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Coiled Postage Stamps

In the United States, vending machine companies began to experiment with the automated dispensing of stamps. Early efforts to break sheets into strips manually did not work well, since they were prone to tearing and jamming, and soon the companies began to request imperforate sheets from the post office, cutting those into strips and punching holes of various shapes between each stamp. A variety of these "private coils" is known, some quite rare.

Beginning on January 3, 1911 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing issued the 1-cent and 2-cent denominations in imperforate form on single-line watermarked paper specifically for use by at least seven different private coil-stamp vending machine companies. Each company used its own distinctive types of perforations, and most firms continued to experiment with them. Thus on the 1-cent issues, these five companies employed a total of 18 different types of private perforations, while 19 types exist on the 2-cent denomination. These private perforations, designed to fit the specific mechanisms of the various vending machines, were applied to imperforate sheets of 400 stamps after those sheets had been cut into either vertical or horizontal strips (the first such sheets had been issued in 1906 at the request of various vending machine companies). Joseph Schermack is generally credited with producing the first coil stamp vending machine. Privately applied perforations continued to be used well into the 1920s, and comprise a distinctive segment of U.S. postal history.

The first US government-produced coils appeared in 1908, produced by pasting together enough imperforate sheets to make rolls of 500 or 1,000 stamps, cutting them into strips and perforating between. The 1-cent, 2-cent and 5-cent values in the Series of 1902 (Second Bureau Issue) were produced in coil versions, but relatively few copies exist because in late 1908 the series was superseded by the Washington-Franklin Issues.

Coil waste is a type of U.S. stamp made from damaged or unusable printing stock intended for use as coil stamps and is a term applied to several stamp issues of the late 1910s and early 20s. Sometimes in the printing of coils on rotary presses, a number stamps from the run were deemed unusable for coil production. Instead of discarding these, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing processed them through the flat-plate perforating machine to finish them as fully perforated stamps. These finished products are known as coil waste. While seemingly identical to normal fully perforated issues (which were printed on flat plate presses), coil waste stamps are distinguishable by their size: their designs are slightly wider or longer than normal because rotary press printing slightly stretches an image.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is over and Fall is just about over and it's getting close to Winter. It seems like 2019 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 2020. Things to look forward to:

- 1) Higher postal rates?
- 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) New elections - Uh oh.....
- 7) 23 stamp club meetings!!! :>)

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2020

Our annual stamp show will be held next year on March 21-22 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin Tennessee. This is a same location and hopefully one that will be our new home for years to come. Thanks everyone who volunteered at our stamp show this year. We couldn't have had such a successful without you! Of course we'll need volunteers for our show next too. So if you can please volunteer!

Mark Thompson is our new Treasurer

Mark Thompson was elected our new treasurer during the club's June 10th meeting. We wish to thank Ray McIntire for serving as Treasurer from February 2011 till now. Ray has turned everything over to Mark and everything is switched over at the bank.

Bruce Tribke becomes an honorary NPS member

The NPS membership voted to make Bruce Tribke an honorary member at our September 23th meeting. He has been coming to our meetings faithfully for many years with Tom. Welcome to the club!!!

Mark Thompson needs "Cool Postage" items

Mark 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.

Annual dues raised to 10 dollars

Our annual club due were raised to 10 dollars and was approved unanimously by all members present during our June 10th meeting.

New Members

Mike Gillespie

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Matt Benward
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Tom Tribke Secretary
Mark Thompson Treasurer

Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:15 p.m., and Program at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Pike, 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 July 2019 – September 2019

The NPS had its 7/8/2019 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/24/19 meeting were read and approved. Ken Owen 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 Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1097 “followers” on Twitter and 229 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson provided a Treasurer’s Report showing almost \$4,000 on hand as of the end of May 2019. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with Al Bollmeier as auctioneer.

The NPS had its 7/22/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eight members and one guest were present. The minutes of the 7/8/19 meeting were read and approved. Mark Thompson won the door prize. Jim Cate won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1099 “followers” on Twitter and 265 “likes” on Facebook. It was also reported that a new site for our 2020 Stamp Show was being investigated. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on “Detecting Watermarks” by Al Bollmeier, Matt, Tom and other members.

The NPS held its 8/12/19 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/22/19 meeting were read and approved. Mike Gillespie’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Steve Meyer won the Door Prize. Jim Cate won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. Our social media websites had 1100 “followers” on Twitter and 257 “likes” on Facebook. The 2020 stamp show dates of 3/21 and 3/22/2020 were reviewed. An alternate site for our 2020 Show found to be not suitable. The business session was then adjourned for our annual “Ice Cream Social”.

