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EDITOR'S PAGE

A man of many interests, Dr. Kronstein (our Doc Max) has long been an aerophilatelist, recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on such things as international movement of mail through the skies. This has been evidenced by the many series of articles over the years he produced as a staff member for the *Airpost Journal*, the monthly publication of the American Airmail Society. (and in the many books he has authored.) These cover a variety of subjects. This book is intended to be an update of such works, and covers the rocket mail field from its beginnings right up to date. It has been my pleasure in various editorships to work with Doc Max for over thirty years.

His participation in affairs of the A.A.M.S. has been as prolific as his facile pen. This book appears in published form shortly after his ninetieth birthday! He continues, with Mrs. Doc, long after his retirement, to work with graduate students of Manhattan College, despite his emeritus status. He travels widely to participate in scientific seminars and to address learned groups—even at age ninety.

This volume is the latest of many occasional publications I have enjoyed preparing for publication. These all have been "super" and I have made many friends and have learned much.

After this is published I will no longer be the editor of occasional publications.

Vale!

Joseph L. Eisendrath,
Editor

February, 1986

Well, spring is over and the long 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 dealers browse is coming up in August at the Music Valley Shopping Center (the same place the as the club show used to be). The Evansville, Cincinnati, and Memphis club shows will be coming up in the next few months. Also, many large stamp auctions are soon being held live or via the internet (check out Stamp Auction Network online). Give a try maybe you'll get lucky and get those stamps you've been looking for. And don't forget our club - we'll have lots of fun things coming up during the Summer!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2016

Our annual stamp show will be 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. Hopefully they will host our show from now on. Lastly, as always we can't have our annual stamp shown without volunteers. So if you help out please let us know so we can make our 2016 stamps show a great success! Have fun and make the dealers happy.

2016 Stamp Show Theme

During the second meeting in June a motion was proposed by Richard Smith to have our theme determined by the first meeting of September. This motion was passed unanimously. If any members have any ideas email us at info@nashvillephilatelic.org.

2015 Stamp Show Awards

Nick Munn presented the exhibit awards during the stamp club meetings in April. Dave Bodkin won the Public Interest Award and an APS medal. The full list of awards will published in the next issue.

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 mhenward@aol.com. Thanks.

New Members

Jason Bennett
Glenn Steakley
Brenda Burdette
Bill DiSalvatore
Keron (KC) Brody

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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 April 2015 – June 2015

The NPS had its 4/13/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 3/23/15 meeting were read and approved. Six membership applications for NPS membership had been received, but were still unavailable for first reading. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Richard Smith 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!! Matt advised that our Facebook site had 104 “likes”. Nick Munn distributed additional awards for the 2015 Stamp Show. An issue was expressed about a location for the NPS trailer. Temporarily, the trailer was to be kept by Dave Bodkin and a more permanent location was to be found. The business session was then adjourned for a program on “Errors, Freaks and Oddities (EFO’s)” by Matt and Tom Tribke.

The NPS held its 4/27/2015 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 4/13/15 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS Membership from Jason Bennett, Glenn Steakley, Brenda Burdette and Bill DiSalvatore received first reading. Janice Erbach won the Door Prize and Frank Yost won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Marie Farmer reported that a number of donations were received for the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Richard Smith advised that our Facebook site had 104 “likes”. A preliminary report on our stamp show indicated a profit of about \$1,000. Nick Munn complemented all of our show exhibits as excellent and mentioned that Dave Bodkin had won an APS medal and the Public Interest Award for his ‘Love Stamp’ exhibit. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 5/11/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members were present. Minutes of the 4/27/15 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS Membership from Keron (KC) Brody received first reading. Applications for NPS Membership from Jason Bennett, Glenn Steakley, Brenda Burdette and Bill DiSalvatore received second reading and were approved and they were welcomed to NPS membership. John Jancik won the door prize. Linda West won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt mentioned that our next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 26, at the Madison Square Shopping Center Shoneys due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Our Facebook site had 107 ‘likes’ and our Twitter site had 518 “followers”. Richard Smith distributed handouts that he had prepared for individuals with questions on stamp collections that they had inherited. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation on “Designer Autographed Duck Stamps” by Don Kotval.

The NPS held its 5/26/2015 meeting at the Madison Square Shoney’s, due to the Memorial Day Holiday, with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 5/11/15 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS Membership from Keron (KC) Brody received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. David Erbach won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Our Facebook site had 106 ‘likes’ and our Twitter site had 518 “followers”. Nick Munn presented a Judging and Trophies Expense Report for the 2015 Stamp Show. Richard Smith discussed determining the 2016 Show theme at an earlier time to allow theme exhibit preparation. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction Coble.

The NPS had its 6/8/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eight members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/26/15 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. The change in US postal rates was briefly discussed. NPS members were saddened to learn about the death of new member Jason Bennett’s mother. A card was sent from the membership. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 580 “followers” and Facebook had 106 “likes”. Richard Smith presented a paper on determining the 2016 Show theme at an earlier time to allow theme exhibit preparation. The business session then adjourned for an interesting computer assisted talk on “Stamp Mounting” by Larry Pacl.

