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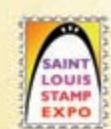
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The American Philatelic Society — Today & Tomorrow

As you may already be aware, Executive Director Peter Mastrangelo will leave the APS on April 30th. Deputy Executive Director Ken Martin will then assume the role of Interim Executive Director. Indicated in my letter below to the membership that was posted to the APS website on March 25, the Society is facing many difficult financial challenges.

I wish Peter the best in his future endeavors and will miss him in the days to come. However, in this time of transition, we must keep our eyes on the goal and focus on the processes to achieve those targets.

As your Society makes these difficult decisions and transitions, we need your continued support. You can help by renewing your APS membership at the patron or supporting level when you receive your dues renewal. You can also help by recruiting a new member or by making a donation to the Campaign for Philately. Participate in the President's Challenge and help the hobby grow: www.stamps.org/Videos/index.htm

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Wade E. Saadi
President

March 25, 2009

Our Society is a dynamic one, and as such, it needs to respond to the forces that affect it. In November 2008 the Boards approved 2009 budgets that included use of \$442,000 in unrestricted donations.¹ The Boards agreed that this was not prudent and that they would establish a process to address the long-term issue. In January 2009 the Boards approved the creation of a Long Range Planning Committee to investigate and recommend plans of action to the Boards.

Using most of our donations to balance this operating deficit is imprudent. To correct this situation, we must bring spending in line with income. Otherwise, we cannot continue as a viable organization responsible to our membership.

In February, the American Philatelic Society (APS) board and the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) board authorized the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) to investigate and recommend plans of action to them. The committee comprises:

APRL President — Ken Grant

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APS President — Wade Saadi

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Going forward, the APS/APRL shall provide for balanced operating budgets, so that **cash in** equals **cash out**.

The plan shall be based on realistic assumptions rather than hope; the logic here is that if tactics yield better results than expected, they will not have the negative ramifications of coming up short on the forecast. The APS/APRL can no longer afford to maintain a "wait and see" way of thinking.

The plan shall rank-order existing programs based on comparisons of net costs and value to members, so the APS/APRL boards can get a rough idea of cost per member using the service and the significance of the service to the membership. This is being done so that we know which of our services are cost effective and which need to be retooled.

The APS/APRL Campaign for Philately will be re-energizing our fundraising efforts and need your continued generous help and support. Donations of any amount are important and appreciated. We will also be ramping up solicitations of large donations, grants, multi-year pledges, and bequests. If you can help, please contact me — wade@pencom.com

The trend of membership loss needs to be abated and APS/APRL need to use modern technology (the new APS website to be launched by Stampshow, YouTube, Facebook, etc.) to the maximum to retain our current members and attract new members. Diversifying our membership gives us the best shot of growing our membership and a diversity committee is in the process of being formed.

Lastly, the boards will be reviewing all of the physical assets of the APS and APRL to see how they may best be utilized.

Four years ago the APS Board of Directors approved the below Vision for the APS Strategic Plan (in regular text). To ensure a strong, bright future for the APS and APRL, the boards are considering adding the *italicized* sentence:

APS Vision — The American Philatelic Society encourages and promotes the philatelic arts as endeavors that are relaxing, mentally stimulating and historically and culturally important; and is the national center in serving and supporting members who engage in philatelic and related arts. *& the APS will achieve its vision in a financially responsible way that exemplifies good stewardship of the members' investments in the Society, and ensures the Society's long-term continuity.*

We have a lot of work to do, to get to where we need to be, but I am confident of the outcome — a financially secure Society in which all members will continue to take pride. I believe it in my heart and feel it in my bones.

Respectfully,



Wade E. Saadi

Staff Spotlight

Lisa Clemson, Staff Accountant

"I've enjoyed meeting many of our members and also recruiting some new ones. & the APS is a terrific place to work, and we really are a family here."

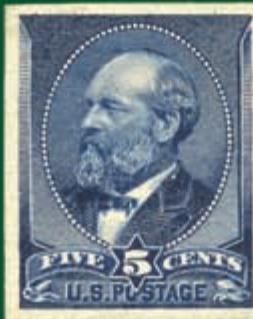
I came to the APS as a business student in high school in May 1980 for a two-week on-the-job training program we were required to do our senior year. I saw "American Philatelic Society" among the options we could choose for training, and asked my instructor about it. He said it was all about stamp collecting, and that it would be a good place to go, with many different things to do there. I said, "Send me there." Later, one week before graduation, APS Sales Division Director Gordon Wrenn called and asked

me if I wanted a job. I started the week after I got my diploma, and the rest is history!

I started in Sales Division as a clerk, doing whatever was asked of me. In those days, we had no computers and everything was processed by typewriters and addressograph plates. A couple of years later I became Gordon Wrenn's secretary, and that's where I stayed until March of 1987 when I moved over to the Accounting Department, where I've been ever since. My first duties were to process all Sales Division income, all American Philatelic Research Library income and expenses, all fund-raising



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Have I mentioned how much I love accounting software?

I was promoted to head bookkeeper — or Staff Accountant, as it is referred to today — in 1993, and that's where I've been ever since. Among my responsibilities are maintaining the three major checking accounts (APS, Sales Division, and Internet Sales Unit); processing all Society disbursements; generating the AP display billing; and keeping track of payments. I also process all income and balance the accounts for the two national-level stamp shows that the APS organizes each summer and winter,

the next one being STAMPSHOW 2009 in Pittsburgh. I pretty much process all other income and maintain the day-to-day operation accounts except for the Sales Division and APRL. I've also been given the wonderful opportunity to travel to two or three World Series of Philately shows a year for the past four or five years to represent the APS. I've enjoyed meeting many of our members and also recruiting some new ones. The APS is a terrific place to work, and we really are a family here.

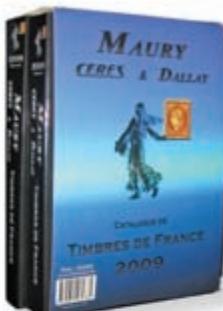
I have been married to my husband Kirk for almost 23 years. We bleed Penn State blue and white and have season football tickets. I am also a New York Mets fan, which makes baseball season interesting in our house since my husband is a Philadelphia Phillies fan! We enjoy traveling, and we try to go someplace new every year. I collect cookbooks and love cooking and am lucky to have a husband who isn't afraid to try new foods or anything I make.

