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Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Glenn Vasbinder

In 1939, an employee in the advertising department of Montgomery Ward & Company was assigned the task of developing a Christmas "animal story" which could be distributed by the branches of his firm as a "give away" during the Christmas season. Robert May, an experienced advertising man, undertook to write a Christmas story for children as part of his daily work. He decided to organize his story around the "ugly duckling" motif.

After ample consideration of possible animals, he decided to use the reindeer, because the creature was readily connected with the traditional Moore story "A Visit From St. Nicholas." He decided to give the reindeer some trait which would cause him to be shunned, yet would be of great value to Santa Claus.

The fact that Santa traveled at night suggested that Rudolph might be given large, shiny eyes which could see in the dark. However, he decided against it because it was not sufficient cause for ridicule.

Finally, he decided upon a large nose, which had long been considered a legitimate subject of ridicule in Western culture. Many youngsters, like Rudolph have some distinguished weakness which might subject them to teasing from their playmates.

So popular was May's story that over 2,400,000 copies of the first "give away" edition were distributed that year. The story was not to appear again until 1946 and in 1947 it was brought out on a commercial basis. In 1949, Johnny Marks, May's brother-in-law, composed a song entitled "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". The recording, sung by Gene Autry, was the reason it gained in popularity.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here we are again with another year coming to a close. The holidays are just around the corner with the new year soon to follow! We look back on the old year passing and forward to the promise of the new year to come. The new year brings challenges to be overcome. Our annual stamp show will soon be just around the corner (which is always a challenge :>) There will be new stamps issued by the Post Office and old ones to be found from our favorite dealers. So have a great holiday season and look forward to a better new year!

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Matt Benward, President NPS

* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2015

Our annual stamp show is being held next year at 50 Forward Madison Station and is located at 301 Madison Street in Madison Tennessee. It is located behind Madison Square shopping Center. This is the same location as last year and will be for many years to come. Lastly as always we can't have a without volunteers. So if you help out please let us know so we can make our 2015 show a great success! Have fun and make the dealers happy.

Virginia Smith

Virginia Smith passed away on December 2. She was an active member of our stamp club. She joined our club in 1995 and attended our meetings regularly. When we had our auction meeting she would always bring something yummy to share with the rest of the members. Mrs. Smith participated in many club activities such as helping Marie Farmer prepare packets of stamps to give to children at the annual stamp show and club meetings. She always helped out at the club table at the club's stamp show. She welcome people to the show with a smile. I'll miss saying "Hi Miz Smith!" at our meetings.

Nick Munn needs "Cool Postage" items

Nick needs some "Cool Postage" items for exhibits at our show. "Cool Postage" items are envelopes with lots of old stamps. Bring them to the club.

Articles for the newsletter

I need articles for this newsletter on any aspect of stamp collecting. They can be hand written, typed, or by computer in any format. I would be willing to help write them too. I have been getting some articles during the last few months, but I still need some more. If you see interesting articles in the philatelic press, please let me know. You may contact me at the club meetings or at mbenward@aol.com. Thanks.

Adventure Science Center Collectors' Fair

The Cumberland Science Museum is having its annual Collectors' Fair on March 7th, 2015. The hours will be 10am to 3pm. The Cumberland Science Center at 800 Fort Negley Blvd here in Nashville.

New Members

David Rizor
Allen Bartine
Byron Personett

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:30 p.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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Minutes Review for August 2013 – November 2014

The NPS held its 8/11/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 7/28/14 meeting were read and approved. Jim Cate 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. Marie Farmer reported that a stamp donation was received from Larry Pacl. Thank you! Matt again asked for theme recommendations for the 2015 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent talk on “Collecting the Stamps of Switzerland” by Al Bollmeier and Rudy Caduff.

