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CLUB LEADERS FOR 2021 NOMINATED

During a brief internet board meeting held October 21, nominees for club officers and directors were selected. Agreeing to serve in their current capacities are Stan Bartnikowski, president; Bill Laupus, vice president; and Rod Gabel, treasurer. Rick Hosler will run to replace Joe Baker as secretary.

Joe Baker consented to serving three years as a director. Ben Scholkne and Stuart Barzune terms as directors have not yet expired; they will remain on the board until 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Committee appointees, are Rick Hosler, membership; Art von Reyn, newsletter/website; George Clayton, Edgemere liaison; Rod Gabel, appraisal; and Jack Urish, acquisitions. As past president, Geoff Owens, is automatically a board member, as well as those serving as unelected committee appointees.

The election for officers and directors is normally held during the annual holiday dinner on the second Wednesday of December. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the election will be held during a virtual regular meeting on December 9 that is replacing the dinner this year.

USPS ASKS FOR 2021 RATE HIKE

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Although the price of a Forever Stamp would remain at 55¢, the U.S. Postal Service asked on October 9 that the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) approve an increase in other prices, to take effect

January 24, 2021.

If favorably reviewed by the PRC, the single-piece letter additional ounce price would increase to from 15¢ to 20¢, the

metered mail one-ounce price would rise a penny to 51¢ and the price of postcard stamps would also increase a penny, to 36¢. Single-piece one-ounce flat prices would remain unchanged at \$1.

The proposed prices as approved by the Postal Service Board of Governors would raise prices approximately 1.8 percent for First-Class Mail and 1.5 percent for other categories. According to the USPS news release announcing the rate increase request, "The governors believe these new rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with needed revenue."

Most of the commonly used retail rates, such as Priority Mail and Priority Express

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Left unchanged in the postage rate proposal would be the 55¢ cost of one of these forever flag stamps issued in 2019.

CLOSED ALBUM: STANLEY SUTKIN

Stanley "Stan" Sutkin, A DPCPS member since 2011, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2020, at the age of 77 due to heart failure. Born July 23, 1943 in San Antonio, Texas, Stan graduated with a pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin and worked as a clinical pharmacist at Parkland Hospital. He loved classical music and was a Dallas Symphony Orchestra subscriber for 20 years. Stan loved to fix everything, including cars, air conditioning, lawn mowers and ceiling fans—anything that needed a return to working order. His many other hobbies included restoring antique cars, stamp collecting

and camping in national parks.

Stan listed his stamp collecting interests as U.S. and pre-1940 worldwide, having an extensive collection of material assembled over 67 years. He attended his last virtual DPCPS meeting just before his passing.

A member of Congregation Beth Torah, Stan frequently gave the reading from the prophets, oxygen tank in tow. He is

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Stanley Sutkin

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survived by his wife of 55 years, Laurie and their children: Gary, Wes, Jennifer; seven grandchildren; and his faithful companion, his dog Abby. A grave side service was held on October 12 at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Congregation Beth Torah, Jewish Family Services or Hebrew Free Loan Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, all DPCPS meetings at the Edgemere Retirement Community have been canceled until further notice. Meetings will be held instead on the internet. In the event meetings at the Edgemere resume before the January-February edition of *Stamp and Tongs*, members will receive either an email or postcard notice. As of this bulletin's publication date, the listed the Mid-Cities Stamp Expo is scheduled to be held. Check our club's DallasStamps.org website or the organizer's website for updated information.

November 11 **DPCPS INTERNET MEETING**, Program: *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter M* presented by various members.

November 13-14 **MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO**, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4). <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com/index.htm>

December 4-5 **DALLAS TSDA**. This event has been canceled.

December 9 **DPCPS INTERNET MEETING**, Program: *Holiday Stamps*, presenter(s) to be announced. Club officer and director election.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

I was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend and member, Stan Sutkin. Stan had a good sense of humor and always brought joy to the meetings.

We had our first auction at a Zoom meeting, and it went very well. Hopefully, we will get more sellers at the next quarterly auction, probably in January.

Watching Art von Reyn's presentations on U.S. Joint Issues with other countries has accelerated my interest in Polish Joint Issues. Most challenging, and most rewarding, has been the acquisition of joint FDCs. Look for a program on this topic from yours truly later next year. Perhaps each of you can look at your favorite country and search out its joint issues.

Speaking of topical collecting, I was delighted to see an article about Beethoven in the September-October 2020 *Topical Time*, the journal of the American Topical Association (ATA). As you know, I have been acquiring philatelic items for the 250th birth anniversary of Beethoven. The article, actually a regular column on "Foreign Topical Exhibits" by Larry Davidson, describes the Beethoven topical exhibits by Yukio Onuma, who pursues the topic of Beethoven on stamps at a much higher level. If you are at all interested in collecting a topic, I encourage you to join the ATA. You will probably find a checklist for many topics, and, who knows, may find an article in the journal on one close to yours.

