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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 PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here we are again and Spring has sprung. There's lot's of things to do! In March we'll be getting for the show and this year it was a great success. There will be new challenges for us to overcome. There was be new stamps to find, new friends to be made, and lots shows to attend. So let's look forward to better new year!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2023

Our annual stamp show will be held next year on March 18-19 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin Tennessee. This is a same location we used in August and it seems be our new home for years to come. I've sent out the contracts to all the dealers in all the states nearby Tennessee and have received positive responses from previous dealers and a few new ones too! Thanks to everyone who volunteered at our stamp show this year and we couldn't have been such a successful one without you! Of course we'll need people for next year's show too. 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.

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 mhenward@aol.com. Thanks.

Our New Members

Rocco DelNegro, Sr.
Charles Alge
Val Lawrence
Dan Paul
Roland Hart
Doug Almy
Lee Sullivan

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Meetings are held at the Bavarian Bierhaus, 121 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

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 December 2021 – March 2022

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/13/2021 at the Bavarian Behrhaus at Opry Mills Mall. Approximately twenty-nine NPS members and guests joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!! Also, Lee Sullivan's membership application received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed into NPS membership.

NPS's 1/10/2022 meeting was postponed until 1/17/2022 due to floor repair work being done at the Bavarian Behrhaus. The re-scheduled meeting for 1/17/2022 was cancelled due SNOW and ICE conditions.

The NPS held its 1/24/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members were present. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Roger Hunt 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 573 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1190 "followers". Matt mentioned that our Stamp show would be held on March 19 – 20 at the Gallatin Civic Center and that help would be required with show set-up and take down. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 2/14/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members were present. Minutes of the 1/24/2022 meeting were read and approved. Gerry Speich won the door prize. Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Charles Alge's and Roland Hart's applications for NPS membership received first readings. 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 573 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1195 "followers". Mark Thompson presented the 2021 Treasurer's Report. Matt mentioned that our Stamp show would require help with set-up and take down. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program by Matt on "Air Transportation as Shown on Stamps" with a handout provided.

The NPS held its 2/28/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members were present. Minutes of the 2/14/2022 meeting were read and approved. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Val Lawrence's and Dan Paul's applications for NPS membership received first readings. Charles Alge's and Roland Hart's applications received second readings and were approved and they were welcomed to NPS membership. 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 573 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1197 "followers". Matt mentioned that our Stamp show would need help with set-up and take down. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

NPS held its 3/14/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members were present. Minutes of the 2/28/2022 meeting were read and approved. Doug Almy's application for NPS membership received first reading. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Bruce Tribke won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Tom Tribke mentioned that an Estate Sale at 1411 Acklen Avenue on March 17–19 would have a small lot of stamps for sale. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 573 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1201 "followers". Matt mentioned that our Stamp show to be held on March 19–20 would need help with show set-up and take down. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier. Note - Our Auction was held on our 1st monthly meeting date due to a schedule conflict regarding our normal meeting space.

The NPS held its 3/28/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members were present. Minutes of the 3/14/2022 meeting were read and approved. Rocco DelNegro's application to return to NPS was approved and he was welcomed back. Courtney Cochran's application for NPS membership received first reading. Doug Almy's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to the club. Bob Winters won the door prize. Val Lawrence 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 584 "likes" and that our Twitter site had 1201 "followers". Matt thanked everyone who participated in our Stamp show for the good job done. The business session was then adjourned for a well-done presentation and handout on "An Introduction to Postal Stationery" by Matt and other members.

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Minutes Review for September 2021 – November 2021

The NPS held its 9/13/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/23/21 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. 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 1175 “followers” on Twitter and 558 “likes” on Facebook. Matt thanked everyone who helped with the Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting presentation on "A philatelic history of Camp George H. Thomas - Lytle, Georgia - Spanish-American War of 1898" by Jim Cate.