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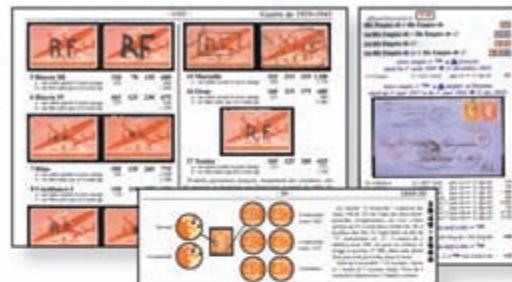
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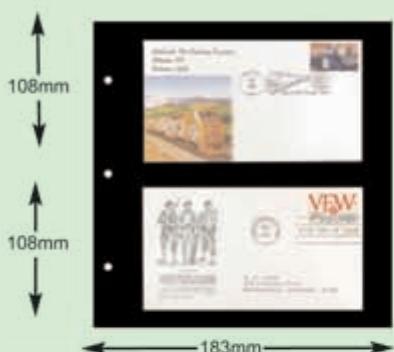


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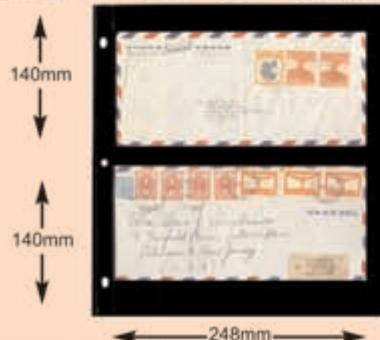
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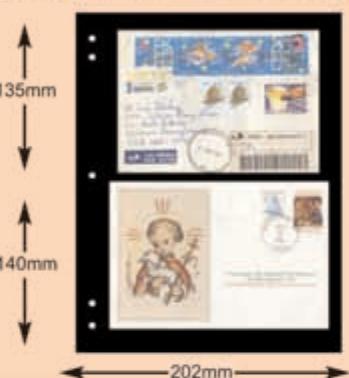
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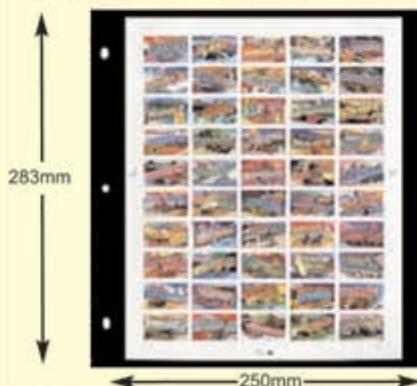
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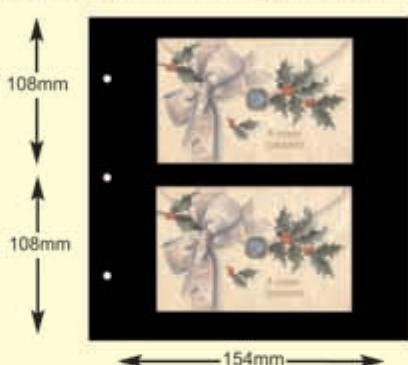
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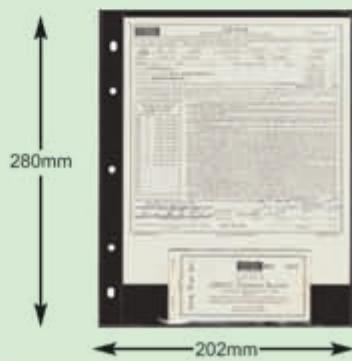
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letters to the editor

My Views Exactly

Terence Hines' "The Culture of Complaint in Stamp Collecting" (March *AP*, page 196) expressed my views exactly. I always read the Letters to the Editor first and never ceased to be amazed at the agony that many collectors experience in the course of pursuing this incredibly interesting hobby. Complaints, when there is so much to savor and enjoy. And next, I always read the wonderfully informative articles by fellow Wisconsinite, Wayne Youngblood.

John Pare
Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin

Rude and Insulting

I thought the article by Terence Hines, titled "The Culture of Complaint in Stamp Collecting," was rude and insulting to stamp collectors. I am surprised that *the American Philatelist* would publish such an article.

While I agree with the writer that many of the complaints by some stamp collectors are superfluous and petty, to call these collectors in a published article whining, moaning, selfish, out of touch, bad tempered, cranky people who sit around looking for things to complain about, and "We all know the type" is, in my view bad tempered itself.

If anyone is to blame for this complaints "culture," it is that stamp publications take the trouble of publishing an unending series of such complaints in

every issue. Enough is enough. I suggest that we call a moratorium on publishing petty complaints and, in its place, emphasize the fun and educational benefits of our hobby.

Herb Meyers
New Rochelle, New York

I Like Us

I am shocked and amazed that Terence Hines would lower himself to mix with others of us in this stamp collecting hobby, or that he would take the time to bother writing on the premise that he is going to change any of us.

Not that I haven't been called worse, but in the course of Hines' diatribe, he calls us stamp collectors (or at least some of us) whiners, complainers, cranky, trivial, quitters, selfish, cheap, gripers, moan(ers), bad tempered, fussy old coots, anti-social, nasty, and ill-tempered. WOW! He missed calling us fuss-budgets, curmudgeons, geezers, and grumpy old men.

But he's not far off. Here is the truth as I see it:

1. **Yes, we are a bunch of whiners,** because we have to make critical decisions about minute details in order to have the best collection we can. We look at two stamps and decide if we want the one with the straight edge or the pin hole, the one with a heavy hinge remnant or with a heavy cancel. We look at

centering first when purchasing even new stamps at the Post Office, and ask for a different copy of the one we were given isn't up to our standards. And we absolutely HATE pen cancels! Hines may see us as whiners, but we have spent our lives being discriminating collectors. We are not shy in speaking our minds when things aren't as we hoped they might be.

2. **Yes, we are a group of old coots, mostly men** (my apologies to those who aren't old, or men). Demographic studies have ascertained that we are an aging hobby. And if Hines wants to criticize those of us who ARE active in the hobby, he may succeed in getting a few more of us to quit, but he won't recruit younger enthusiasts to our passion with a letter like his.
3. **Yes, we are anti-social.** On the Myers-Briggs personality scale, I'm sure that most of us will score as "introverts," as we are energized by sitting with little pieces of paper and catalogues and albums all day long and loving it. An extrovert who is energized by being around other people would have gone nuts in our hobby long ago, and given or sold his collection and used the profit to have friends in for a party! It's no wonder stamp clubs don't attract new members. Introverts don't join clubs, and if we do go, the other

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4. **Yes, we are cheap.** Most of us worked hard all our lives, and are happy to have some time to get involved in our stamps now that we are retired and our children are grown and out of the house, and, by the way, if we are still married, she is a saint for putting up with us. And we know the cost of building our collections. It's not just the stamps. It's the albums, the acid-free pages and plastic sheet protectors, the mounts, the annual catalogues, the tongs, the perforation guides, the color chart, stronger and stronger magnifying glasses as the years pass, the periodical subscriptions, not to mention "shipping and handling" added on to everything that comes to the house (and don't they know we can really see just how much they paid to send it to us?). And we know that we (or our heirs) will be lucky to get half the "actual cash value" the catalogues list when we wish to sell, with nothing added

for the pages, mounts, or other expenses that go with preserving our precious little darlings. We save where we can, so that we can continue to enjoy this hobby we love.

5. **Yes, we are complainers.** Hines is critical of us for being this way (isn't it strange, he writes a rant of complaint about complainers!). But we know our hobby. We have definite ideas about how we would like our world to operate, and we hope that by expressing ourselves out loud or in print, others might join our cause and help to make the world and our hobby a better place to spend our time and money. Does that make us so bad that we have to read a diatribe about who we are and how we behave in our own organization's journal? Perhaps Hines should be reprimanded for not being nicer to us.

If you don't fit into my categories, please don't get mad at me, or even that complainer Hines. It takes all kinds to make the world go round, and one

could do worse than spend a life associating with stamp collectors, even if we are sometimes whining, anti-social, old coot, cheap complainers. I happen to like us, and am pleased to associate with us!

Rev. Robert L. Anderson

York, Pennsylvania

Living Green

Matt Todd's letter in the March issue of the *AP* ("Old Faithful," page 200), regarding almost inevitable damage to stamps on Express Mail and Priority Mail envelopes, raises another point: they are designed so that the envelopes themselves cannot be reused. In this age of recycling and "living green," this is certainly undesirable also. An examination of about half a dozen varieties of mailing envelopes and boxes in my local post office turned up only one marked "Made with recycled materials." All the rest said only "Please recycle." It seems to me that the Postal Service needs to look at their policies in this area, to bring them in line with current philosophy.