I continue to encourage each of you to submit an item for the door prize—of approximately \$10 retail value. Be sure to send me an image of your price to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com; you will be responsible for mailing the item to the winner.

Stay safe and healthy and enjoy your collection!

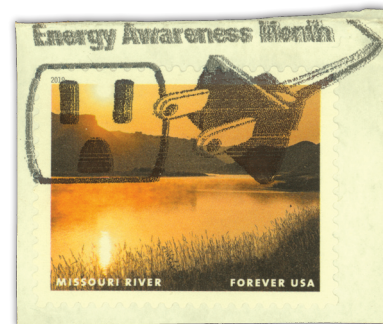


EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY ARTHUR VON REYN

Beginning with the January-February edition of this newsletter, a classified advertising feature will be added to this newsletter, allowing each member to inform fellow members of their philatelic needs, whether it be to buy, sell or trade. To begin with, just send up to a 50 word advertisement, not counting your name or address. Submissions should arrive no later than the fifth of the month preceding the issue date, making the deadline for our next issue December 5. Classified ads will run for two consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to apvr@msn.com or mailed to me at 10512 Countess Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-5103.

You may remember when the old style machine cancel slugs often promoted October as National Stamp Collecting month. Those days may be gone, but energy conservation apparently merited a mention with a modern spray cancel!



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BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK IS ONE OF MOST REMOTE

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Due to its remoteness, the Big Bend National Park is one of the least visited national parks in America, averaging around 450,000 visitors a year, many of whom come in the spring and fall when the climate is more amenable to the hiking, canoeing, photographic and star gazing opportunities that are available. The park was philatelically commemorated this year with the release of a Priority Mail stamp and envelope.



Although this 1999 airmail stamp is labeled "Rio Grande, Texas," the scene depicts the border river between the United States and Mexico flowing through Big Bend National Park.

Bordering Mexico, the 15th largest national park is named after a large bend in the Rio Grande River. It's the largest protected area of Chihuahuan Desert topography and ecology in the United States. The Chisos Mountains are the only range to be fully contained within the boundaries of an American national park. Almost 1,300 species of plants have been discovered within the 1,251.8 square mile park. As to fauna, more than 450 species of birds, 56 species of reptiles, and 75 species of mammals have been identified.

Geological features in the park include sea Cretaceous and Tertiary fossils plus examples of sedimentary and igneous processes. Evidence of human activity goes back almost 12,000 years. Scattered throughout the park are reminders of farming, ranching and mining activity that began in the 1870s.

The Rio Grande River runs along 118 miles of the park's boundaries with Mexico and has carved Santa Elena Canyon, depicted on this

year's postal issues, and is a primary destination for hiking and canoeing enthusiasts. The river is also bordered by the protected areas of Cañón de Santa Elena and Madaras del Carmen in Mexico.

Other popular activities include bathing at Hot Springs, taking the Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive, visiting various historical sites, and hiking on the Windows Trail or to the top of the 7,835 foot Emory Peak, Big Bend National Park's highest point.

In the 1930s, a preservation movement resulted in the Texas Legislature passing legislation to establish Texas Canyons State Park using 15 school sections owned by the state. Later that year, the park was renamed Big Bend State Park with additional land being added that was forfeited due to non-payment of taxes. In 1935, the U.S. Congress passed legislation that would enable the acquisition of the state's land plus additional acreage. On June 6, 1944, a deed for about 700,000 acres was presented to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and six days later the Big Bend National Park became a reality. The park opened to visitors on July 1, 1944.

The post office located in the park has been in operation since 1950, but six former communities within the park boundaries had post offices at one time or another: Boquillas [three locations], Castolon, Hot Springs, Mariscal, McKinney Springs [two locations] and Nesmith. Of those, the National Park Service has preserved the store in Castolon, which still contains the intact post office fixtures. Finding covers with postmarks from some of these tiny



Santa Elena Canyon, carved by the Rio Grande River, is the signature destination in Big Bend National Park. It appeared on a Priority Mail stamp and envelope issued on January 18, 2020.

farming, ranching and mining communities is almost impossible due to often short periods of operation; for a few of them, no covers are known to exist.

There are currently only three other post offices now operating within Brewster County, in which the park is located. One is at Alpine, another at Marathon, and the last at Terlingua, a former ghost town that became a popular tourist attraction due to a chili cook off that began in 1967 and split into two competing camps in 1983.

Covid-19 has impacted park operations, so check in advance before visiting.

Yet to see a postal tribute is the only other national park in Texas. Located northwest of Big Bend, Guadalupe Mountains National Park's highlight is the highest point in the state, the park's namesake 8,749 foot peak.

