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Pioneer Rocket Mail Overview

With selected "Gerhard Zucker" items presented
by Scott Simon



25th Jubilee issue, 2DM, 3DM souvenir cover, 1933/34 - 1958/59

Summer is over and Fall is just begun and it's finally cooling off. It seems like 2016 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 2017. Things to look forward to:

- 1) Higher postal rates (Again!!!)
- 2) more stamp shows (hey!)
- 3) a new year (hopefully a better one)
- 4) prices (up, down, right, left - who knows)
- 5) the economy (you don't want to know my prediction)
- 6) A new President and Congress - Uh oh.....
- 7) 23 stamp club meetings!!! :>)

Matt Benward, President NPS

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 * STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2017

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. The dates are March 18 & 19 (Mark your calendars!). 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 2017 stamps show a great success! Have fun and make the dealers happy. The theme will be World War I.

Soda Fountain Favorites

The Soda Fountain Favorites stamps were issued in Nashville on June 30th at the Ellison Place Soda Shop. The actual soda shop wasn't largest enough to host the event so the street was blocked off and a stage was setup to host the program. A trailer was brought in to sell the stamps. The sale of the five new stamps began at 1pm and continued until about 4. The attendance was good with about 150 people present. The program to unveil the new stamps started a 2pm. Three special cancels were available for collectors to get first day cancels.

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.

New Members

Peter Holingren
 John Horgan

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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 June 2016 – August 2016

The NPS had its 6/13/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 5/23/16 meeting were read and approved. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Larry Pacl won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was reported that a First Day Ceremony would be held in Nashville at the Ellison Place Soda Shop for a new issue of Soda Fountain Stamps. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. Matt reported that Tom Tribke was out with a bad leg and a Get-Well card was sent from the membership. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 767 “followers” and Facebook had 136 “likes”. The business session then adjourned for an interesting talk on “Postal Covers” by Matt, Al and Mark Thompson.

The NPS held its 6/27/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 6/13/16 meeting were read and approved. Alyssa Morgan won the door prize and Kaylee Morgan won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was reported that a First Day Ceremony would be held in Nashville at the Ellison Place Soda Shop for a new issue of Soda Fountain Stamps. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 780 “followers” and Facebook had 139 “likes”. Matt again advised that a contract was signed for the Fifty-Forward facility for the 2017 Stamp Show for March 18th and 19th. Also it was mentioned that our show theme would be the First World War. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 7/11/16 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Madeline Seibert won the door prize. Makenzie Deitrick won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was again mentioned that a First Day Ceremony would soon be held in Nashville at the Ellison Place Soda Shop for a new issue of Soda Fountain Stamps. A report was presented from the Phone committee. An update was given on our social media websites with 770 “followers” on Twitter and 143 “likes” on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for our annual “Ice Cream Social”.

The NPS had its 7/25/16 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 7/11/16 meeting were read and approved. Mark Thompson won the door prize. Richard Mellinger won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt and a number of other NPS members told about the First Day Ceremony that was held in Nashville at the Ellison Place Soda Shop for a new issue of Soda Fountain Stamps. Matt shared an article in U. S. Stamp News about the new variety of the last US 4 cent postage due that he had found with dull gum that was previously unknown. A report was presented from the Phone committee that advised that Karl Schwabe was improving and that Marie Farmer was still home-bound with a back brace. An update was given on our social media websites with 807 “followers” on Twitter and 141 “likes” on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/8/16 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 7/25/16 meeting were read and approved. Peter Holingren’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Rudy Caduff won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Larry Pacl. Thank you! A report was given on our social media websites with 817 “followers” on Twitter and 141 “likes” on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent talk on “German Hyper-inflation Stamps” by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 8/22/16 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 8/8/16 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS Membership from John Horgan received first reading. Peter Holingner’s application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Julian Hosnedl won the Door prize. Ora Eads won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone committee indicating Marie Farmer was improving and hoped to return by our next meeting. Matt gave a report on our social media websites with 826 “followers” on Twitter and 143 “likes” on Facebook. Ray McIntire gave a partial Treasurer’s Report indicating a \$140 increase in total NPS assets. Al Bollmeier provided a “Show & Tell” session by showing some of the international correspondence envelopes that he has been receiving. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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Minutes Review for March 2016 – May 2016

The NPS held its 3/14/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and 2 guests were present. Minutes of the 2/22/16 meeting were read and approved. Madeline Seibert's application for NPS membership received first reading. Jim Cate won the door prize. Nick Munn won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. A "Get Well" card was provided for Marie Farmer who was out with a back injury. Matt reported that our Twitter site had 716 "followers" and Facebook had 128 "likes". Ray McIntire presented a partial Treasurer's Report showing NPS Club assets of \$12,338. Richard Smith proposed that the theme for our 2017 Stamp Show be "World War I". This theme was approved by the NPS membership. Matt asked for help with stamp show "set-up" and "take-down". Nick Munn provided a list of 46 frames of show exhibits for information and the show program. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Al Bollmeier and Matt on "Coiled Stamps".