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Mending Tape

I just finished reading the article "Yes, There Are Some Rules" by Ada Prill (March AP, page 222) and agree with everything that is said, especially the use of "Scotch Tape." However, the statement "Tempted to fix a small tear on a cover with tape? Don't do it!" could have been expanded. This statement should only apply to using "Scotch Tape," as there is a tape that can be used without a problem.

I collect and research stampless folded letters, which are letters that were written before the issuance of postage stamps. A letter was written and folded in such a way that the contents were not visible. It was then sealed with a wax seal, and taken to the post office for mailing. When letters that have been folded for over 150 years and are then unfolded to read, you may discover seam splits, tears, and pieces missing. You can't do anything about the missing pieces, but you can do something about the tears and seam splits.

I use an archival mending tape to repair these problems. It is very thin,

extremely transparent, non-yellowing, has a neutral pH, and is available from University Products in Massachusetts. I have had no problems with repairs that were done 20 years ago.

Of course, it is up to the collector, to repair or not repair, but paper that is 150 years old can be quite brittle, and I do not want to cause more damage to the letter.

Ken Hall

Las Vegas, Nevada

Thanks for the Help

Thank you APS for educating this new collector. Well, not really a new collector. I collected stamps in the forties when for fifteen cents at the dime store you could buy a used Columbian. I'll be eighty next year and thought it was time to return to the stamp book.

The article on rules by Ada Prill was real helpful. Thanks Ada.

Wayne Youngblood's article on SOTN was great. After reading Wayne's article, I brought out the used stamps and this is what I found (Scott 899). I have no idea if it has any value or not. Thought your

readers might like to see one that looks perfect to me.

Richard G.
Hutchins
Fowlerville,
Michigan



Bull's-Eyes

A few comments on Wayne Youngblood's column in the March AP, "Bull's-Eye Cancel Collecting (page 216). As an old timer from the post office, started in 1946, I recall with horror learning about canceling stamps with the town and date.

Naturally, being the junior man, I was the hand stamper, taking care of the non-machinable pieces. Not knowing any better, I just wacked away and hit the stamps with the town and date part as well as the defacer. My boss came over, gave me hell, and told me to "never" use the town and date part of the handstamp to cancel the stamps. My "nobody told me" excuse didn't work. In those days, learn by making a mistake was how you learned in the old P.O. I also remember

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when they came out with roller cancellers and changed the rules to allow the town and date to show on stamps.

I also recall when in stamp magazines, especially club bulletins, would show you how to make a gauge out of cardboard to correctly place a stamp on your mail piece so that the town and date hit the stamp exactly and you had a real "socked on the nose" stamp.

I am not a collector of these items, but I agree that the new computer-generated postmarks are for the birds. It was always fun to get a postmark from Greasy Elbow or High Stakes. I have a friend who always mailed his Christmas cards from a town that matched his last name, which I thought was real cool, but no more for him.

Jim Luddy

Swansea, Massachusetts

More To Discuss

Marty Bratzel's article in the March AP ("A Modern Forged Postmark," page 238) provides more to discuss than meets the eye. First, a user of a Canadian postage meter who swaps between the Canadian die and a U.S. die defrauds the U.S. Postal Service of postage, because all the postage logged on the Canadian meter goes to Canada Post. Next, we must question how the user managed to swap dies. A postage meter is supposed to be locked against tampering. Only the Canada Post or a Pitney Bowes representative would be allowed to have a key. Next, the meter shown was a U.S. Official Mail die. This Canadian company was fraudulently representing itself as a branch of the U.S. Government. That \$300 penalty statement would be applied to each instance of use. The greater part of the story would be to determine just how they got their hands on this U.S. Official meter die.

I would think the U.S. Postal inspectors would come down on this company pretty hard for all of these offenses before they got around to complaining about the forged canceller or the date issues. I wonder how it happened that someone didn't get a very large fine or even end up doing some jail time.

David Crotty

Editor, Meter Stamp Society Quarterly Bulletin
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'Forged Postmark' —

Author Update

Re: "A Modern Forged Postmark" (March AP, page 238).

Permit me to update two bits of information. While my article was in the queue awaiting publication, the postage rate for a letter from Canada to the United States increased (January 2009) to 98 Canadian cents, but the Goods and Services Tax (GST) decreased (January 1, 2008) from 6% to 5%. Even with the significant fluctuation in the currency exchange rate over the past several months, it remains considerably less expensive to post letters in Detroit.

Marty Bratzel
Windsor, Ontario

A Proof? An Essay?

This message is in response to Ray E. Carter's "Is It a Proof? Is It an Essay?" in the March AP (page 214).

For many years, before retiring, I worked as a graphic designer for a global corporation. And now I'm still used as

an active consultant for the same organization. Since the conception of the computer, there have been revisions in the titling of the parts of the printed piece. The computer has allowed the "shipping" of "PDF (Portable Document Format) Proof" copies to the customer via e-mail. These files cannot be edited by the customer unless he/she has a full version of Adobe Acrobat®. And we, as designers, do not want these files edited. We like the customer to make a "Hard Copy Proof," mark it up and return the copy to the designer.

PDF files also allow the shipping of readable documents between Apple and PC systems. The use of Adobe Acrobat (PDF) Reader® is available to all computer owners as a free download from Adobe at www.adobe.com.

This method of proofing continues along the full production line until the printer needs the actual live graphic files. The live files allow the printer to print the final product from a more adjustable software program. And these files can be uploaded to the printer's "FTP (File

Transfer Protocol) Site" via the Internet. Or the commercial printer could print the final piece from a high-resolution PDF file. But most do not prefer this route. With this system, there is no need for personal contact with the printing vendor.

So, the words we are now using are "PDF Proof," "Hard Copy Proof," "Press Proof," "Production Proof," and "FTP Site."

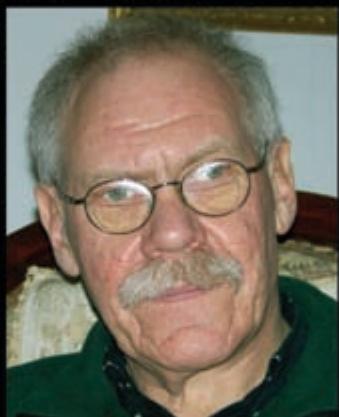
Keep up the good work.

Bob Stolarz
Hamilton, New Jersey

Beethoven Connection

It is quite rare to run across classical music-related articles in *the American Philatelist*. The last article on classical music was published exactly one year ago: my own "Mysterious Conductor on a Japanese Stamp" (March 2008, page 234). I was, therefore, pleasantly surprised to see Michael O. Nowlan's "Finding a Beethoven Connection in the United States and Canada" in the March AP (page 242).

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There were nine illustrations in Mr. Nowlan's article. Every one of them was explained in both caption and text, except for the "Will's Cigarettes" card showing a portrait of Beethoven (page 242). I was baffled by this omission — whatever the reason might be.

The Beethoven cigarette card in question was published by Wills's Cigarettes, W.D. & H.O. Wills in Bristol and London; the Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd. of Great Britain and Ireland. It was from a series titled "Musical Celebrities" in two sets. The first set was published in 1912, the second in 1914; each set contained fifty musical celebrities such as composers, conductors, opera singers and instrumentalists. A brief biographical sketch was printed on the back of each card along with the serial number and name of the tobacco company. The Beethoven card was no. 5 in the first set.