FOR FURTHER READING:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Bend_National_Park

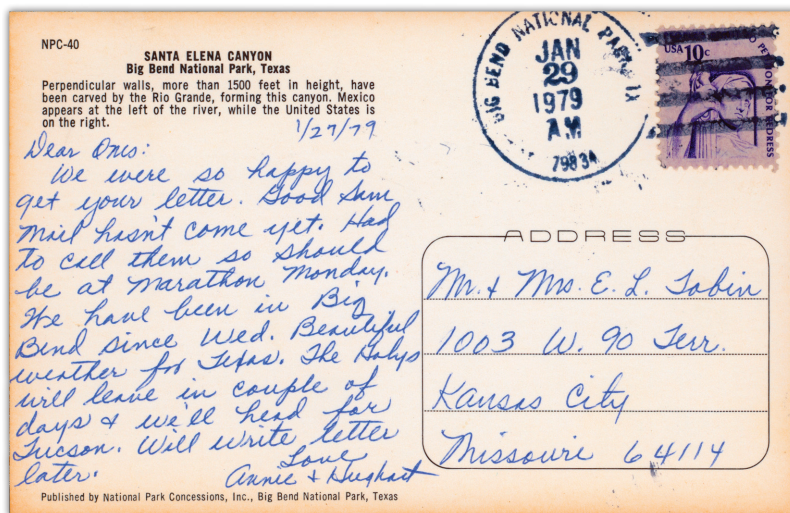
Germann, John J. and Myron R. Janzen. *Texas Post Offices by County* [on CD]. John J. Germann. Houston, Texas. 2009.

<https://www.nps.gov/bibe/learn/management/statistics.htm>

[https://irma.nps.gov/STATS/SSRSReports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Annual%20Park%20Recreation%20Visitation%20\(1904%20-%20Last%20Calendar%20Year\)?Park=BIBE](https://irma.nps.gov/STATS/SSRSReports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Annual%20Park%20Recreation%20Visitation%20(1904%20-%20Last%20Calendar%20Year)?Park=BIBE)

<http://www.texasescapes.com/TexasGhostTowns/Castolon-Texas/CastolonTexas.htm>

<https://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions/-big-bend-national-park-us-tx-big.htm>



This postcard was mailed almost 41 years ago when 282,941 visitors came to Big Bend National Park. It remains one of the least visited national parks in the United States due to its remote location with visitation having increased to only 463,832 in 2019. The post office in the national park was opened in 1950.

THE RECYCLED BOGUS STAMPS OF IRAN

By Arthur P. von Reyn

At the top of the list for most interesting bogus stamps ever issued would be ones actually used in Iran, or Persia, as the country was known until 1935.

Iran would likely also win the derby for countries that collectors are wary of adding to their albums. The reason would not be that relations between Iran and the United States soured after the Islamic revolution and subsequent seizure of the U.S. embassy and taking of 66 hostages in 1979.

The real reason for collector avoidance of Iranian stamps is the abundance of pre-1930 stamps that are forgeries and unauthorized reprints, or have faked overprints or fraudulent cancels.

The *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* prefaces the country's stamp listings with this warning: "Beware of forgeries and/or reprints of most Iran stamps between the years 1870-1925. Scott values are for genuine stamps. Collectors should be aware that forgeries of many issues outnumber genuine examples by a factor of 10 or 20 to one. Failing specialized knowledge on the part of the collectors, these stamps should be examined or authenticated by acknowledged experts before purchase."

Whenever you peruse older Iranian stamps in a general collection, you can almost be certain forgeries and reprints will be well represented therein, not only of higher catalogue value items, but also cheap ones.

Getting back to the subject at hand, it should not be surprising



GENUINE



FORGERY

A shortage of stamps in 1919 prompted Persian postal authorities to retrieve from their archives a printing plate that had been made in Switzerland eight years earlier to print bogus stamps. Three circles in the stamp original design were cleared of their inscriptions so overprints could be applied. Therefore, the stamp design of genuine stamps comes from a plate meant for producing bogus stamps. It didn't take long for forgers to place their wares on the philatelic market, resulting in fakes of the genuine stamps that had been printed from a plate intended for producing bogus stamps!



◀ Genuine stamps printed from the bogus plate normally have one faint line extending over the word "POSTES."

Forgeries usually have two distinct or heavily blurred lines over the "POST" portion of the word "POSTES." ▶



Plates used to print genuine Persian stamps often fell into the hands of individuals who reprinted large quantities for the philatelic market. This reprint has a fake cancel.



that the most interesting bogus stamps of all time are related to Iran and recycling of a plate intended for printing bogus stamps. This adventure first involved the March-April 1919 provisional issue, Scott #617-621.