The NPS held its 8/26/19 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/12/19 meeting were read and approved. Mike Gillespie’s application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Rudy Caduff won the Door Prize. Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. Ken Owen donated stamps. Thank you! Mark Thompson reported that NPS Treasury had \$3,928.76 on hand. Matt reported that our 2020 Stamp show location would remain the Gallatin Civic Center. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with Al Bollmeier as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 9/9/19 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/26/19 meeting were read and approved. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1102 “followers” on Twitter and 261 “likes” on Facebook. Nick Munn asked that a new location be found for the NPS Trailer. Matt indicated that new trailer locations would be investigated. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on “Zeppelins on Stamps” by Al Bollmeier, Matt, Tom and other NPS members.

The NPS had its 9/23/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/9/19 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Rudy Caduff won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1102 “followers” on Twitter and 261 “likes” on Facebook. The NPS membership voted to make Bruce Tribke an honorary member. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on “Postcards, Postal Cards and Philatelic Covers” by Al Bollmeier, Matt, Tom, and other NPS members.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for April 2019 – June 2019

The NPS had its 4/8/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 3/25/19 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Doug Flatter won the Participation Award. Boman Seibert's application for NPS membership received first reading. Steve DellaVecchia's NPS application received a second reading, was approved, and he was welcomed into NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Matt advised that our Facebook site had 235 "likes" and Twitter had 1091 "followers." Nick Munn reported that the judge for our 2020 show was confirmed. He also proposed that our 2020 show have a budget to help prevent show losses. This was approved by the NPS membership. The business meeting was then adjourned for an interesting talk on "The Columbus, Ohio APS Show in 2018 – Part 1" by Mark Thompson and Nick Munn.

The NPS held its 4/22/2019 meeting at the Bavarian Bier Haus with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/8/19 meeting were read and approved. Boman Seibert's application for NPS membership received second reading, was approved, and he was welcomed into NPS membership. Bill Bowman won the Door Prize and David Young won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Stamp donations were received from Larry Pacl. Thank you! It was reported that our Facebook site had 255 "likes" and Twitter had 1091 "followers". The business session was then adjourned for our auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS had its 5/13/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 4/22/19 meeting were read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Jim Young 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 259 "likes" and our Twitter site had 1098 "followers. Al Bollmeier mentioned a TV show that he had watched, "Ministries at the Museum", that highlighted stamp covers. Rudy Caduff showed a collection of "Soldier's Stamps" that he'd acquired. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation on "Exhibiting at Large (APS) Shows" by Mark Thompson.

The NPS held its 5/27/2019 meeting at the Bavarian Bier Haus with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 5/13/19 meeting were read and approved. Mark Thompson won the door prize. Ray McIntire won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Stamp donations were received from Larry Pacl. Thank you! Our Facebook site had 263 "likes" and our Twitter site had 1100 "followers". Al Bollmeier mentioned an article in Linn's Stamp magazine about a Baden error stamp printed in the wrong color that sold for \$1.3 million dollars. The business session then adjourned for an auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS had its 6/10/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and one guest were present. The minutes of the 5/27/19 meeting were read and approved. Jay Quincy's application for NPS membership received first reading. Mark Thompson won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt and others reported on the Huntsville Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 1099 "followers" and Facebook had 266 "likes". A vote was held to confirm Mark Thompson as NPS Treasurer. His appointment was approved by all members present. Mark then presented a Treasurer's report to the club showing our current financial position. An additional vote was held to raise the NPS membership fee to \$10 per year. This fee increase was also approved by all members present. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program on "Internet Philatelic Resources and Tools – Part 1" by Matt, Al Bollmeier and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 6/24/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/10/19 meeting were read and approved. Jay Quincy's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. 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, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1098 "followers" on Twitter and 266 "likes" on Facebook. Nick Munn reported that his granddaughter, Madeline Seibert, had won an award for her exhibit at the Huntsville Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a continuing program on "Internet Philatelic Resources and Tools – Part 2" by Matt, Al Bollmeier and other club members.

The 1930 U.S. Graf Zeppelin Postage Stamps

The 1930 Graf Zeppelin stamps were a set of three airmail postage stamps, each depicting the image of the Graf Zeppelin airship, exclusively issued by the United States Post Office Department, USPOD, in 1930 for delivery of mail carried aboard that airship. Although the stamps were valid for postage shipped via the Zeppelin Pan American flight from Germany to the United States, via Brazil, the set was marketed to collectors and was largely intended to promote the route. The stamps were also issued as a gesture of good will toward Germany.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing created plates of two hundred postage stamps situated in four panes consisting of fifty stamps each. The stamps sheets were perforated with 11 gauge perforations. Because a margin (selvage) of paper extended around all four sides of each sheet there are no stamps with straight edges. The three stamps all featured the Graf Zeppelin in various configurations. The set of three stamps shared a common border design inscribed with the words GRAF ZEPPELIN and EUROPE – PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT in upper case letters along near the top of the border, and with the words UNITED STATES POSTAGE, also in upper case, along the bottom border. The stamps were printed in different colors for each denomination with denominations that paid the various rates used along the route on the flight. The attractive stamps were highly publicized but were considered controversial among some collectors of the time and others and refused to purchase these issues, complaining that the Post Office was charging too much while at the same time were trying to drive up the demand for these stamps by destroying the unsold issues. The \$4.55 face value for the set of three stamps represented a lot of money during the depression years of their release.