David Shaw
Boulder, Colorado

Anti-Semitic Currency

I really enjoyed Ralph Harpuder's article, "My Parents' Wedding & Rabbi Joachim Prinz," in the March AP (page 232). It is always interesting when one can tie family history to the broader story of world history. I would like to make a point of clarification to this otherwise excellent article. Mr. Harpuder states on the first page that "A good example is the anti-Semitic currency issued in August 1923." On the back of the 100 million marks is a verse that translates as "The Jews took our Gold, the Silver and the Bacon, and left us with this Garbage." On page 234 he provides an example of the front and back of the 100 million mark bill. The front of the bill is authentic as it was issued by the Reich Bank (Germany's central bank). However, the original note was *blank* on the back. The German Government of 1923 was commonly referred to as the Weimar Republic and inflation was rampant. This note was literally not worth the paper it was printed on. The Weimar government

was not particularly anti-Semitic. The verse that Mr. Harpuder refers to was printed on the 100 million mark bill by the National Socialist Workers Party, or Nazi Party, as a propaganda technique. The verse also urges the German people to follow Hitler.

In 1923 Adolf Hitler was an obscure regional politician, and his Nazi party had little influence outside of Bavaria. However, the use of the 100 million mark note is an example of the sophisticated propaganda machine that the fledgling party was developing in its virulent anti-Semitic campaign. Why did the German government leave the back side blank? Probably to save ink and speed the printing process. This economy effort unwittingly provided Hitler and the Nazi Party with a cheap propaganda tool. I am not a serious collector of German inflation currency, but I do note that some other bills were printed on both sides. I wonder if this was to prevent further use of the bills by the Nazis?

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Great Story

My wife is a nanny of a seven-year-old boy with Asperger's Syndrome. He is highly functional and actually quite brilliant, but he does have his problems. Recently he started collecting stamps off envelopes. I have a great many duplicates which I don't need, and have started giving him some. He is delighted and is starting to collect stamps in earnest. After talking with my wife, it became clear that he needed a stock book to organize his stamps. I happened to have an empty stockbook that suited his immediate needs, which I gladly gave to him. I also posted on an e-list a request for people to send me stamps to give to this young collector. In response, I received in the mail a large manila envelope filled with thousands of stamps. My wife passed them along to him in a shoebox. He was delighted to no end. His mother has pitched in to help him organize the stamps by country, and I've ordered a new and larger stockbook for him, which he will now need, plus I also ordered a magnifying glass. My wife helps him, too. It is so heart-warming to see this young boy take to stamp collecting with such verve and enthusiasm. I remember

how much I loved stamp collecting when I was his age. And his temperament and emotional profile is suited to this great hobby, as he loves to see and organize all sorts of different designs and countries. He loves geography, too, and stamp collecting is a perfect way for him to learn more about the world we live in. I just wanted to share this great story with everyone.

Richard St. Clair
Cambridge, Massachusetts

When To Soak

As members of the McAllen Stamp Club, we, too, have been following and have been affected by the increased use of paper without a water soluble layer, which some of the contract printers retained by the United States Postal Service have been using for stamp production.

Though many of us cut our stamp collecting teeth by soaking and sorting used stamps (a practice many of us still find to be a pleasing passing of time), it appears that paper for stamp production without a water soluble layer will remain a fixture of at least some of the future USPS stamp production programs, if for no other reason than it increases the likelihood that uncanceled stamps will not be reused, thus aiding the USPS in

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their revenue enhancement and protection efforts.

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We applaud the editors of *Linn's Stamp News* for the J.A. Watercutter's updates, published periodically in their publication. Though this feature allows for a collector to know about relatively current stamp issues and their soakability, the first appearance of U.S. stamps without a water soluble layer, excluding the 1976 Weather Vane issue, is now several years old. Several foreign countries are also jumping on the water insoluble band wagon, as again noted by Royal Mail's announcement of the introduction of elliptical cuts into some of their definitive stamps.

We feel that the time has come for the stamp hobby to devise a symbol that

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could be incorporated into the stamp catalogues, such as is used now to indicate blocks, used, unused, etc., so that the knowledge of stamp issues with no water soluble layer can be captured for future reference. This would allow stamp collectors to avoid damaging used stamps by attempting to soak them in the future. Perhaps a symbol for soakable stamps can also be devised at the same time. This would allow catalogue editors to declare in their catalogues that as of a specific date, unsoakable stamps before that date are denoted with the unsoakable symbol, and all soakable stamps after that date are denoted with the soakable symbol.

We are asking the editors of *Linn's*

Stamp News and *American Philatelist* to coordinate efforts in soliciting symbol ideas from their respective memberships that could then be submitted to the editors of the *Scott Catalogues* for use in their publications.

Members of the McAllen Stamp Club

Edinburg, Texas

Editor's Note: Readers — How about it? We look forward to receiving your suggestions.

What Fun!

I just joined the APS and have been exploring the APS website. I found The First Fifty Women on United States

Stamps. What fun! I normally make my own pages from the blank Scott pages but quickly put the blank sheets in the printer for some of your pages offered. Now, I am off on a quest to fill the First Fifty Women on United States Stamps and learn more information about those noted. What a wonderful idea on APS's part. Thanks for the idea of putting those together...terrific...terrific...terrific!

Who knows, maybe I'll see U.S. space quests, transportation, or inventors next. There are so many ways you could go with these. Talk about regenerating interest in collectors! Thanks again for such a grand idea.

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The Oddballs of Bull's-Eye Collecting

The odd ducks of the bull's-eye collecting world include unusual cancel types, fancy cancels, pictorials, slogans, town names, humorous SOTN cancels, late uses, and items bearing bull's-eye cancels that were never intended to be canceled. Some of these are found in the traditional SOTN format (city, state, and date), others are not; but all are forms of bull's-eye cancels.

Within the areas of both hand-stamped and machine cancels, there are unusual cancellation devices that were created for specific purposes and happened to become SOTN examples located later by collectors. Some of these, such as "money order branch" and "foreign mail" markings are not all that uncommon. Even New York and Washington, DC, bull's-eyes on foreign stamps (at the point of their entry into the U.S. mail system) or military mail cancels (APO and FPO) are unusual, but not that hard to find; however, other special cancels, including paquebot markings as bull's-eyes are quite scarce.



Unusual bull's-eye cancels include devices such as money order branch, Army Post office, foreign mail, Paquebot and others.

Well-struck fancy cancels have been a mainstay with collectors since long before the terms "bull's-eye" or "SOTN" came into existence for their current meanings.

Although there have been machine cancels available in United States possessions for decades, I've rarely seen SOTN examples, other than those illustrated from Ponce, Puerto Rico, and Pago Pago, Samoa. One of the more unusual (but not terribly scarce) U.S. bull's-eye cancels that can be found is a metal die-hub cancel with the slogan "Say No to Drugs" embedded in the city-state portion of the dial.

Well-struck fancy cancels have been a mainstay with collectors since long before the terms "bull's-eye" or "SOTN" came into existence for their current meanings. Classic-era stamps with near-perfect strikes have consistently brought significant premiums over other used stamps for more than a century. These cancels include pictorials, letters, grids, targets, geometrics, and many others.

But the classic era isn't the only time period to feature unusual SOTN cancels. The early twentieth century brought in both the era of metal die-hub cancelers and fourth-class post office fancy cancels (usually on registered covers). When struck

just right, pictorials and machine cancels both can yield highly collectible items.

