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### J92 Dull Gum Discovered By Mathias W. Benward



I received this plate block in an eBay lot of postage due plate blocks. The reason I bought the lot was that it had other dull gums and a few good plate numbers (I collect J88 - J104 by plate number and position - I need only 8 more to be complete!). I usually ignore J92s since they haven't any difficult plate numbers (or dull gums). There were several types of gum used by the BE&P on the postage due stamps. The 2 major gums were shiny and dull. Shiny gum reflects light and, of course, dull gum doesn't as you can see from the picture above. The BE&P started using dull gum in the early 1980s.

When I looked through the stack of plate blocks, the J92s looked different from the usual J92 (no gum breaker marks, a wide salvage showing the full registration marks, and a lighter color than the usual J92). Well, I was shocked when I flipped one over and it was a dull gum!!!

Up to this point in time only J92, J96, J102, and J103 had not been found with dull gum. So I looked through my other J92s and J96s with plate numbers 35306 and 36307 and found no others. J102 and J103 were printed before dull gum paper was used by the BE&P (but I checked mine anyway).

I know they printed the frame first and later printed the numerals. So maybe the sheets (or rolls?) were stacked up until needed. Then someone picked up a one dull gum stack (or roll) to print the 4s, 6s, and 7s. Who knows?

Most of the dull gum postage due stamps went to the various USPS Philatelic centers around the country and the Philatelic Sales Division at the time. I once bought a large lot of dull gums which had the receipts from the philatelic center in the glassines. I remember buying some at the philatelic center in Nashville in 1985 and St. Petersburg when I was visiting my grandmother in Florida. Maybe we all should take a closer look at our J92s and J96s. It's odd how things like this can turn up after 30+ years.

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. The Evansville and Memphis club shows will be coming up in the next few months. Also, Bill Vance's dealer's is coming up in November. There are many large stamp auctions are soon being held live or on 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 \*  
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Nashville Stamp Show 2017  
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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.

2017 Stamp Show Theme  
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During the first meeting in March Richard Smith proposed that theme for the 2017 Nashville Stamp would be the First World War. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously.

Marie Farmer's illness  
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Tom Tribke noticed that he couldn't reach Marie Farmer for several meetings. After several months trying to reach her he finally did and found that she had injured herself lifting a box of books. She is better now and will return to club soon.

Nick Munn needs "Cool Postage" items  
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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  
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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  
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Bruce Smith  
Rocco Del Negro  
Joe Turlep  
Madeline Seibert  
Richard Mellinger  
Bobbi Mellinger

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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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# Nashville Philatelic Society

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# **Nashville Philatelic Society**

## **Minutes Review for December 2015 – February 2016**

**NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/14/2015 at the Madison Branch Library. Approximately twenty-three members and guests joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!!**

**The NPS held its 1/11/2016 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/23/2015 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 14, 2015. Richard Smith won the door prize. Jim Young won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Steve Meyer mentioned that a Post Card Show would be held in Shelbyville in April. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, Social Media and Stamp Show committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 122 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 698+ “followers”. Matt reported that twelve stamp dealers were committed for the NPS 2016 Stamp Show. Nick Munn brought up a concern that no show exhibits were committed yet. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Al Bollmeier and other NPS members on "Se-Tenant Stamps".**

**The NPS had its 1/25/2016 meeting postponed due to snow! It was held instead on Wednesday, 1/27/2016 at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 1/11/2016 meeting were read and approved. Ora Eads won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. NPS members wished Ellie Eads a Happy Birthday! Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, Social Media and Stamp Show committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 126 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 698+ “followers”. NPS members were advised that the two February 2016 NPS meetings would at the Hibachi Grill due to early voting at the library. Nick Munn handed on Stamp Show 2016 Exhibit Prospectuses for potential exhibitors. Nick also offered a motion that our 2017 Stamp Show theme be selected by the time of our 2016 show. NPS membership approved this motion. Nick suggested that “The US Entry into World War I” as a theme for the 2017 show. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.**

**The NPS had its 2/8/2016 meeting at the Hibachi Grill with Matt Benward presiding. Eight members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/27/2016 meeting were read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 126 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 703 “followers”. Show flyers and posters were provided for distribution. Nick Munn advised that 10 frames of exhibits were committed for our 2016 show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2016 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation on “Stamp Booklets” by Al Bollmeier and NPS members. Matt prepared a supportive write-up for the program. And the snow was beautiful when we left.....**

**NPS held its 2/22/2016 meeting at the Hibachi Grill with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/8/2016 meeting were read and approved. 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 126 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 703 “followers”. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Nick Munn advised that 21 frames of exhibits were committed for our 2016 show. Matt reported that the number of stamp and postcard dealers at our 2016 show would be similar to last year’s show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.**

# Nashville Stamp Show 2016 Awards

March 19-20, 2016  
Nashville, Tennessee

## **Nashville Philatelic Society**

Exhibits: [npsexchr01@gmail.com](mailto:npsexchr01@gmail.com)  
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## **NPS Grand Award and APS Gold**

*The Disunion of the Soviet Union, 1990-1995*

**Raymond J. Pietruszka**

*Also*

APS Certificate of Award

NPS Gold, NPS Public Interest Third

## **NPS Henson Award and APS Gold**

*American Flag Cancellations – Type A-14 / A-38*  
*Domestic U. S. Military Facilities - WWI 1917-1919*

**Jim Cate**

*Also*

NPS Gold

## **APS Gold**

*Japanese Occupation of the Philippines in World War II 1942-1945*

**Andrew J. Burkman**

*Also*

NPS Gold

## **AAPE Silver Award of Honor, AFDCS Best FDC Award APS Small Gold and USSS President's Award**

*Vermont Sesquicentennial*

**Robert S. Edson**

*Also*

NPS Vermeil

## **APS Small Gold**

*Guam Guard Mail*  
**Mathias Benward**  
Also  
NPS Vermeil

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## **Nashville Stamp Show 2016 Awards**

**AAPE Award of Excellence – Plan and Heading,  
APS Silver**

*A Visit to the Philatelic Truck*

**Arthur J. Cole**

Also

NPS Silver

**AAPE Silver Award of Honor,  
WE Sterling Achievement Award,  
and APS Silver**

*Stamps the Heart of the Art*

**Mark Thompson**

Also

NPS Silver, NPS Public Interest First

**Apfelbaum Best Exhibit for a First Time Exhibitor,  
AAPE Novice Award  
and APS Silver**

*World War II Era in France*

**Robert N. Ceo**

Also

NPS Silver, NPS Novice 1st

**APS Silver**

*When Money Became Worthless*

**Al Bollmeier**

Also

NPS Silver

**APS Small Silver and NPS Theme Award**

*Touring Tennessee (Postcards)*

**Ora Eds**

Also  
NPS Silver Bronze

**APS Bronze and NPS Youth First**

*Tennessee People, Places, and Events*

**Madeline Seibert**

Also

NPS Bronze, NPS Novice Second, NPS Public Interest Second

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