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Stamp Perforations

For postage stamps, separation is the means by which individual stamps are made easily detachable from each other.

Methods of separation include:

1. perforation: cutting rows and columns of small holes
2. rouletting: small horizontal and vertical cuts
3. diecutting: cut paper to shape using a metal die—used for self-adhesive stamps.

In the early years, from 1840 until 1850, all stamps were issued imperforate, and had to be cut from the sheet with scissors or knife. This was time-consuming and error-prone (as mangled stamps of the era attest). Once reliable separation equipment became available, nations switched rapidly.

Perforations are holes punched between stamps to make separating easier. A Perforation Number (such as 10 or 11x10) indicates the number of holes in a space of 2 centimeters along the edge of a stamp. The finest gauge ever used is 18 on stamps of the Malay States in the early 1950s, and the coarsest is 2, seen on the 1891 stamps of Bhopal. Modern stamp perforations tend to range from 11 to 14.

Rouletting uses small cuts in the paper instead of holes. It was used by a number of countries, but is rarely if ever seen on modern stamps. Varieties, often described by philatelists in French terms, include straight cuts (*percée en lignes*, and *percée en lignes colorées* with inked cutting bar), arc (*percée en arc*), sawtooth and the serpentine roulettes (*percée en pointe*) used by the early stamps of Finland.

In 1847, Henry Archer constructed the first (rouletting) machine, the "Archer Roulette", to separate stamps. His plan, submitted to the Postmaster General on 1 October 1847, was referred to the departments of the General Post Office and the Inland Revenue. Two such machines were built. After experimentation both machines proved to be failures. From one machine a few stamps from Plates 70 and 71 have survived. This machine consisted of lancet-shaped blades working on a fly-press principle and piercing the paper with a series of cuts.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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. Also, Bill Vance's Dealer show is coming up in August. There are several stamp shows coming up in the local area too: Indianapolis, IN; Cincinnati, OH; Memphis, TN; and Evanville IN. And don't forget our club - we'll have lots of fun things coming up during this Summer!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2019

Our annual stamp show was held this year at The Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin Tennessee. This is a new location for us and hopefully one that will be our new home for years to come. Thanks everyone who volunteered to help at our stamp show this year. We couldn't have had such a successful without you! This year we had over 200 people attend our show which made it our most successful show in years.

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.

Madeline Seibert is our new Jr. Vice-President

Madeline Seibert was elected our new Jr. Vice President during our June 10th meeting. We wish to thank Wesley Lepter for serving as Jr. Vice President.

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.

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

Jay Quincy
Mary Ann Ellis
Steve DellaVecchia
Boman Alexander Seibert

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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 February 2019 – March 2019

The NPS held its 2/11/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/28/2019 meeting were read and approved. John (Jack) Ludington's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was mentioned that a new first class postal rate of 55 cents now in effect. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 225 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1074 "followers". Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution for our 2019 show. Matt mentioned that over 400 postcard Stamp Show notices had been sent out to invite past show attendees to come again to our show. Nick Munn discussed possible themes for our 2020 Stamp Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on "A Survey of German Stamps" by Al Bollmeier.

NPS held its 2/25/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/11/2019 meeting were read and approved with amendments. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. NPS members were again saddened to learn of the death of another long-term NPS member, Col. Leland Gregory, on 2/22/2019. A card was sent to his family. Mark Thompson read an interesting article about recently deceased member Norm Elrod. Mark also mentioned that his exhibit in the Phoenix Stamp Show had won a gold award. Congratulations! Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! It was reported that our Facebook site had 225 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1,080 "followers". Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Nick Munn advised his Granddaughter would run the "Children's Stamp Table" for our 2019 show. Nick also distributed a list of possible themes for our 2020 Stamp Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on "A Survey of German Stamps – Part 2" by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 3/11/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/26/19 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS membership from Mary Ann Ellis received first reading. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamps and Social Media committees. Matt also reported that approximately 200+ people had signed in for our Nashville Stamp Show. Members who assisted with Stamp Show setup and takedown and manning of the Welcome Table were thanked for their help! Nick Munn distributed a preliminary list of awards for our Stamp Show. Nick Munn also distributed a list of possible themes for our 2020 show and asked for the members to vote on their theme choice by our next meeting. Several preliminary appointments were made by Matt to include Mark Thompson to take over as Treasurer, Madeline Seibert as Junior Vice President and Laura Munn as our Honorary Member to recognize her hard work during our Stamp Show. Tom Tribke advised that he had a supply of Stamp Show covers for sale. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Al Bollmeier and others on "Survey of German Stamps – Part 3".

The NPS had its 3/25/2019 meeting at the Bavarian Bier Haus with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 3/11/2019 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS membership from Steve DellaVecchia received first reading. Mary Ann Ellis NPS application received second reading and was approved and she was welcomed to NPS membership. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming stamps and stamp shows were discussed. The St. Louis Stamp Expo 2019 brochure was mentioned for the show to be held March 29-31, 2019. 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 Twitter site had 1078 "followers" and Facebook had 225 "likes". Members who assisted with the Stamp Show were again thanked for their help! McIntire gave a preliminary Show Treasurer's report with income of \$2700 and payout of \$3800. Nick Munn reported that the selected theme for our 2020 Stamp Show was "Comics, Cartoons and Superheroes". Tom Tribke again advised that he had a supply of Stamp Show covers for sale. The business session was then adjourned for our auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

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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.

**Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show 2019 Palmares
March 9-10, 2019
Nashville, Tennessee**

**NPS Grand Award, NPS Theme Award, APS Large Gold,
and United States Stamp Society President's Award
Skylab, The Impossible Dream
Sherwood Anderson**

**Also
NPS Gold**

**NPS Henson Award, AFDCS Best FDC Exhibit Award,
And APS Large Gold
Vermont Sesquicentennial
Robert Edson**

**Also
NPS Gold**

**NPS Novice Award, AAPE Novice Award,
APS Large Vermeil, and Apfelbaum Award
Kotas Family Hikes, Bikes and Likes**

**Jim Kotas
Also
NPS Vermeil**

**AAPE Silver Award of Honor, APS Large Silver,
and Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award
United Nations First Issues & Anniversaries**

**David Kiehn
Also
NPS Silver**

**AAPE Silver Award of Honor and APS Vermeil
Skopje Earthquake of 1963**

**Robert Edson
Also
NPS Vermeil**

**APS Large Gold
Guam Guard Mail
Mathias Benward**

**Also
NPS Gold**

**APS Large Gold
Saturn Takes Man to the Moon
Sherwood Anderson**

**Also
NPS Gold**

**APS Gold
Out of This World, Beyond the Perf
Mark Thompson**

**Also
NPS Gold**

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APS Gold
American Freedom Train 1975-1976
James C. Cate
Also
NPS Gold

APS Gold
Jackie Robinson - Modern Civil Rights Pioneer
Mark Thompson
Also
NPS Gold

APS Gold
Women of the Black Heritage Series
Mark Thompson
Also
NPS Gold

APS Gold
The Clipper Air Mail Service in the Philippines, 1935-1941
Andy Burkman
Also
NPS Gold

APS Large Vermeil
Cuba: Official Rocket Experiment in 1939
Dan Chaij
Also
NPS Vermeil

APS Silver
My Ebay Cover Collection
Al Bollmeier
Also
NPS Silver

APS Large Vermeil, AIA Youth Award
Space
Boman Seibert
Also
NPS Vermeil, NPS Youth First

APS Vermeil
Things I Like
Madeline Seibert
Also
NPS Vermeil, NPS Youth Second

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