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Merry Christmas!!!

A Philatelist's Psalm
by Herman Herst, Jr.

Stamp collecting is my hobby, I shall not be bored.
 It maketh me to do research on far places.
 It causeth me to correspond with odd people.
 It keepeth me alert.
 It leadeth me into areas of understanding for curiosity's sake.
 Yea, though I live through a winter of inclement weather.
 I will feel no boredom, for my stamps are with me.
 They provideth me a means of escaping from the tensions of my
responsibilities.

They filleth my house with books.
 My cash runneth lower.
 Sureth interest and knowledge shall follow me all the days of my life and
 I will be listed in the ranks of Philatelists forever.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here we are again with another year coming to a close. Christmas too is just around corner with all the joys it brings and the new year brings its new challenges for us to overcome. There will be new stamps to find, new friends to be made, and shows to attend hopefully. So have a great holiday season and 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 mbenward@aol.com. Thanks.

Blake Webster passes away

Blake Webster passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2022. Blake has been a member of our stamp club for several years and attended meetings periodically.

David Shumaker passes away

David Shumaker passed away on Saturday, November 5, 2022. David was not a member of our club, but had had attended some meetings in the past and had come to the club's annual stamp show over the years. He specialized in special printing in early US, imperforate coils, and finding and getting rare US stamps certified.

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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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Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for September 2022 – November 2022

The NPS held its 9/12/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-eight members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 8/22/22 meeting were read and approved. Courtney Cochran won the door prize. Dennis Fielding won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. A card was sent to Dave Bodkin in memory of his wife's passing. Matt reported that social media websites had 1200 "followers" on Twitter and 684 "likes" on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting presentation on "Large and Small Hole Perforations on American Liberty Series Stamps" by Dennis Fielding.

The NPS had its 9/26/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/12/22 meeting were read and approved. Application for NPS membership from Jackie Cargill received first reading. Gerry Speich won the door prize. Doug Almy won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson reported on stamp shows that he had recently attended. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. A "Get Well" card was sent to Daveen Robinson. Matt reported that social media websites had 1197 "followers" on Twitter and 691 "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 10/10/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 9/26/22 meeting were read and approved. Application for NPS membership from Jackie Cargill received second reading and was approved and she was welcomed to NPS membership. Linda Boyd won the door prize. RG Wolf won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported on the INDPEX show that he and several others had recently attended. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamps and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1197 "followers" on Twitter and 701 "likes" on Facebook. Mark Thompson gave a formal Treasurer's report including 2022 Nashville Stamp Show results. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be March 18–19, 2023. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on "Overprints on Stamps" by Matt and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 10/24/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-eight members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 10/10/22 meeting were read and approved. Bob Winters won the door prize. Dwight Jewell 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 1191 "followers" on Twitter and 710 "likes" on Facebook. Mark Thompson strongly recommended that we arrange for a new judge for our 2023 Stamp Show to allow a broader judging and critique of our exhibits. Dave Perry suggested that a special future auction be held so that higher valued auction lots could be offered. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 11/14/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members were present. Minutes of the 10/24/22 meeting were read and approved. Val Lawrence won the door prize. Dennis Fielding won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported on the passing of Blake Webster and David Shumaker – two philatelists and friends who will be missed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamps and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1227 "followers" on Twitter and 730 "likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be March 18–19, 2023. The business session then adjourned for a well-done presentation on "Stamp Cancels – A Small Sample" by Bob Winters.

The NPS held its 11/28/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-six members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/14/2022 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. Matt brought in a large quantity of stamps for the Stamps Committee that had been held by Marie Farmer's family after her passing. An update for our social media websites showed 1191 "followers" on Twitter and 734 "likes" on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

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Minutes Review for June 2022 – August 2022

The NPS had its 6/13/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and two guests were present. The minutes of the 5/23/2022 meeting were read and approved. Daveen Robinson's application for NPS membership received first reading. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Linda Boyd won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and any 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 1198 "followers" on Twitter and 614 "likes" on Facebook. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program on "Stamp Perforations and Roulettes" by Matt, Tom Tribke and other NPS members.

NPS held its 6/27/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Behrhaus with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/13/2022 meeting were read and approved. Daveen Robinson's applications for NPS membership received second reading and she was approved and welcomed to the NPS membership. Ruse Tucker won the door prize. RG Wolf 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 1196 "followers" on Twitter and 620 "likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our 2023 Stamp Show would be held on March 18 – 19 at the Gallatin Civic Center. The business session then adjourned for an Auction conducted by David Perry.

The NPS had its 7/11/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/27/22 meeting were read and approved. John Kwasnewski won the door prize. Doug Almy 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 1195 "followers" on Twitter and 626 "likes" on Facebook. Mark Thompson provided the Treasurer's Report and a list showing NPS members with 2022 paid dues. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on "Stamp Cancellations and Post Marks" by Matt and other club members.