The NPS held its 8/25/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-three members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/11/14 meeting were read and approved. Richard Smith won the door prize. Ben Price won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. The Erbachs and Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt gave a partial report on our social media websites with 470+ “followers” on Twitter and 70+ “likes” on Facebook. Suggestions for our 2015 Show theme were again requested. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 9/8/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/25/14 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS Membership from Clay Morgan received first reading. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone and Stamps Committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! A report was given on our social media websites with 488 “followers” on Twitter and 74 “likes” on Facebook. Tom Tribke mentioned that the voting on the 2015 Show theme would be held during our next meeting. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and computer program by Matt and Al Bollmeier on “How to Find and Buy Stamps”.

The NPS had its 9/22/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/8/14 meeting were read and approved. An Application for NPS Membership from Clay Morgan received second reading and he was approved and welcomed to NPS membership. Marie Farmer 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. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Voting on the 2015 Show theme was held and the “Battle of New Orleans” was the winning theme selection. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 10/14/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Our meeting was held on Tuesday due library closing for Columbus Day. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/22/14 meeting were read and approved. John Jenrix won the door prize. Richard Stimeck won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. A “Get Well” card was sent to Frank Yost. Ray McIntire provided a Treasurer’s Report that was reviewed and approved. Ballots were handed out to vote on the theme for the 2015 Show. Nick Munn mentioned that exhibits were needed for the 2015 Show and handed out Applications for Show Exhibits. The business session then adjourned for an excellent talk and computer presentation on “Philatelic Fakes” by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 10/27/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/14/14 meeting were read and approved. Ora Eads won the door prize. Bruce Tribke won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Nick Munn commented upon a stamp issue from Finland and Matt and Al Bollmeier reported on the Evansville Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. The Erbachs donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reports that our sites had 77 “likes” on Facebook and 500+ “followers” on Tweeter. Tom Tribke announced the NPS theme selected for the 2015 Stamp Show was the “200th Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans”. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/10/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 10/27/14 meeting was read and approved. The NPS membership was pleased to welcome David Rizer back to active membership. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Steve Meyer advised that 2015 Collectors’ Show at the Nashville Science Center would be held on March 7, 2015. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Jim Young donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Copies of the new NPS newsletters were distributed. The business session then adjourned for an interesting talk on “How to Mount (or Not Mount) Stamps” by Al Bollmeier, Matt and the NPS members.

The NPS meeting for 11/24/14 was held at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/27/14 meeting was read and approved. Applications for NPS membership received from Allen Bartine and Byron Personett were given first reading. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Larry Pacl won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reports that our sites had 81 “likes” on Facebook and 516 “followers” on Tweeter. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for May 2014 – July 2014

The NPS had its 5/12/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members were present. Minutes of the 4/28/14 meeting were read and approved. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Matt Benward won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt mentioned that our next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 27, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported that a refund check was received from Fifty-Forward for our Stamp Show deposit. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation on “Civil War Adversity Cover from Chattanooga” by Jim Cate.

The NPS held its 5/27/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/12/14 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Larry Pacl won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Linda West donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Randy Coble mentioned that NPS trailer repair was awaiting a full study of repair needs. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction by Bill Vance and Randy Coble.

The NPS had its 6/9/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 5/27/14 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS Membership from Charles Jorgensen received first reading. Nick Munn won the door prize. Dave Horton won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported upon the recent Louisville Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 400+ “followers” and Facebook had 71 “likes”. Ray McIntire gave a partial Treasurer’s Report that showed a checking account balance of \$2082.10. Matt said that the 2015 Stamp Show would be again held in the Fifty-Forward facility in Madison. The 2015SShow was scheduled for March 14-15. Nick Munn suggested “the Battle of New Orleans” as a theme for the show. The business session then adjourned for a talk on “Collecting the Philippines” by Matt and Tom Tribke.

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The NPS had its 7/14/14 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 6/23/14 meeting were read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Virginia Smith won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A donation of stamps was received from Al Bollmeier for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Nick Munn suggested that dealers be asked for donations for door prizes for the 2015 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an “Ice Cream Social”.