Here is the story, as directly quoted from the 2000 edition of *Linn's Focus on Forgeries* by Varro E. Tyler: "This issue may be unique in the annals of philately as the only government issue printed from a bogus plate. In 1911, police in Zurich, Switzerland, confiscated a zinc plate prepared for bogus or phantom Persian stamps. The plate was subsequently turned over the Persian authorities and deposited in the archives at Teheran. When stamp supplies ran low due following World War I, the bogus plate was retrieved from storage. The forger's 3-chahi denomination and Persian inscriptions were removed. The plate was then used for printing of basic stamps [in various colors] to which appropriate overprints were applied. Later, forgeries of the provisionals were prepared and sold by an unidentified individual.

They are therefore forgeries of genuine fake stamps. (Tyler, 138)"

Scott notes that forgeries of the 1919 provisional issue have double lines [instead of a single faint one] over the word "POSTES" in the lower left corner are abundant, as seen in the illustration at the bottom left of this page.

In 1924 and 1925, the original bogus plates were recycled for two additional sets of stamps with two different overprints. The first set has overprints dated "1924" and the second, "1925." These are Scott numbers 681-695. Forgeries of these stamps also exist, despite most of them having relatively low catalogue values. Examples this author has seen are often much cruder than the forgeries of the 1919 issues, but still have the signature double line over the word "POSTES." It's possible multiple forgers replicated these stamps for the philatelic market.

FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com/2013/01/Stamp-ForgeriesofIranPersia.html>

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Iranian-Revolution>



GENUINE

The Persian post office reused the bogus stamp plate again in the mid-1920s to print two more sets of stamps with overprints. One set of stamps has the date "1924" and another with the date "1925." Forgeries of these stamps also appeared to meet collector demand.



FORGERY

"HONOR-BILT" BARGAINS FROM YEARS PAST

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Like most collectors who have been active in the hobby for decades, considerable amounts of miscellaneous material winds up in boxes to sort through at a future date. Some of the stuff remains there because it's interesting but you don't really know what to do with it.

A case in point is a yellowed price list of Honor-Bilt packets offered by Sears, Roebuck & Company. Its 34 pages apparently offer almost every stamp packet imaginable, going far beyond what might be found back then at chain stores, where limited stocks of 10¢ Honor-Bilt stamp packets were an inventory staple from the 1930s to well into the 1960s.

Nowhere in the price list is the maker of the packets listed. But Honor-Bilt was a trademark of H.E. Harris & Company, which for most of its existence billed itself as "The World's Largest Stamp Firm," much like Sears was the mail order giant of the early and mid 20th century.

The list's detailed mail order instructions simply stated orders should be sent to Sears, Roebuck and Co. [no street address needed] in Chicago, Illinois. A 10% discount was offered for orders of \$2.00 or more, but 3¢ postage had to be added to

the amount due if the order was less than 50¢.

There are sample pictures of packet contents on each page. Based on those pictures, the price list was published around 1937.

Due to the fact all the stamps are pre-1937 and stamps in Honor-Bilt packets were guaranteed to be genuine, prices for the large packets were quite reasonable. For \$6.00,

one could be the proud owner of 250 different Danzig stamps. In inflation adjusted dollars, that would be about \$108.00. Today, sellers on eBay want at least that much or more for a similar collection.

A packet of 100 Persian stamps cost \$1.00, or \$18.00 in today's dollars, making it a real bargain if all the stamps were genuine, as H.E. Harris promised with its packets [see the article on the opposite page]. During that period, many makers of stamp packets paid little attention to whether they were including forged or reprinted or forged in their wares.

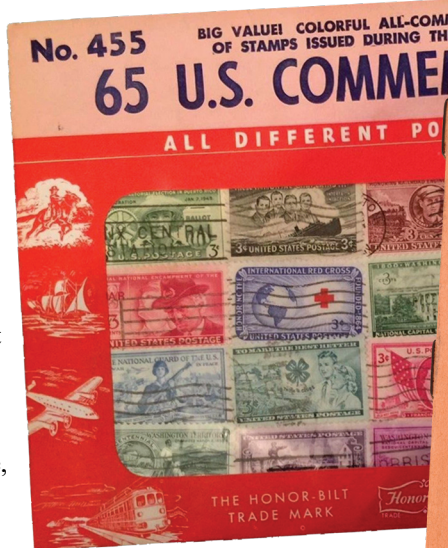
Examples of the many other stamp packets offered were 25 Abyssinia [Ethiopia] for \$1.00; 500 British Colonies for \$5.00, 125 Belgian Congo for \$4.00, 100 Dutch Indies for \$1.50, 200 Italy for \$1.00; 50 Nyassa for \$1.25; 200 Salvador for \$4.00 and 50 Sudan for \$3.50. The cost per stamp generally ranged from ½¢ to 2¢, though the price for the Sudanese stamps was a whopping 7¢ each!

