of the Philippines were issued with the overprint in black GUAM GUARD MAIL. They are the 2 centavos green José Rizal" and 4 centavos red picturing President William McKinley. 2,000 of the 2-centavos and 3,000 of the 4 centavos were issued in sheets of 100.

On July 10, 1930, two stamps were issued depicting the Guam coat of arms. These 1 cent and 2 cents are bi-color black and red, perforated 11 and without gum. 1,000 of 1 cent and 4,000 of the 2 cent were issued in sheets of 25. These two stamps were printed locally on Guam since the first issue had run out and the new supply of stamps had not yet arrived from the Philippines.

On August 21, 1930 the 2-centavos and 4-centavos issued with the overprint in black GUAM GUARD MAIL, but using a different font from the first issue. This was necessary since not enough of the older typeset was available to overprint the greater number of stamps. 20,000 of the 2-centavo and 80,000 4 centavo were issued in sheets of 100 with the right handed selvage removed for most right handed sheets.

On December 29, 1930, Philippines stamps were issued with the overprint GUAM GUARD MAIL in red using the same font as the 3rd issue. The 2 centavos and 4 centavos were used again and also a 6 centavos violet Magellan, 8 centavos brown López de Legazpi and 10 centavos blue Henry Ware Lawton. 50,000 of the 2 and 4 centavos and 25,000 of the 6, 8, and 10 centavos were issued in sheets of 100. Again the right handed selvage removed for all right handed sheets. The bottom salvage was removed from 10-centavos stamps leaving only top plate numbers on these sheets.

Also, on the fourth issue an overprinting error occurred. On all the 2 centavos sheets the stamp in position 63 the word GUARD was misspelled GRAUD and position 84 the word MAIL was misspelled as MIAL. This was discovered before the stamps were placed on sale. These stamps were removed from most of the sheets and sold for 25 cents for the pair.

This local service ceased operation in the northern half of the island on January 1, 1931 and on the southern half on April 8, 1931 when the US postal administration took over all mail delivery on the island. After that date they were served by the U.S. Post Office Department's Star Route 81102.

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Guam Guard Mail was restarted on April 8, 1976 as part of the Bicentennial celebrations that year. Stamps, souvenir sheet, and postal stationery were regularly issued throughout the next 5 years to raise money for various projects on the island. The stamps use was limited to mail between their posts and offices and for Christmas and New Year wishes on the island.

The stamps, stationary, and covers commemorating various events on Guam were sold through the mail. Cash accounts were set up to help collectors get the philatelic items as they were issued. Also, updates of items on hand and future issues were sent to frequent buyers.

The stamps were illustrated with Guam topics: the coat of arms, US Navy ships that halted to the island, the Bicentennial, first trans-Pacific planes, Christmas, the Tongan Royal Visit, island Churches, World War II events, the Organic Act of Guam (August 1, 1950 - making the island of Guam as an unincorporated territory of the United States), Guam Liberation Day (July 21, 1944), the Space Shuttle, Pope John Paul's visit, 50th anniversary of the original Guam Guard Mail, and the portrait of Kimberley Santos, Miss World 1980 (who was from Guam).

Although mostly philatelic this version of the Guam Guard mail was quite popular with the stamp collectors of that time. It was great fun to receive your new issues in an envelope with both US and Guam Guard Mail issues used as postage. This version of the Guam Guard Mail was discontinued on December 31, 1981.

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