The proliferation of pictorial-type metal die-hub cancellations of the last half of the twentieth century brought with it a number of what I feel are modern SOTN pictorial fancy cancels that will be prized by collectors of the future. The cancels are common, but the SOTN placement of many is not.

Somewhat related are bull's-eye strips of stamps. These are strips featuring a full SOTN single, along with a complete slogan or pictorial killer. Although most are found with metal die-hub cancels, they occasionally show up either as handstamped items or as private mailer's postmarks. In some cases these strips pay a specific postal rate, in others they are part of a larger rate. Either way, finding such strips intact, readable and well-centered is challenging to say the least, although they won't break your budget when you do.

Town names also can be collected as SOTN examples. In this case, these are SOTN cancellations that bear a full town name, but no date. Examples of nineteenth-century town names and comparable examples from the twentieth century (including parcel markings) are illustrated.



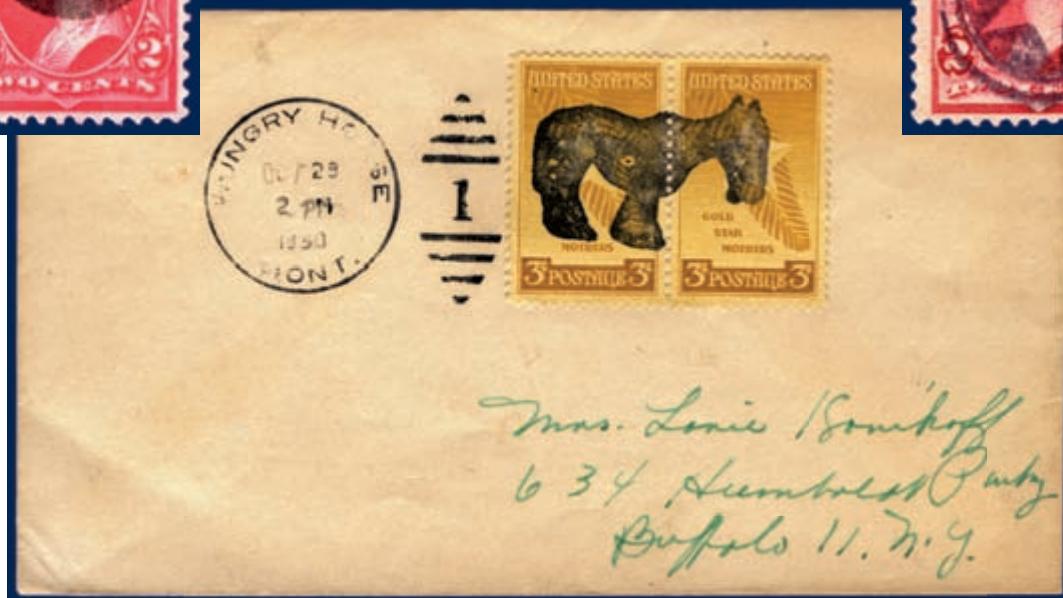


Bull's-eye cancellations from U.S. possessions, such as Ponce, Puerto Rico, or Pago Pago, Samoa, are fairly difficult to find.

Not particularly scarce, but unusual, is the 1990s-era "Say No to Drugs" SOTN cancel.



Well-struck, clear SOTN fancy cancels on nineteenth-century stamps have been popular since long before bull's-eye cancel collecting was a specialty.



Even twentieth-century fancy cancellations can be found on stamps on or off cover. In this case the cancel is large enough it requires two stamps to show fully as a SOTN example.

Using old stamps on mail to other collectors is not a new thing, and bull's-eye cancels can be found occasionally to illustrate this. When a number of stamps are lined up to make a more recent rate, the odds of a SOTN cancel increase. Such is the case with two stamps illustrated together: a Scott 213 (issued in 1887 but used seventy years later, in 1957), and a Scott 803 (issued in 1938 and used fifty-five years later, in 1993).

Some of the most entertaining types of bull's-eyes, however, include humorous, promotional and non-cancel cancels. For example, a stamp with part of a pictorial slogan machine cancel with a winged Pegasus horse struck perfectly the 1958 Overland Mail issue to give one of the stagecoach horses wings, and a 23-cent Mary Cassatt stamp with a SOTN panda pictorial cancel that leaves her with an odd face indeed!

A 1975 illegal use of an illustration cut from an auction catalogue (a bottom plate strip of 3-cent 1861 stamps) not only successfully passed through the mail, it also inadvertently picked up a perfect SOTN strike from Hawley, Pennsylvania, on the left "stamp." The stamp area of the cover is shown. Similarly, an illustration of a \$2.60 Zeppelin and a label cut from the Spanish set of 1992 Columbian souvenir sheets each picked up a perfect SOTN cancel in 1992 and 1995, respectively. Other items, such as the various promotional labels shown (including an APS label), were never intended to be canceled but sport perfect bull's-eyes nonetheless!

My favorite in this category, however, is a multicolored label created for the 1901 Pan American Exposition that also bears a 1901 Exposition Station cancellation.

There also are bull's-eyes that aren't — in the true sense of the word — bull's-eyes. These are non-official markings that appear on genuine stamps. They are, however, quite fun to collect. For example, shown are four stamps. The top two have a



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A selection of SOTN nineteenth-century city-state bull's-eyes with no dates.



Because many bull's-eyes are created by collectors, and because collectors like to use obsolete stamps, items like these extremely late-use bull's-eyes occasionally show up.



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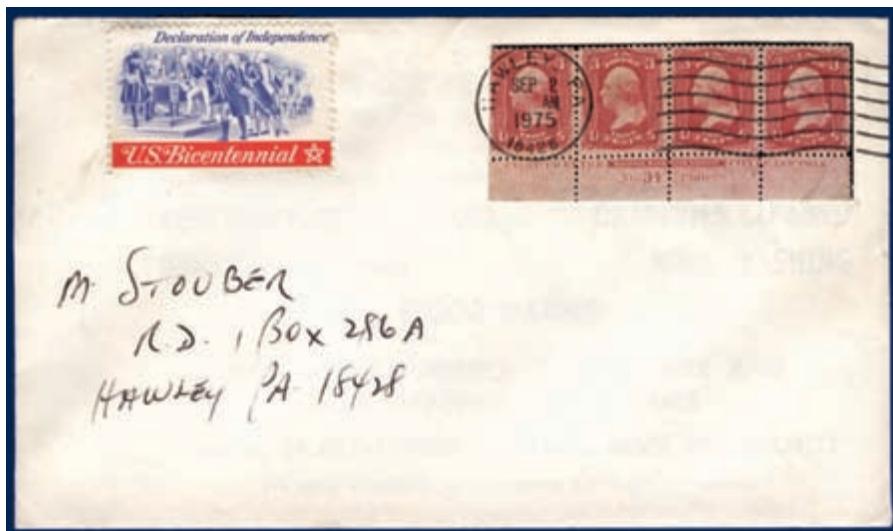
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perfectly centered marking that reads "IN U.S. NOTES." One has a "31" in the center, the other a "32." These were applied by a rubber stamp and were, as I recall, originally contained as philatelic souvenirs in a publication by the name of *U.S. Notes*. Similarly, the lower-left item also is a philatelic souvenir — one that I created a number of years ago when a group of collectors visited the offices of *Linn's Stamp News* in Sidney, Ohio. I created the mock bull's-eyes and affixed them to participants' name tags. The lower-right item is a near-perfect strike of "Keatskotoos," Nebraska, the only Pawnee Indian U.S. post office. The only problem is that no genuine strikes from this post office are known. I created a latex cast from

the original cancellation device, which was housed in a museum at which I worked early in my career.