If one had money, \$157.50 [with the 10% discount] would buy 72 of the list's largest single country packets plus three big colonial packets. That converts to \$2,835 in 2020 dollars for 11,180 stamps, a fair chunk of postage stamps that had been issued by 1937. What would the actual cost be today?

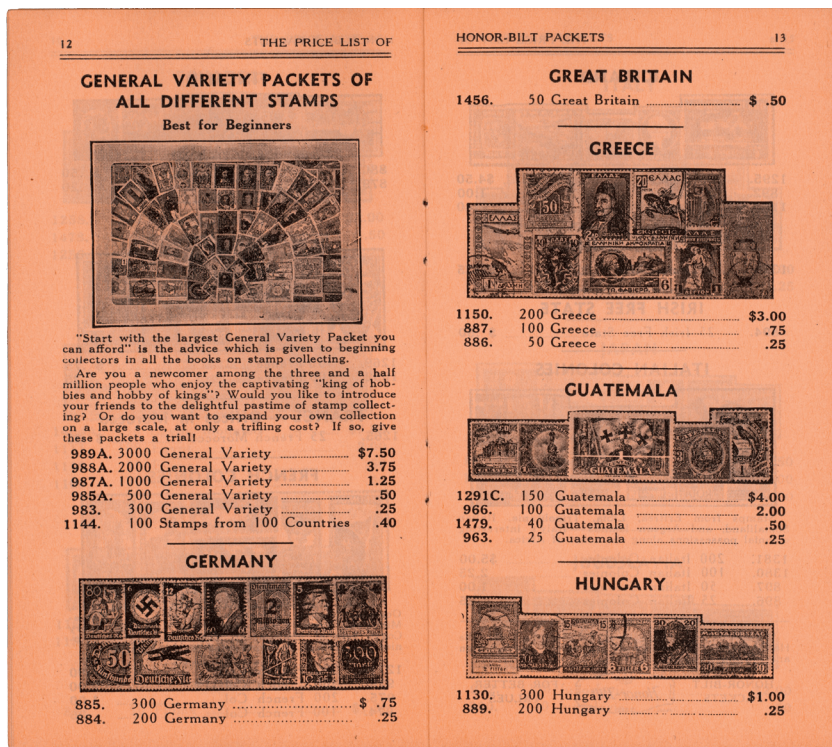
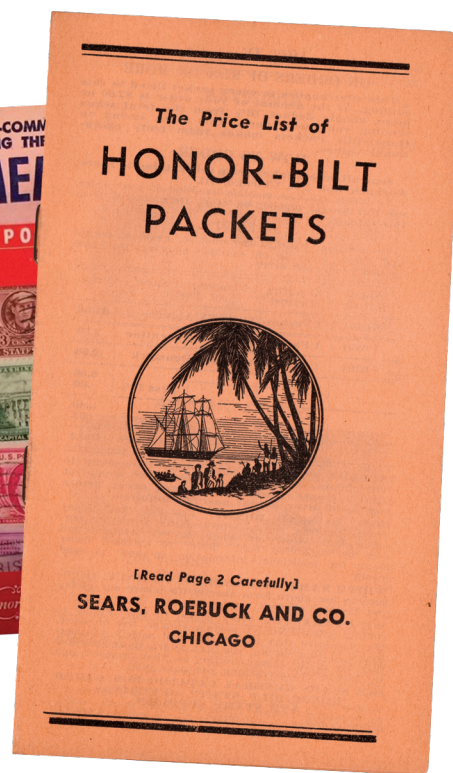
In addition to the large country packets, the price list included about 200 of the 10¢ packets sold at chain stores. Dime offerings include 7 Azerbaijan, 100 Germany [probably mostly inflation issues], 4 Triangles, 19 Ukraine and about every French colony imaginable, in quantities of five to eight stamps.

FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://www.nytimes.com/1978/01/01/archives/henry-e-harris-is-dead-founded-worlds-largest-stamp-company.html>



Honor-Bilt packets produced by H.E. Harris were sold mainly through five-and-dime or chain stores and appealed to the more casual collector.



To obtain inflation adjusted prices of the pre-1937 stamp packets featured in this Honor-Bilt price list, multiple the prices shown by 18. Thus, the packet of 300 Hungarian stamps would cost \$18 in today's dollars while the tab for 3,000 "General Variety" stamps offered for \$7.50 would now run \$135.

2020 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

Complete first day issue information for the some of the following stamps was not available when the September-October edition of *Stamp and Tongs* was published. Although the digital version of that newsletter was later updated to reflect the information below, it is included herewith for members who haven't viewed the update or only receive the printed version.