65¢ Graf Zeppelin over the Atlantic

The green 65-cent Graf Zeppelin stamp depicts the Graf Zeppelin flying eastward over the Atlantic Ocean. Like the other two denominations of \$1.30 and \$2.60 its inscription along the top reads GRAF ZEPPELIN -- EUROPE PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT, and UNITED STATES POSTAGE along the bottom. The lowest of the three denominations, this issue paid the post card rate. The Scotts catalog number for this issue is C13. Out of 1,000,000 stamps printed, the total quantities sold for this issue were 93,336.



\$1.30 Graf Zeppelin and map of Atlantic Ocean

The \$1.30 Graf Zeppelin stamp was first issued in Washington DC on April 19, 1930. The stamp was printed in brown and depicts the Graf Zeppelin flying westward, superimposed over a map of the continents of Europe and South and North America with the names of various cities depicted in it. This issue paid the postcard and letter rates on the May 1930 Pan American flight that departed from Germany, flying to Brazil and then the United States. Postage rates depended on the distance between points along the route. The Scotts catalog number for this issue is C14. Out of 1,000,000 stamps printed, the total quantities sold for this issue were only 72,428.



\$2.60 Graf Zeppelin and globe

The blue \$2.60 Graf Zeppelin stamp depicts the Graf Zeppelin among clouds and superimposed over a globe and traveling in a westerly direction. This issue was designed by C.A. Huston and A.R. Meissner. The Scotts catalog number for this issue is C15. Out of 1,000,000 stamps printed, the total quantities sold for this issue were only 61,296.

All three stamps were first issued in Washington D.C. on April 19, 1930, one month before the historic trans-Atlantic first flight was made. The stamps were also placed on sale at other selected post offices on April 21, 1930.

A total of 1,000,000 of each stamp denomination were printed, but only 227,260 stamps in all were actually sold, or 7% of the total amount printed. The Zeppelin stamps were withdrawn from sale on June 30, 1930 and the remaining stocks were destroyed by the Post Office.

Stamps of Dead Countries

Many stamp issuing entities are historic and some were very short-lived. These are often referred to by stamp collectors as dead countries. The following are some of the criteria for when a country becomes “dead”:

- Overthrow of a absolute monarchy style government (not merely a dynasty)
- Overthrow or withdrawal of colonial rule
- Annexation of a country into a larger country
- The start or end of a “transitional government”
- Joining of two or more political entities
- Change of political control of an outside entity
- Occupation by an external entity
- Defeat or withdrawal of occupational forces

A complete list can be found here: <http://www.dcstamps.com/list-of-dead-countries/>.

One example would be the Confederate States of America. Their first stamps were issued in 1861 and used until 1865. In the intervening four years 14 stamps were created and 13 of them were issued. There are many varieties in those issues and collecting these issues are very popular with philatelists. There is a specialty society devoted to the study of these issues called the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

A second example would be a country that issues stamps in the past and stopped. Then at some point in the future starts issuing them again. An example of this would be Estonia. During the First World War Estonia declare its independence from Imperial Russia on April 12, 1917. Then from that date Estonia issued stamps until August 6, 1940 when it was annexed into the Soviet Union. During World War II it was occupied by Germany and then reoccupied and unwillingly remained part of the Soviet Union until it regained its independence on August 20, 1991. It then created its own postal system and then started issuing stamps again.

Another example would be a country that was partitioned. An example of this would be East and West Germany. This nation existed from January 1, 1871 until May 23, 1949 when the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was formed from the American, British, and French occupied zones. On October 7, 1949 German Democratic Republic (East Germany) was created from the Soviet occupied zone. Other German lands were given to Poland and The Soviet Union. Both countries issued stamps from there establishment until the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe between 1989 and 1990. Germany was reunified on October 3, 1990 when the five states of the German Democratic Republic joined the Federal Republic of Germany. From then the Federal Republic of Germany issued stamps first in Marks and then Euros beginning in 2002.

Collecting stamps from ‘dead countries’ can be a fascinating challenge. One advantage is there are only a specific number of stamps found to be complete. Another thing the collector need not worry about yearly updates to their albums. There is a website dedicated to the study of this topic. For more information on ‘dead countries’ please visit <http://www.dcstamps.com/>.

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