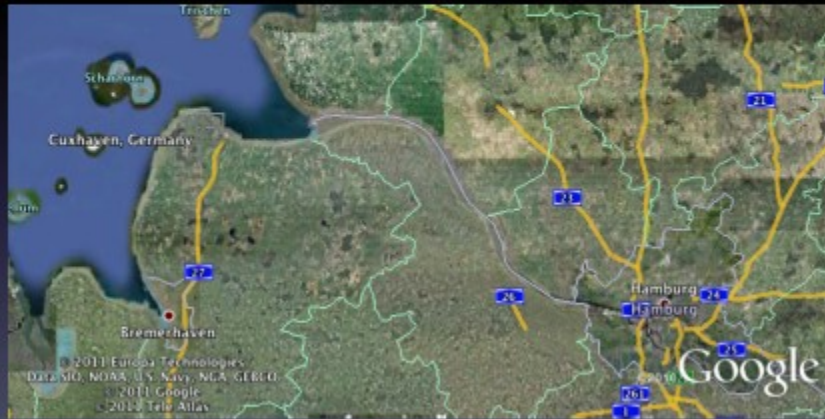
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With selected "Gerhard Zucker" items presented
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Pioneer Rocket Mail Zucker Flights

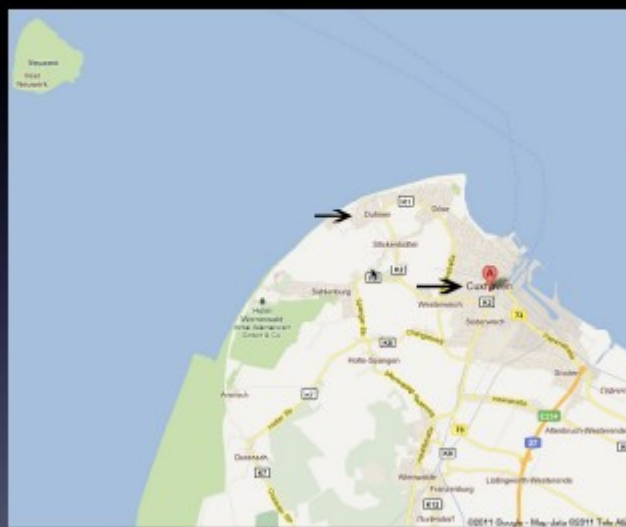
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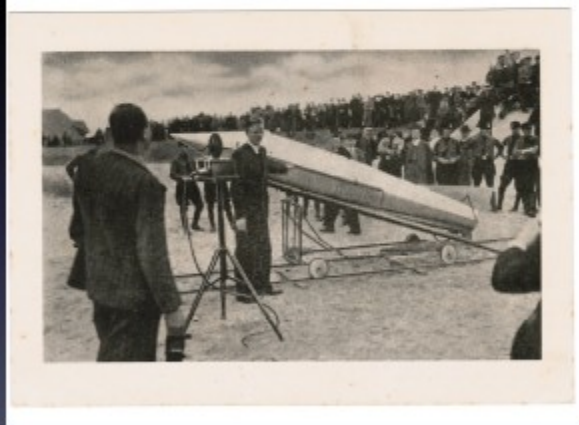
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Pioneer Rocket Mail – Selected Zucker Starts

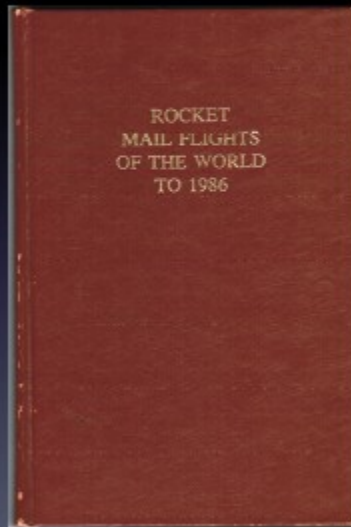
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Pioneer Rocket Mail – G. Zucker rocket mail items

Rocket Mail Flights of the World to 1986, by Dr. Kronstein



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