One of the most interesting recent bull's-eyes that never were includes three Presidential series stamps (the 1-, 2- and 3-cent denominations), applied to the title pages of paperback editions of Lawrence Block's first three Keller novels; *Hit Man*, *Hit List*, and *Hit Parade*. John Keller, the main character, is a stamp-collecting hit man. The stamps, each hit with a "Keller" cancel, are dated 2008 in Roman numerals as a special philatelic edition. An autographed title page from *Hit Parade* is illustrated.



Other stamp reproductions, including a Zeppelin and Columbian, bear perfect bull's-eye cancels.



A special multicolored label for the Pan-American Exposition received a 1901 Exposition Station bull's-eye cancel.



All kinds of charity labels and promotional items are placed near stamps on envelopes. These items (including an APS sticker) frequently end up with SOTN cancels.



Although each of these items appears to have a nice bull's-eye cancel, not one is genuine.



A 2-cent Prexy received a perfect SOTN "Keller" cancel at the hands of stamp-collecting novelist Lawrence Block.

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On May 28–31, 2009 the Festival for Philatelic Women comes to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, with twenty-two hands-on seminars, “how-to” demonstrations, workshops, and other practical programs to help women get the most from the stamp hobby. The Festival for Philatelic Women is a WE event — Women Exhibitors (WE), Affiliate No. 260 of the APS — co-sponsored by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and hosted by the APS and American Philatelic Research Library.

In conjunction with this event, the American Philatelic Society has created two new mini-albums: *A First Fifty Women on United States Stamps* and *Fifty Years of Women on U.S. Stamps, 1958–2008*. These mini-albums were created for free use in the public domain, with generous permission from Scott Publishing Co. to use its copyrighted catalogue numbers. Each is available as a pdf file that can be viewed or downloaded and printed at www.stamps.org/Education/edu_AlbumPages.htm. For more information and a registration form, visit www.aape.org/Weweb.asp.

The First Fifty Women on United States Stamps

by Fred Baumann

Between 1998 and 2008 — the most recent decade for which we have records — the U.S. Postal Service issued 155 adhesive stamps that pictured or honored women and their accomplishments. But it was not ever thus.

In the eighty years between 1873 and 1953, the United States Post Office Department included or alluded to women on the three postal cards and fifty-two stamps. Fully twenty-three of these are goddesses or allegories, including the eleven designs used on seldom-seen newspaper and periodical stamps of 1875 and 1895, four personifications of Liberty, and three representations of the magnificent 15,000-pound bronze Statue of Freedom that crowns the Capitol Dome in Washington, DC.

Six stamps — more than 10 percent of the total, including the only U.S. dollar denominations ever to depict a flesh-

and-blood female — portray a Spanish monarch, Queen Isabella I of Castile, patron of Columbus. The 1893 \$4 value on which her cameo and that of the explorer appear is the key stamp in the first U.S. commemorative set, the finest examples of which have sold for as much as \$20,000.

Of the rest, fifteen pay tribute to historically noteworthy women: Martha Washington (three times), Pocahontas, Molly Pitcher (by overprint alone), the tragic Virginia Dare and her mother Eleanor, Susan B. Anthony, Louisa May Alcott, Frances E. Willard, Jane Addams, Clara Barton, Betsy Ross, Moina Mitchell, Juliette Gordon Low, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Carrie Catt.

The remainder are stamps I collectively characterize as “She, the People.” Little-known or unnamed, they huddle with their spouse and child as the Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock, await rescue by the National Guard, or help their brother plant a tree on Arbor Day. One is a working woman marching proudly with the men for the National Recovery Act in 1933, elder sister of the Women in the Armed Services of 1952. Many are generic, but some are remarkably moving. Among them are the mother and daughter looking on in terror as the fallen horse that drew their covered wagon is put out of its misery on the 1898 10-cent Hardships of Emigration stamp. For any woman, this would surely be the most dramatic and depressing American commemorative of this eight-decade era were it not for one other: the Gold Star Mothers issue of 1948.

Some stamps that might be here are not. The backs of at least two onlookers in the 1939 Baseball Centennial issue may be girls, but I excluded them as androgynous window dressing. Similarly, that may be the silhouette of a woman in a bonnet in the wagon on the 1947 Utah Centenary issue — or it may be a bent shovel. There is a woman, with a bonnet, and a swaddled infant pressed firmly to her bosom, on the 1948 Fort Kearny issue. However, the four men on the stamp have faces, the two oxen have faces, the horse has a face, the bird has a face, and even the herd dog has a face. But neither the woman nor her offspring have faces — apparently the

engraver couldn't find the time — so I didn't include them, either. These stamps don't honor women.

I deliberately depicted the modern reissues of the Columbian and Trans-Mississippi stamps on these pages because their bright white paper makes the designs easier to see. The rare 1875 Newspaper & Periodical stamps on page 4 of the album appear through the generous courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries of New York.

I hope that reflecting on the selection of images here will stimulate your thinking and your imagination as it did my own. For a different, more wide-ranging appreciation of women on U.S. stamps, visit the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Arago project's "Women on Stamps, Part I" at <http://tinyurl.com/c2tjm6>.

Fifty Years of Women on U.S. Stamps, 1958–2008

by Bonny Farmer

While it might seem as though designing album pages to honor women who have appeared on United States stamps during the last fifty years would be an enormous task, it may surprise many collectors to learn that the pickings are actually rather sparse — especially as regards individuals. There are generic "women in the background" stamps (see 1973 *Posting a B roadside, American Bicentennial*, Scott 1477); stamps that honor "American women" (1964 *Homemakers* issue, Scott 1253); and stamps that commemorate a symbolic

woman (see the numerous *Olympic Games* issues). These are all important icons for the collector of Women on Stamps, but the fact remains that, without the annual Christmas stamp featuring the Virgin Mary (beginning in 1966), stamps that honor individual women are thin on the ground.

The album pages include all U.S. stamps from 1958–2008 with images clearly identifiable as women or girls (although some are very small), all stamp topics from that period specifically related to women and/or women's concerns, the occasional stamp generically related to male *and* female concerns, and all stamps created to honor individual women.

Some years there was no choice: only a single stamp related to women appeared in 1959, 1963, 1965, 1967, and 1977. Other years only two stamps appeared, neither of which honored a specific woman (except for the Virgin Mary). Apart from these years, the annual stamp highlighted on these pages simply reflects one woman's choices of the most interesting stamp or most admirable individual honored in a given year. Other stamps issued for that year are listed but not illustrated. Occasionally, with an individual who has been honored with more than one stamp (for example, Eleanor Roosevelt appears three times), the final choice of *which* stamp to include has been governed by how many relevant stamps appeared that year, and not necessarily the best and/or favorite stamp image.

Within the broad theme of "Women on U.S. Stamps," a number of specialty collections could be formed: women in literature, women in sports, women in civil rights and/or women's rights (these were often one and the same concern in the nineteenth century), women in politics, women in science, women in entertainment, women as religious icons, or even symbolic female figures (such as the "Columbia" or "Spirit of Freedom" images not included in this overview, with the exception of 1958). But overall, for me, the fascination lies in examining the evolving role of women on United States stamps.