The NPS had its 9/27/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/13/21 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Dennis Fielding, Ernie West, Chris Bridgewater, Anderson Christian and Dwight Jewell received first readings. Bruce Tribke won the door prize. David Perry 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 1176 “followers” on Twitter and 559 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be in late March of 2022. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 10/11/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members were present. Minutes of the 9/27/21 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Dennis Fielding, Ernie West, Chris Bridgewater, Anderson Christian and Dwight Jewell received second readings and were approved and they were welcomed to NPS membership. Dwight Jewell 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. An update was given on our social media websites with 1175 “followers” on Twitter and 562 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson gave a formal Treasurer’s report including 2021 Nashville Stamp Show results. Mark also presented Nashville Show 2021 Palmares. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be March 19 – 20, 2022. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “German Hyper-inflation Stamps and Covers” by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 10/25/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/11/21 meeting were read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jack Langham was listed as ill and a “Get Well” card was sent. An update for our social media websites showed 1177 “followers” on Twitter and 562 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that a contract had been signed with the Gallatin Civic Center for our 2022 show. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 11/8/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-six members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/25/21 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jim Butler donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reported that we had 1180 “followers” on our Tweeter site and 563 “likes” on Facebook. It was brought-up that a theme was needed for our up-coming show and NPS members were asked submit recommendations. Matt mentioned again that the 2022 Stamp Show was on March 19 & 20, 2022 and that help would be needed for Show set-up and take-down. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “From US to World-wide Stamp Collecting” by Ray McIntire.

The NPS meeting for 11/22/2021 was held at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/8/21 meeting was read and approved. Lee Sullivan’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Linda Boyd won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jim Butler donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reported that we had 1181 “followers” on our Tweeter site and 563 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned again that the 2022 Stamp Show was on March 19 & 20, 2022 and that help would be needed for Show set-up and take-down. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show 2022 Palmares

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NPS Grand Award and APS Large Gold

Vermont Sesquicentennial Stamp

Robert Edson

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Confederate Military Mail – Chattanooga 1862-1864

James C. Cate

APS Large Gold

Women of the Black Heritage Series

Mark Thompson

APS Large Gold

Guam Guard Mail

Mathias Benward

NPS Most Popular Exhibit

My E-Bay Cover Collection

Allen Bollmeier

APS Large Silver and Women Exhibitors

“Sterling Achievement Award”

Jackie Robinson – 20th Century Civil Rights Pioneer

Mark Thompson

APS Large Silver, AAPE “Silver Award of Honor”

and AAPE "Novice Award"

German Postal Inflation

Robert Winters

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Coiled Postage Stamps continued

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.

Later a rotary press was adopted, which eliminated the pasting stage. The cylindrical plate used on a rotary press has a seam where ink tends to accumulate, resulting in joint line pairs. The coiling equipment processes the printed web down to finished products of precisely 100, 500, or 3,000 stamps, as desired. Today, the Bureau has 6 of the examining units in regular use, together with 4 perforator-coilers, and 14 coil wrapping machines. About 39 million coil stamps are printed and processed each day.

The perforations of coil stamps are usually found along the right and left sides ("vertical perf"), but they have also been produced with perforations along the top and bottom ("horizontal perf"). Longer perforations on one side than the other, and separation by cutting rather than tearing, are indications that a stamp may have come from a coil.

A recent innovation enabled by self-adhesive technology is the linerless coil stamp. While most self-adhesive stamps have backing paper, linerless coils are like a roll of adhesive tape. Such rolls tend to be enormous, with thousands of stamps, and tend to be used only by large mailing operations.

A plate number coil (PNC) is a United States postage stamp with the number of the printing plate or plates printed on it. The plate number typically appears as one or more small digits in the margin at the bottom of the stamp. The plate number may be centered or, on some coil issues, located toward the right. Although most plate numbers are composed of just numbers, both a combination of letter and number may be used. In the case when a letter is represented in the plate number, an upper case letter usually appears at the beginning or at the end of the sequence with the former serving as a good identifier of the stamp printer.

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