- 9/17/2020 MAYFLOWER IN PLYMOUTH HARBOR** (55¢) commemorative stamp, Plymouth, MA 02360.
- 9/24/2020 HOLIDAY DELIGHTS** (55¢) special stamps, four designs. Frankenmuth, MI 48734.
- 10/6/2020 HANUKKAH** (55¢) special stamp. New Rochelle, NY 10801.
- 10/13/2020 KWANZAA** (55¢) special stamp. Nashville, TN 37202.
- 10/16/2020 WINTER SCENES** (55¢) special stamps, 10 designs. Winter Park, FL 32789.
- 10/20/2020 OUR LADY OF GUAPULO (Madonna and child)** (55¢) special stamp. New York, NY 10199
- 10/27/2020 DRUG FREE USA** (55¢) commemorative stamp. Arlington, VA 22201.

USPS ASKS FOR 2021 RATE HIKE

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Mail flat rate boxes and envelopes will go up, as will first-class package rates. Thus, APS members will pay 15¢ more for the small box and the padded envelopes when forwarding their sales circuits. The rate for international cards and letters would remain \$1.20 for the first ounce.

Customers would also see increases in insurance, certified and registered mail fees. Media mail and inter-library book rates would also go up somewhat.

The USPS also wants to claw back most of the reduced non-machinable letter surcharge implemented last January when it dropped from 21¢ to 15¢. The new surcharge would be 20¢.

Thrifty customers who frequently send letters exceeding one ounce or ones requiring the non-machinable surcharge might consider purchasing some of the 20-stamp panes or coil rolls of the current additional ounce rate Uncle Sam's Hats stamps while they still cost 15¢ per stamp.

The PRC will review the prices be-

fore they are scheduled to take effect. A table showing a selection of the proposed prices versus the current ones appears below.

In the event the finalized prices wind up being different from those in the table, a corrected table will be reprinted in a future edition of *Stamp and Tongs*.



Under the USPS proposal, the new price for the Uncle Sam's Hats additional ounce stamp would rise a nickel to 20¢.

New Books Arriving! JACK'S ALBUMS

Call (214) 349-6372
for an appointment to pick up
my bargain albums on approval.

U.S. POSTAL RATE COMPARISON 2017-2021 (SELECTED PRODUCTS)

STAMPS ARE/WERE AVAILABLE FOR ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

Product	1/24/2021 (Proposed)	1/26/2020	1/27/2019	1/21/2018	1/22/2017
Letters (1 oz.)	.55	.55	.55	.50	.49
Letters, additional ounces	.20	.15	.15	.21	.21
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	.51	.50	.50	.47	.46
International Letters(1 oz.)/Postcards	1.20	1.20	1.15	1.15	1.15
Domestic Postcards	.36	.35	.35	.35	.34
Flats (1 oz.)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.98
Non-Machinable Letter Surcharge ¹	+.20	+.15	+.21	+.21	+.21
Small Flat-Rate Box	8.45	8.30	7.90	7.20	7.15
Medium Flat-Rate Box	15.50	15.05	14.35	13.65	13.60
Large Flat-Rate Box	21.90	21.10	19.95	18.90	18.85
APO/FPO Large Flat-Rate Box	20.40	19.60	18.45	17.40	17.35
Regular Flat-Rate Envelope	7.95	7.75	7.35	6.70	6.65
Legal Flat-Rate Envelope	8.25	8.05	7.65	7.00	6.95
Padded Flat-Rate Envelope	8.55	8.40	8.00	7.25	7.20
Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Envelope	26.35	26.35	25.50	24.70	23.75
Media Mail (1 lb.)	2.89	2.80	2.75	2.66	2.63
First-Class Package (1-3 oz.) ²	4.00-4.40	3.80-4.20	3.66-4.06	3.50	2.67
First-Class Package (4 oz.) ²	4.00-4.40	3.80-4.20	3.66-4.06	2.50	2.67
First-Class Package (5-8 oz.) ²	4.80-5.20	4.60-5.00	4.39-4.81	3.75	2.85-3.39 ³
First-Class Package (9-12 oz.) ²	5.50-5.95	5.30-5.75	5.19-5.66	4.10-5.15 ³	3.57-4.11 ³
First-Class Package (13 oz.) ²	6.10-6.70	5.90-6.50	5.71-6.27	5.50	4.29
Insurance \$0 - \$50 (no charge with Priority Mail)	+2.30	+2.25	+2.20	+2.10	+2.10
Insurance \$50.01-\$100.00)	+2.95	+2.85	+2.80	+2.70	+2.65
Insurance \$100.01-\$200.00)	+3.60	+3.55	+3.50	+3.40	+3.35
Certified	+3.60	+3.55	+3.50	+3.45	+3.35
Registered (basic, no valuation)	+12.90	+12.60	+12.40	+11.90	+11.70

¹Add letter rate and surcharge to obtain the value of stamp issued to meet this rate.

²Zone based beginning 1/27/2019

³Per ounce price range

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JOE BAKER

Editor's Note: All meetings listed below are being held on the internet using the Zoom video conferencing application. Minutes are edited due to space considerations.