Although symbolic or allegorical figures began to appear on postal cards in 1873 (1-cent *Liberty*, Scott UX3) and on newspaper stamps in 1875 (e.g., 3-cent *Statue of Freedom*, Scott PR10), it was forty-six years before a recognizable woman appeared on a U.S. postage stamp: Queen Isabella of Spain (1893). And it was another nine years before the first *American* woman — Martha Washington (1902). The first First Lady was followed in 1907 by Pocahontas, but an individual woman was not again honored until Martha made a repeat appearance in 1923 (Scott 556). It is telling that, even within the last fifty years, the first four years of stamps in this album do not show an identifiable woman. Eleanor Roosevelt appears in 1963, on the *only* stamp that year to include a representative female. We'll have to wait and see what 2009 brings; as of the end of April, only one issue includes women: *Civil Rights Pioneers* (Scott 4384a-f), souvenir sheet released February 21, 2009, whose commemorative images show Mary Church Terrell, Mary White Ovington, Daisy Gatson Bates, Fanny Lou Hamer, Ella Baker, and Ruby Hurley.

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Achtung Panzer!

Panzer Division Feldpost

by Rene Chavez

World War II German *Feldpost* (fieldpost) mail is a large and varied field with many specialties to appeal to the collector. This article is a brief introduction to one of these specialties: collecting and researching World War II German *Feldpost* used by soldiers assigned to *Panzer* (tank) formations, primarily Registered *Feldpost*. First, it is important to give a brief description of the Panzer Divisions that existed during the war.

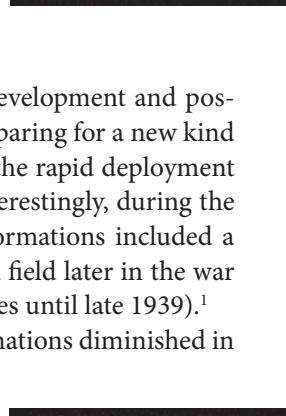
Panzer Division Formation

During the 1920s and 1930s many countries looked at tanks as an untried weapon, and paid little attention to their development and possible deployment in future conflicts. Germany, however, was preparing for a new kind of warfare known as *Blitzkrieg* (lightning war), which involved the rapid deployment of large numbers of tanks, motorized infantry, and air force. Interestingly, during the early Polish and French campaigns of 1939–40, the German formations included a greater number of tanks than the actual Panzer Divisions would field later in the war (the panzer units would not be recognized as independent entities until late 1939).¹

As the war progressed, the overall strength of the panzer formations diminished in the number of tanks in service, but this loss in numbers was compensated for by the production of better, more powerful tanks and the addition of *Panzer-Grenadiers* (armored personnel carriers). During the war, the strength of the different panzer formations can be divided into three approximate stages:

The first stage began in 1940 with the formation of ten Panzer Divisions, numbered 1 to 10. Each division included 320 tanks. Towards the end of that year, the number of tanks per division was reduced to 230. During the early years of the war the Germans used light *Panzerkampfwagen* (armored fighting vehicle) PzKpfw I, II & III model tanks and the medium-sized PzKpfw IV tank that ran wild through the disorganized infantries of Poland.²

During the second stage, which encompassed the invasion of Russia in the summer of 1941 and the North Africa campaigns, seventeen more Panzer Divisions were created

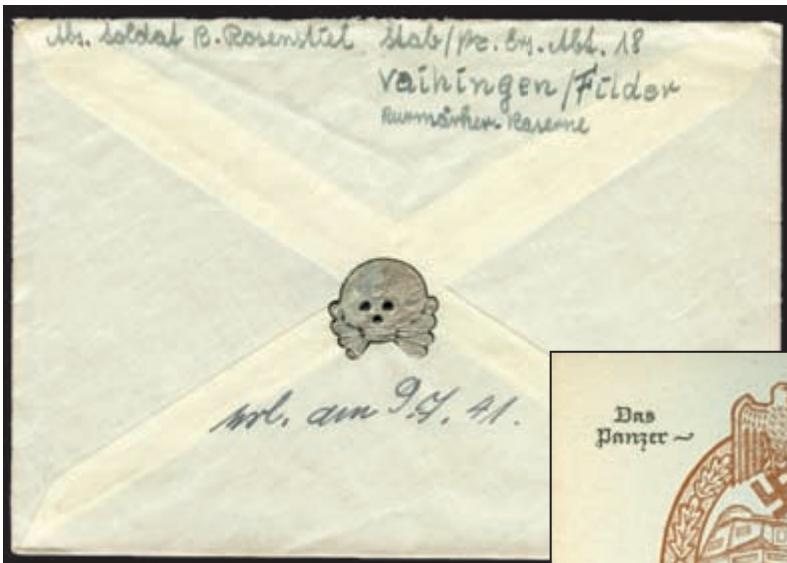


Tanks were shown on semipostals issued for Army Day and Hero Memorial Day in March 1943 (top) and 1944 (bottom).



Examples of postal cards depicting tanks that were released by the Propaganda Postal Ministry: (top) Panzer IIIs storming the Russian Steppe; (below) Panzer IVs crossing an icy road somewhere on the Eastern Front.





Left: Ordinary German Feldpost mailed by a soldier who was in a Panzer training school. Note the skull label attached as a seal. This style of skull was attached to the collar tabs of the German Panzer tunics. They are quite different from the skulls known as *Totenkopf* (Death Heads) that were attached to the center of the visor on caps worn by members of the Waffen-SS.

Right: German propaganda card and the actual Panzer Assault Badge, Silver Class. When it was first created on December 20, 1939, this award was given only to tank commanders, drivers, gunners, and radiomen. On June 1, 1940, a Bronze version was created for qualifying Panzer-Grenadier members assigned to armored vehicles other than tanks (half-tracks, assault guns, etc.). Medical personnel who rode into combat in an armored vehicle to attend to wounded soldiers and personnel assigned to armored cars also were eligible to receive the Bronze Class award.



Regular Feldpost cover mailed by a German soldier assigned to the 15th Panzer Division, which was stationed in North Africa. The reverse side shows Feldpost Number "34445," indicating that he was attached to the 33rd Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion, 15 Panzer Division.

and numbered 11 to 23. But the number of tanks continued to be reduced, and by the end of 1941, each Panzer Division had only 190 tanks of various types. As the war progressed on the Eastern Front, the tanks were further reduced in number to approximately 165 tanks per division; however, these Panzer Divisions became more formidable and better equipped following the introduction of the medium-heavy tank the "Panther."

The final stage began during the fall of 1943 into early 1944 when four more Panzer Divisions were created, numbered 24 to 27. However, during 1944 the number of tanks assigned to each division was drastically reduced to only 54 tanks. Nevertheless, with the introduction of the massive German tank the "Tiger" joining the "Panther," these divisions remained a powerful force to be reckoned with.³⁴

In the spring of 1944 another Panzer Division was added,⁵ reorganized from remnants of the 16th Panzer-Grenadier Division. It departed from the usual numbering system to become the 116th Panzer Division.

In addition to the regular formations, the Germans also had the following elite Panzer units:

- The Panzer *Lehr* (training) Division was formed in late 1943 and fought mainly on the Western Front in 1944.
- The Panzer Division *Grossdeutschland*, which was upgraded from a motorized infantry division in late 1943.
- The Panzer Division *Feldherrnhalle*, which was not a full Panzer Division since it never exceeded regimental strength in size.
- The *Hermann GÖering* Panzer Division, an Air Force infantry unit that was converted into a Panzer Division.