The NPS had its 3/28/2016 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 3/14/16 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership were received from Richard and Bobbi Mellinger, Bruce Smith, Rocco Del Negro and Joe Turlep and were given first reading. Madeline Seibert's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and she was welcomed to NPS membership. Tom Tribke won the door prize. Ora Eads won the Participation Award. Forthcoming stamps and stamp shows were discussed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Twitter site had 730+ "followers" and Facebook had 130 "likes". Matt also reported that our 2016 Nashville Stamp Show had 165 visitors sign-in and an estimated 200+ attending. Members who assisted with Stamp Show setup and takedown and manning of the Welcome Table were thanked for their help! Nick Munn presented medals for Show exhibits and mentioned that Mark Thompson exhibit was voted the Most Popular Exhibit for the show. Tom Tribke advised that he had a supply of Stamp Show covers for sale. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 4/11/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 3/28/16 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Richard and Bobbi Mellinger, Bruce Smith, Rocco Del Negro and Joe Turlep and were given second reading and approved and they were welcomed to NPS membership. John Jencik won the door prize. Mark Thompson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. Marie Farmer continues to be out with back injuries. Matt advised that our Facebook site had 131 "likes" and Twitter had 730+ followers. Members who assisted with the Stamp Show were again thanked for their help! The business meeting was then adjourned for a talk and displays on "First Day Covers" by Al Bollmeier, Rudy Caduff, Mark Thompson and Matt.

The NPS held its 4/25/2016 meeting at the Madison Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/11/16 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the Door Prize and Jim Young won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported on a new variety of the last US 4 cent postage due that he had found with dull gum that was previously unknown. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! It was reported that our Facebook site had 133+ "likes" and Twitter had 745+ followers. A preliminary report on our stamp show indicated a profit of about \$1,000. Matt advised that a contract was signed for the Fifty-Forward facility for the 2017 Stamp Show for March 18th and 19th. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 5/9/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and 5 guests were present. Minutes of the 4/25/16 meeting were read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Ora Eads won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Our Facebook site had 133 "likes" and our Twitter site had 753 "followers". Ray McIntire presented a preliminary Treasurer's Report showing total NPS assets of \$10,265. Rudy Caduff mentioned that he frequently sees good philatelic material on eBay and he would be glad to notify others of us who would be interested of these items. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation on "Stamp Perforations" by Matt, Al Bollmeier and others.

The NPS held its 5/23/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/9/16 meeting were read and approved. Richard Mellinger 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 Social Media committees. Our Facebook site had 135 'likes' and our Twitter site had

760+ “followers”. Ray McIntire presented an updated Treasurer’s Report showing total NPS assets of \$10,643. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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Pioneer Rocket Mail Overview

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25th Jubilee issue 1DM, 3DM + .10 pfg flown from the military training area near Hamish, Germany 22 September 1960. This one cover of the 3,850 covers that were flown 8.7 miles.

Cachet reads, “Flown with the – 25 – Zucker Rocker.”

- 28) AUGUST 31 HOHEWEISS (HARZ MOUNTAINS): Start of 2 Zucker rockets “Brockenhexe I” and “Brockenhexe II” at the 30th Anniversary of the Zucker rocket start from Hasselfelde to Stiege. Rocket I. with 2500 covers with a lilac colored reprint of the 1933 rocket stamp. Rocket II with 1250 green and 1250 yellow cards with imprinted design of the 1933 stamp. There were four small cards with imprinted 1933 design in different colors inscribed: “30 years—1933–1963—Zucker Rocket flights in the Brocken Area.”

30th Anniversary of the Zucker Rocket Starts, 31 August 1963
Rocket Mail Flights of the World to 1986, p. 159, 4th paragraph shown here.
August 31 [1963] Hoheweiss (Harz Mountains): Start of 2 Zucker rockets

“Brockenhexe I” and “Brockenhexe II” rocket start from Hasselfelde to Steige area, Germany.

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Rocket Mail 30th Anniversary

Sold at auction on 31 August 1963 during the day after the “Brockenhexe I” rocket flight,
at Hoheweiss, Germany. - Only one set of carton proofs produced.

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