The NPS held its 6/22/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 6/8/15 meeting were read and approved. Janice Erbach won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 601 “followers” and Facebook had 107 “likes”. Richard Smith made a motion that the 2016 Stamp Show theme be determined by our first meeting in September. The motion was seconded by Larry Pacl and approved by the NPS membership. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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Minutes Review for January 2015 – March 2015

The NPS held its 1/12/15 meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant, due to Library schedule conflicts, with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 11/24/14 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 8, 2014. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, Social Media and Stamp Show committees. Al Bollmeier donated to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt reported that thirteen stamp dealers were committed for the NPS 2015 Stamp Show. Al Bollmeier handed out a list of Potential Programs for 2015. Nick Munn brought up a concern about the availability of judges for our show exhibits. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Matt and Al on "Preparing Show Exhibits".

The NPS had its 1/26/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 1/12/15 meeting were read and approved. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Ellie Eads won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Steve Meyer mentioned that the "Collectors' Fair" at the Science Museum was to be held on March 7, 2015. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, Social Media and Stamp Show committees. Al Bollmeier donated to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Nick Munn reported that he had a commitment from Liz Hisey, an APS qualified judge, to evaluate for our show exhibits. Matt reported that fifteen stamp dealers had committed for the show. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 2/9/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 1/26/15 meeting were read and approved. Robert Edson's application for NPS membership received first reading. Norma Pacl won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Ken Auerweck reported that our Facebook site had 93 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 535 "followers". Ray McIntire gave a partial Treasurer's Report for the show. Matt reported that seventeen stamp dealers had committed for the show. Show flyers were provided for distribution. Nick Munn distributed Show Exhibit forms for exhibitors. Nick also expressed concern about sufficient room for the Show exhibits. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2015 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation on "The 100 Greatest American Stamps – Part 1" by Al Bollmeier.

NPS held its 2/23/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 2/9/15 meeting were read and approved. Robert Edson's application for NPS membership received second reading, was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Nick Munn won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, Social Media and Show committees. Richard Smith reported that our Facebook site had 96 "likes". Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Tom Tribke displayed the cached cover formats for 2015 Show covers. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Matt reported that seventeen stamp and postcard dealers would be at our Show. Randy Coble reported a conflict with Army Reserve Drill that would prevent him from dropping off the "Frames Trailer" on Friday (3/13/2015) for show setup. Nick Munn volunteered to pick up the trailer from Randy. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 3/9/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and 3 guests were present. Minutes of the 2/23/15 meeting were read and approved. Richard Smith won the door prize. David Erbach won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ray was thanked for donating stamps to the Stamps Committee. Matt reported for Ken Auerweck that our Twitter site had 580+ "followers" and Facebook had 98 "likes". Ray McIntire presented a partial Treasurer's Report showing NPS Club assets of \$10,280.63. Matt asked for help with stamp show "set-up" and "take-down". Nick Munn provided a list of show exhibits for information and the show program. The business session was then adjourned for a continued talk and computer show by Al Bollmeier and Matt on "the 100 Greatest US Stamps".

The NPS had its 3/23/2015 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 3/9/15 meeting were read and approved. Six membership applications for NPS membership had been received, but were unavailable for first reading. Katelyn Anderson won the door prize. Harley Anderson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming stamps and stamp shows were discussed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported that our Twitter site had 580+ "followers" and Facebook had 102 "likes". Matt also reported that our 2015 Nashville Stamp Show had 165 visitors sign-in and an estimated 200+ attending. Marie Farmer mentioned that twenty stamp packets were provided to children at the Nashville Stamp Show. Members who assisted with Stamp Show setup and takedown and manning of the Welcome Table were thanked for their help! Randy Coble was thanked for his upgrades to the NPS trailer. Richard Smith was thanked for the very well-done signage that he provided for the show. Nick Munn presented medals for Show exhibits. Tom Tribke advised that he had a supply of Stamp Show covers for sale. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Pioneer Rocket Mail Overview

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Pioneer Rocket Mail – G. Zucker rocket mail items

Rocket Mail Proofs

First proofs were printed by Meisenbach, Riffahrt and Co., in Berlin 1933, "showing the rocket starting over the water. First one sheet each was printed in a color proof on the carton in different colors such as in orange, brown, green or blue. These imperforate color proofs are still yet to be found." p. 43, Rocket Mail Flights of the World to 1986, by Dr. Kronstein

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Rocket Mail Brown Carton Proof 1933, 1st Printing Printed by Meisenbach, Riffahrt and Co., in Berlin



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1st printing, dark green(980 copies) and black (768 copies), and 3m/1m overprints(unk. quantities)
1st cover prepared and cancelled never flown. Rocket start was cancelled by authorities 13 Aug 1933



6 Gerhard Zucker - Duhnen - Deutschland 13.8.1933. Vorbereiteter Beleg für den geplanten Flug Duhnen-Insel Neuwerk. Frankatur mit schwarzem Stempel annulliert, desweiteren beklebt mit 3 Raketenpostvignetten (EZ: 2A1, 2A2, 3A2) und Originalunterschrift Zucker.
* Gerhard Zucker - Duhnen - Germany 13.8.1933. Prepared cover for the planned flight Duhnen-Insel Neuwerk. Franking annulled with black cancel, furthermore franked with 3 rocket mail vignettes (EZ: 2A1, 2A2, 3A2) and original signature Zucker. 500 €

First Successful start(launch) 31 August 1933 at Hasselfelde-Steige-Harz



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