The NPS had its 7/25/2022 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-three members and one guest were present. The minutes of the 7/11/22 meeting were read and approved. Randy Coble won the door prize. Andrea Goodrow won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1195 "followers" on Twitter and 634 "likes" on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 8/8/22 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/25/22 meeting were read and approved. Lance Baugher's application for NPS membership received first reading. Bill Bowman won the Door Prize. Courtney Cochran won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. Our social media websites had 1195 "followers" on Twitter and 642 "likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our 2023 Stamp Show was scheduled for March 18-19, 2023 at the Gallatin Civic Center. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on "Counterfeits and Forgeries" by Matt and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 8/22/22 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/8/22 meeting were read and approved. Lance Baugher's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Rudy Caduff won the Door Prize. Bob Winters won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Our social media websites had 1196 "followers" on Twitter and 657 "likes" on Facebook. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with Al Bollmeier as auctioneer.

The Transport Plane Series Air Post Stamps 1941 – 1944



The United States Transport Plane Series of 1941 consisted initially of six different values: six, ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty, and fifty cents. An eight cent value was issued in 1944 when the domestic air mail rate was raised from six to eight cents per ounce. This new series of airmail stamps was the culmination of efforts beginning around 1936 to replace a variety of older airmail stamps still in use. Differing only in color and denomination, each stamp featured an identical twin engine airplane design. All of these stamps were perforated 11x10½ except the booklet pane of the six cent which was perforated 11 horizontally and imperforate vertically.



The airplane shown on the transport plane series is fictional. The postal bulletin of May 27th 1941 described the design prior to the stamps release as “...a representation of a modern transport plane in flight.” Much of it resembles this Douglas DC-3, the most widely used airliner of its time.



Its tail, which consists of three vertical fins, is a product of the stamp designer’s imagination. Moreover, it appears that the bottoms of the two outboard fins extend below the airplanes tail wheel. If so, they would have been torn off as the airplane taxied down the runway.



The Lockheed Constellation had similar tail fins, but its tricycle landing gear kept the tail high off the ground.

Postage Stamp Booklets

A postage stamp booklet is a made up of one or more small panes of postage stamps in a cardboard cover. Booklets are often made from sheets especially printed for this purpose, with a narrow selvage at one side of the booklet pane for binding. From the cutting, the panes are usually imperforate on the edges of the booklet.

Smaller and easier to handle than a whole sheet of stamps, in many countries stamp booklets have become a favorite way to purchase stamps. The convenience of this format is self-evident. Stamp booklets fit easily in pockets, wallets or handbags, and they are not as unwieldy as sheets or panes of stamps. The covers of a booklet provide protection for the stamps, and postal administrations soon realized they could offer advertising space on them to offset the production costs of providing stamps in handy booklet form.

The desire of postal administrations to keep the accounting and sale of stamp booklets as simple as possible led to the practice of including one or more labels in some booklet panes. The labels kept the face value of booklet at a round number or near one. The non-stamp labels could also be used for advertising or instruction to mailers, such as "Use Zip Code" on some United States panes.

Booklets of telegraph stamps are known to have been issued by the California State Telegraph Company in 1870, and by Western Union in 1871, and on 14 October 1884 an A.W. Cooke of Boston received Patent 306,674 from the United States Patent Office for the idea of putting postage stamps into booklets. Luxembourg was the first country to issue booklets in 1895, followed by Sweden in 1898, the United States in 1900, and Great Britain in 1904. The idea became popular and quickly spread around the world.

Originally booklets were produced manually, by separating sheets into smaller panes and binding those. These are not distinguishable from the sheet stamps. Later, the popularity of booklets meant that it was worthwhile to produce booklet panes directly; printing onto large sheets, then cutting into booklet panes each with a small number of stamps, and perforating between the stamps of each pane. Such sheets, in fact, were created to produce the earliest United States booklets, printed from special plates that yielded sheets of 180 or 360 stamps for cutting into panes of six stamps each. (Normal sheets containing 400 stamps were deemed unusable for booklets because they could not be cut into six-stamp panes without leaving waste.) Booklet stamps so produced usually have 1, 2, or 3 straight edges (although some booklet panes have been printed 3 stamps across, and the middle stamps will have perforations all around). The first two U. S. booklet issues (1900 and 1903) offered only stamps denominated at the normal letter rate (2¢), but in 1907 booklets were introduced containing 1¢ stamps suitable for post cards.

Collecting booklets provides a few extra challenges for collectors. Those who want to save a booklet intact as it was issued and released by the postal administration have a collection with the stamps usually hidden behind the booklets covers. Some collectors overcome this by acquiring two of each booklet. One is kept intact while the other is exploded, meaning it is taken apart so all of its components, including the booklet panes, interleaving, covers and binding material, are displayed.

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