August 26th, 2020

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 17 members were present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Secretary not present.

Treasurer – No report due.

Program VP – September & October meeting schedule:

September 9th - 20 Question Stamp

Quiz presented by Art von Reyn.

September 23rd - *Lovely Ladies*, presented by Don Wolman.

October 7th - Executive Board meeting.

October 14th - Quarterly Auction

October 28th - *John Wanamaker* presented by Bill Laupus.

Upcoming stamp shows:

TSDA Richardson/Dallas Show: December show has been canceled.

Editor – The next club newsletter is due out around November 1st. The club website is updated twice monthly.

Membership – There are 43 active and six inactive members.

Exhibitor's Report – The SESCAL stamp show in October was canceled but the Mid-Cities show has not been canceled as of this date.

Old Business – The club still has Polo shirts for sale at \$8.00.

New Business – No new business.

Announcements – 57% of the club's membership belong to the APS, enabling free dues for the club. Rod Gable encouraged members to contact Fred Meyers and Tom Cunningham about obtaining stamps and albums on approval.

Trivia/Show & Tell – None

Door Prize/Album Drawing – Three Cook Island stamps and a five Christmas Island with a \$22.50 Scott Catalogue value were won by Rick Hosler. Jack Urish can be contacted at (214) 349-6372 for pickup of albums from his home.

Program – *U.S. Joint Issues, Part II.* was presented by Art von Reyn. He reviewed what constituted a joint issue and showed 21 official issues from 1992 to 2018. He also showed 12 "accidental" joint issues lacking an official agreement between postal administration; these pairs nonetheless wound up having the same subject matter and were issued at about the same time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

September 9th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding.

19 members were present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

Program VP – September to November meeting schedule:

September 23rd - *Lovely Ladies*, presented by Don Wolman.

October 7th - Executive Board meeting.

October 14th - Quarterly Auction

October 28th - *John Wanamaker* presented by Bill Laupus.

November 11th - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter M.* Volunteers needed.

Upcoming stamp shows:

Mid-Cities Stamp Expo, November 13-14, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76052.

TSDA Richardson/Dallas Show: December show has been canceled.

Editor – The next newsletter will be published around November 5th due to inclusion of information on the 2021 U.S. stamp program. The club website is updated twice monthly.

Membership – There are 43 active and six inactive members. On January 1, 2020 inactive members will be dropped due to non-attendance.

Exhibitor's Report – The SESCAL stamp show was canceled due to lack of dealers and volunteer participation. The Mid-Cities show has not been canceled as of this date.

Old Business – The club still has Polo shirts for sale at \$8.00.

New Business – The membership discussed the Zoom log in process that requires either being admitted by the Host or using a password to gain admittance. It was agreed to try both options consecutively before making a decision on which to use.

Announcements – 20 dealers plan on attending the 2020 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo.

Trivia/Show & Tell – Don Wolman showed a Doonesbury Cartoon where the character Cavendish is being questioned for jury section and states that the only thing he reads is philatelic journals.

Door Prizes/Album Drawing – The door prize was a pane of Bugs Bunny forever stamps donated by Art von Reyn and won by Stuart Barzune. Jack Urish can be contacted at (214) 349-6372 for pickup of albums from his home.

Program – A 20 question philatelic quiz was presented by Art von Reyn and consisted of multiple choice general knowledge questions plus a tie breaker. Paul Witthoeft also won a Bugs Bunny pane for having the most correct answers, 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

September 23rd, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 14 members were present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer – No report due.

Program VP – October & November meeting schedule:

October 7th - Executive Board meeting.

October 14th - Quarterly Auction

October 28th - *John Wanamaker* presented by Bill Laupus.

November 11th - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter M.* Volunteers needed.

Upcoming stamp shows:

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TSDA Richardson/Dallas Show: December show has been canceled.

Editor – The next club newsletter is due out around November 1st.

Membership – No change in membership since previous meeting.

Exhibiting – The Mid Cities show will be smaller this year due to Covid-19. It will 48 Frames, 20 dealers, no banquet, USPS or Silent Auction. DPCPS will participate with a one frame club exhibit.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Next month's auction sellers should include country name, Scott catalogue number and value, condition, a general description, and minimum bid information on their lots.

Announcements – The club still has Polo shirts for sale at \$8.00. Volunteers are needed for meeting door prizes with a suggested retail value of \$10 or catalogue value of \$25.

Trivia/Show & Tell – Jack Urish showed a postage due letter sent from the Philippine to Bergen, Norway, with the annotation it should transit via the Siberian railway. He noted his winning a MNH Martinique postage due set and a MNH Germany 9NB3a souvenir sheet at very reasonable prices from a Paradise Valley auction. Stan Bartnikowski displayed the new Ludwig von Beethoven 250th birthday souvenir sheet.

