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Hope everyone is doing OK!!!

Postage Stamp Gum

Gum is the substance applied to the back of a stamp to enable it to adhere to a letter or other mailed item. The term is generic, and applies both to traditional types such as gum arabic and to synthetic modern formulations. Originally, gumming took place after printing and before perforation, usually because the paper had to be damp for printing to work well, but in modern times most stamp printing is done dry on pre-gummed paper. There have been a couple of historical instances where stamps were regummed after being perforated, but these were unusual situations.

On early issues, gum was applied by hand, using a brush or roller, but in 1880 De La Rue came up with a machine gumming process using a printing press, and gum is now always applied by machine. The gum is universally spread as uniformly as possible.

The greatest manufacturing problem of the gumming process is its tendency to make the stamps curl, due to the different reaction of paper and gum to varying moisture levels. In the most extreme cases, the stamp will spontaneously roll up into a small tube. On Swiss stamps of the 1930s, Courvoisier used a gum-breaking machine that pressed a pattern of small squares into the gum, resulting in so-called grilled gum. Another scheme has been to slice the gum with knives after it has been applied. In some cases the gum solves the problem itself by becoming "crackly" when it dries.

The appearance of the gum varies with the type and method of application, and may range from nearly invisible to dark brown globs. Types of gum used on stamps include:

- 1) dextrin, produced by heating starch
- 2) gum arabic or acacia gum, derived from the acacia plant
- 3) glue, from gelatin, rarely seen on stamps
- 4) polyvinyl alcohol

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, I hope everyone is OK and making it through the "Shelter at Home" mandates by the state and local governments caused by the Corona COVID-19 virus pandemic. I've been getting several things done around the house that I'd been putting off for a while, catching up on some reading, and keeping up with the news. Of course I've worked on my stamp collection and have bought a few things. I've even found several unreported postage due plate blocks!!! Hopefully we'll start having regular meetings in May. Hope to see you all then!!!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2020 Rescheduled

Our annual stamp show has been rescheduled and will be held on August 8-9 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin. This is a same location as was scheduled in March. Thanks to those who volunteered for the March show and hopefully you can volunteered for our stamp show in August. We couldn't have had such a successful without you! So if you can please volunteer!

Roger Hunt asks for donations of old albums

Roger Hunt asked the members to donate old, partially-filled stamp albums for the "children's stamp table" our forthcoming stamp show. As you may remember during our 2019 show there were tables setup between the dealers tables and exhibits with loose stamps for children and some adults to pick through. So if you have any old albums just sitting around the house please think about donating them to help get children interested in stamp collecting again. You may contact Roger at the club meetings or contact the club and we'll get your message to him. Please email: show@nashvillephilatelic.org.

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

Marcus Bell
Jack Langham

Honorary Members

Bruce Tribke
Lara Munn

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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 January 2020 – April 2020

The NPS held its 1/13/2020 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members were present. Minutes of the 11/25/2019 meeting were read and approved. Also an informal report was given on our Christmas meeting held on December 16, 2019. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Forrest Wise won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Twitter site had 1123 “followers”. Roger Hunt asked if members could donate old, partially-filled stamp albums for the “children’s stamp table” at our forthcoming stamp show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and handout by Matt, Al Bollmeier and others on "Odd Stamps".

The NPS held its 1/27/2020 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/13/2020 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Mark Thompson won the Participation 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 354 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1127 “followers”. Mark Thompson presented a Treasurer’s Report summarizing 2019. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 2/10/2020 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/27/2020 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Markus Bell won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson gave a brief update on the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 356 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1130 “followers”. Mark Thompson gave a brief Treasury status. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution for our 2020 show. Roger Hunt again asked the members to donate old partially-filled albums for the “children’s stamp table” at our Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Matt also mentioned that at least 15 dealers had committed to our show with two NPS member tables included. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation and handout on “Philatelic Literature” by Matt, Al, and other members.