Door Prizes/Album Drawing – The recently issued United Nations Covid-19 semi-postal souvenir sheet donated by Stan Bartnikowski

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was won by Ben Schkolne. Jack Urish can be contacted at (214) 349-6372 for pickup of albums from his home.

Program – Don Wolman began his *Lovely Ladies* program showing the 37-stamp Austrian Regional Costumes definitive set that has interesting varieties such as rastering, paper and gum. Some *La Semeuse* (The Sower) French 1903-38 definitives that symbolized Republican France were among other stamps shown. Don switched from “Lovely Ladies” to “Learned Ladies” for the balance of his program, displaying U.S. stamps recognizing women’s achievement, starting with Martha Washington (Scott #302).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

October 14th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 14 members were present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer – Treasurer’s report made and sent under separate cover.

Program VP – October to December meeting schedule:

October 28th - John Wanamaker presented by Bill Laupus.

November 11th - Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter M. Volunteers needed.

December 9th - Holiday Stamps, presenter(s) TBA.

Note: 4th Wednesday meetings will not be held in November and December.

Upcoming stamp shows:

Mid-Cities Stamp Expo, November 13-14, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76052.

TSDA Richardson/Dallas Show: December show has been canceled.

Editor – The next club newsletter will

include a write-up on member Stan Sutkin, who passed away on October 10.

Membership – No change in membership status.

Exhibiting – Material is being collected for a frame to be displayed at a Richardson Symphony concert in December.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Announcements – The club still has Polo shirts for sale at \$8.00. Volunteers are needed for meeting door prizes with a suggested retail value of \$10 or catalogue value of \$25.

Trivia/Show & Tell – None.

Door Prizes/Album Drawing – A worldwide collection of 300-400 stamps donated by Bill Laupus was won by Steve McRae. Jack Urish can be contacted at (214) 349-6372 for pickup of albums from his home.

Program – During the quarterly auction, 17 of the 19 lots submitted were sold, a good result for a first try at a virtual auction. Going forward, some minor adjustments will be made to the guidelines. The auction results are shown at the end of these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

OCTOBER 14TH, 2020 AUCTION RESULTS

Description	Cat.	Min.	Sale
	Value	Bid	Price
Misc. worldwide mint/used	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
U.S. assorted plate blocks	10.00	2.50	2.50
U.S. #230-35/37 used	50.00	12.00	unsold
U.S. #620-621/643 mnh	33.00	11.00	11.00
Canal Zone #31-35 used	31.00	5.00	5.00
Hawaii #41 used	27.50	7.00	8.00
Hawaii #74-79 used	44.10	12.00	12.00
U.S. #F1 used	14.00	4.00	4.00
U.S. HWS #7-10	18.00	4.00	5.50
U.S. #94a used	10.00	2.50	3.50
U.S. #146 used	20.00	5.00	5.00
U.S. #214 used	55.00	10.00	10.00
U.S. #161 used	27.50	5.00	7.00
U.S. #216 used	17.50	4.00	4.00
Great Britain #96 used	110.00	15.00	15.00
Great Britain #108 used	125.00	15.00	15.00
Canada #37B used	65.00	10.00	10.00
Cook Islands #92 mh	1.50	.50	1.25
U.S. #223-24/254 used	42.50	7.00	unsold

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY JOE BAKER

Editor’s Note: Minutes of meetings are edited due to space considerations.

October 7th, 2020

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Stan Bartnikowski presiding. 10 members present: Stan Bartnikowski, Joe Baker, Bill Laupus, Art von Reyn, Rod Gabel, George Clayton, Paul Witthoef, Ben Schkolne, Geoff Owens, and Stuart Barzune.

Old Business:

Action on moving the club to a new meeting location was deferred until a later date.

New Business:

Due to Covid-19, a regular meeting will be substituted for the holiday dinner.

Bill and Stan will work together to create a slate of officers/directors for next year.

Agreed to continue giving a single, better quality door prize at virtual club meetings.

Rod will contact T. Rowe Price about alternative investments to the money market fund.

Art discussed entering the club newsletter in the APS yearly newsletter contest to get feedback on developing better communications with our members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

October 21st, 2020

A special virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Stan Bartnikowski presiding. 10 members present: Stan Bartnikowski, Joe Baker, Bill Laupus, Art von Reyn, Rod Gabel, George Clayton, Paul Witthoef, Ben Schkolne, Geoff Owens, and Stuart Barzune.

New Business:

A slate of officers and directors for 2021 was unanimously approved [the list appears beginning on page 1 of this newsletter].

In regards to the money market fund, Geoff offered to help Rod will come up with five alternative investments with T. Rowe Price for the executive board to review.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

BLONDIE by Dean Young