The NPS held its 2/24/2020 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/10/2020 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Jack Langham won the Participation Award. 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 361 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1,136 “followers”. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Mark Thompson said reported \$6000 in the bank, gave a due report on who paid, and 38 frames we committed for the show. Matt mentioned that over 400 postcards Stamp Show notices would be sent out to invite past show attendees to come again to our show. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

NPS held its 3/9/2020 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/24/2020 meeting were read and approved with amendments. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Mark Thompson won the Participation Award. 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 367 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1,133 “followers”. Mark Thompson reported that the Treasury now stood at \$5,551.00. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Matt mentioned that there were 17 dealers committed to our show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation and handout on “Postmarks and Cancells” by Al, Matt and other NPS members.

After the 3/9/2020 NPS meeting, “Shelter at Home” directives were given by state and local governments because of the Corona COVID-19 virus pandemic. These directives forced the cancellation of our planned 2020 Stamp Show that had been scheduled March 21st and 22nd and our stamp club meetings for the rest of March and April 2020. While some of these “Shelter at Home” guidelines appear to be easing in May 2020, it remains to be determined when meeting locations will again allow group meetings such as our stamp clubs hold.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for September 2019 – December 2019

The NPS held its 9/9/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/26/2019 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 9/9/2019 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.

The NPS held its 10/14/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members were present. Minutes of the 9/23/2019 meeting were read and approved. Doug Flatter won the door prize. Maria Flatter won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamps and Social Media committees. It was reported that Al Bollmeier was recovering from knee surgery and a “Get Well Card was sent. An update was given on our social media websites with 1110 “followers” on Twitter and 301 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson gave a formal Treasurer’s report. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “Postcards, Postal Cards and Covers” by Matt, Tom and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 10/25/2019 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members were present. Minutes of the 10/14/2019 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Mark Thompson 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 for our social media websites showed 1117 “followers” on Twitter and 321 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that the Gallatin Civic Center was the location for our 2020 show on March 21 & 22, 2020. The business session then adjourned for our Auction.

The NPS held its 11/12/2019 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 10/25/2019 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Mark Thompson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jim Young donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reported that we had 1117 “followers” on our Tweeter site and 321 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned again that the 2020 Stamp Show was on March 21 & 22, 2020. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation on “Stamps prepared by Master Engraver Czeslaw Slania” by Steve Chambers from the Brentwood Philatelic Society.

The NPS meeting for 11/25/2019 was held at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members were present. Minutes of the 11/12/2019 meeting was read and approved. Jim Young won the door prize. Ken Owen won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Ken Owen reported that he was moving to the Chattanooga area and wouldn’t be able to attend our meetings. We were all sorry to see him leave! Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Mark Thompson reported that \$120 was paid to the American Philatelic Society for the APS circuits. Matt mentioned that help would be needed for setup and takedown of our March 21 & 22, 2020 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for our Auction with Al Bollmeier as the auctioneer.

The NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/16/2019 at the Inglewood Branch Library. Approximately fifteen NPS members, their guests and invited library patrons joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!!

Odd Stamps

What are odd postage stamps?

1) Denominations



Most postage stamps are issued to pay the prevailing first class rate while others are used to pay for more obscure rates and services. This was the first stamps issued by the US in 1925 to pay the 3rd class rate.

2) Shapes



There are a huge number of odd shaped forms of stamps issued by many countries and most do actually pay legitimate postage rates. As you may have guessed most are issued to catch the eye of stamps collectors.

3) Printing media



As with the previous one were issued to catch the eye of stamps collectors.

Odd Stamps Continued

4) Scented



Fruit

Pineapple

Coffee

5) Flavored gum



Chocolate

Ice Cream

Chocolate

6) Subject in motion



Links with more information:

- <http://www.darkroastedblend.com/2010/05/peculiar-postage-unusual-stamps-from.html>
- <http://www.darkroastedblend.com/2012/12/peculiar-postage-unusual-stamps-from.html>
- <https://born2invest.com/articles/creative-unusual-postage-stamps-will-ever-see/>
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