A final group was the *Waffen-SS* (Armed SS) Panzer Divisions, considered political party units. Seven of these SS Panzer Divisions were formed separately and commissioned in early to mid-1943; they were largely better equipped than their Army counterparts.^{6,7}

The German Reichspost only issued a few postage stamps illustrating tanks in action. The March 1943 and March 1944 the “Army Day and Hero Memorial Day” semipostals honoring the German Armed Forces each included a panzer stamp: Scott B228 (Michel 841) shows a PzKpfw IV, and Scott B264 (Michel 880) shows a light-weight PzKpfw III, commonly known as the *Sturmgeschutz* (assault gun). Both tanks have a short, 75mm main gun barrel. The Propaganda Ministry also released numerous propaganda postal cards depicting all types of German tanks in action.

German Feldpost Mail

During the early campaigns of 1937–39, the German *Wehrmacht* (Armed Forces) operated a military mailing system that provided free postal services within Germany. By September 3, 1939, the expanded Feldpost military mail system, carrying mail to and from armed forces personnel throughout the war zone, was placed in service. Postcards, letters, and newspapers weighing up to 250 grams could be mailed free of charge. As of November 1939, packages weighing up to 1,000 grams could be mailed at the nominal rate of twenty reichspfennig (Rpf).⁸

Each German military branch had its own postal administration in charge of receiving and delivering mail, and these were subordinated directly to the *Oberkommando der Wehrmacht* (OKW) (Supreme Command of the Armed Forces). For Feldpost offices closest to the combat zones, however, a mobile facility usually processed mail for all military branches

Table I

A list of Tactical Numbers (“FpA”) with their respective FPN and Kenn Numbers assigned to Panzer Divisions between 1940 and 1945.¹³

Panzer Div.	FpA No.	Feldpost No.	— Kenn Numbers —					
			1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
1	81	22979	909	909	909	909	909	909
2	82	35046	135	135	135	135	135	330
3	83	17222	650	650	650	650	650	660
4	84	37311	130	130	130	130	130	762
5	85	30521	778	778	778	778	778	778
6	57	19831	294	294	294	294	294	294
7	58	15035	355	355	355	355	355	355
8	59	27559	548	548	548	548	548	548
9	60	09132	608	608	608	608	608	608
10	90	21630	985	985	985	†	*	*
11	61	07865	x	433	433	433	433	433
12	2	16277	x	806	806	806	806	806
13	13	08874	x	729	729	729	729	729
14	4	10262	x	828	828	**†	455	455
15	33	05524	x	597	697	†	*	*
16	16	25537	x	445	445	**†	326	326
17	27	22764	x	263	263	263	263	263
18	88	47400	x	287	287	287	*	*
19	19	11324	x	104	104	104	104	104
20	92	47680	x	508	508	508	508	508
21	200	21589	x	615	615	†	793	793
22	140	46216	x		796	†	*	*
23	128	42550	x	x	788	788	788	788
24	40	12654	x		128	**	184	184
25	87	09209	x	x	166	166	166	166
26	93	10194	x	x	278	278	278	278
27	127	48484	x	x	749	†	*	*
116	66	13858	x	x	x	x	167	167
Lehr	130	40076	x	x	x	x	730	730
GD	400	42200	x	x	x	x	602	602
Holstein	144	32993	x	x	x	x	x	996
Feldherrnhalle	160	43121	x	x	x	x	x	436
HG	921	L45871	x	x	x	x	822	822

Waffen-SS Panzer Divisions

LAH	SS-1	12388	x	x	x	x	235	235
Das Reich	SS-2	09600	x	x	x	x	781	781
TK	SS-3	32052	x	x	x	x	560	560
Viking	SS-5	12106	x	x	x	x	558	558
Hohenstaufen	SS-908801		x	x	x	x	676	676
Frundsberg	SS-10	26310	x	x	x	x	883	883
HJ	SS-12	58910	x	x	x	x	833	833

x = not a Panzer unit

* = destroyed, not reformed (10, 15 Africa; 27 Stalingrad)

** = destroyed and reformed (14, 16, 24 after Stalingrad)

† = half a year only



Typical official Registered Feldpost, which includes the following requirements: (1) The word "Feldpost" had to appear on all letters or parcels — either handstamped, handwritten, or typed. (2) The unit official seal, with or without its feldpost number. (3) The word *Einschreiben* (Registered). (4) A label in the form of a conventional German Registry Label, but with the capital R followed by the word *Feldpost* in small letters and the Registry number below. The label also includes space for the Kenn number, which was either handstamped or handwritten on the label. (5) The final, and most important, piece of information on the cover is the dated cancellation, which also displays a three-digit Kenn number.

involved in the area. In order to preserve the secrecy of troop movements by concealing the name of the unit and its location, each division was assigned a five-digit code number, which served as its postal address. These five-digit numbers were referred to as Feldpost Numbers (FPN). By the end of 1939, the letter prefixes "L" and "M" were placed before each FPN to designate divisions belonging to the *Luftwaffe* (Air Force) and *Kriegsmarine* (Navy), respectively. A further coded breakdown by military unit was achieved by employing

letter suffixes "A" through "E" at the end of each FPN.⁹ The letter "A" generally signified a Headquarters Company; the others stood for line companies. The sequence of an FPN does not necessarily mean that the units were located in the same area. FPNs were sometimes reassigned to other units, particularly when a unit ceased to exist. Identification of the units from their FPN became possible only after several issues of the *Feldpost Directory* were captured. They are available on microfilm from the National Archives in Washington, DC.¹⁰

Feldpost mail was usually stamped with a military *Feldpost* cancellation and the *Dienstsiegel* (official military unit seal). These seals were usually circular and included the national emblem and the inscription "Briefstempel-Dienststelle Feldpost Nr." or some variation thereof. Each Command postal facility normally was provided with two types of official seals. One type contained the complete name and number of the unit (referred to by collectors as an "open address") for use on internal mail within the Wehrmacht. The other type contains just the Feldpost number address for use on non-official mail.

Normally, Feldpost mail could not be dispatched or received by civil post offices. If a soldier wanted to send mail through a civil post office, full postage was collected.

Panzer Feldpost Mail

While an ordinary German Feldpost cover can be recognized as being of Panzer origin by the process of decoding the five-digit FPN and checking the Order of Battle, there is no assurance that the letter was actually processed by the Panzer Division post office. The excep-

Table II

Panzer Corps postal facilities with corresponding Kenn postal code and the years of operation.

FpA Tactical Feldpost		— Kenn Numbers —						
No.	No.	No.	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
403	3	25239	x	x	†	101	101	101
404	4	17363	x	x	x	x	x	398
414	14	15709	x	†	542	x	154	154
424	24	19539	x	x	†	773	773	773
439	39	32482	x	x	†	119	119	119
440	40	30177	x	x	†	201	201	396
441	41	08315	x	x	†	953	943	316
446	46	08276	x	x	†	835	835	835
447	47	06043	x	x	†	642	642	642
448	48	18220	x	x	†	126	126	126
456	56	40690	x	†	462	462	462	462
457	57	41212	x	x	†	217	217	217
458	58	04440	x	x	x	x	281	281
476	76	21630	x	x	x	x	273	273

x = not a Panzer unit

† = half year only

tion is Official Registered Feldpost, which displays the sending post office's *Kenn* number (a three-digit code).

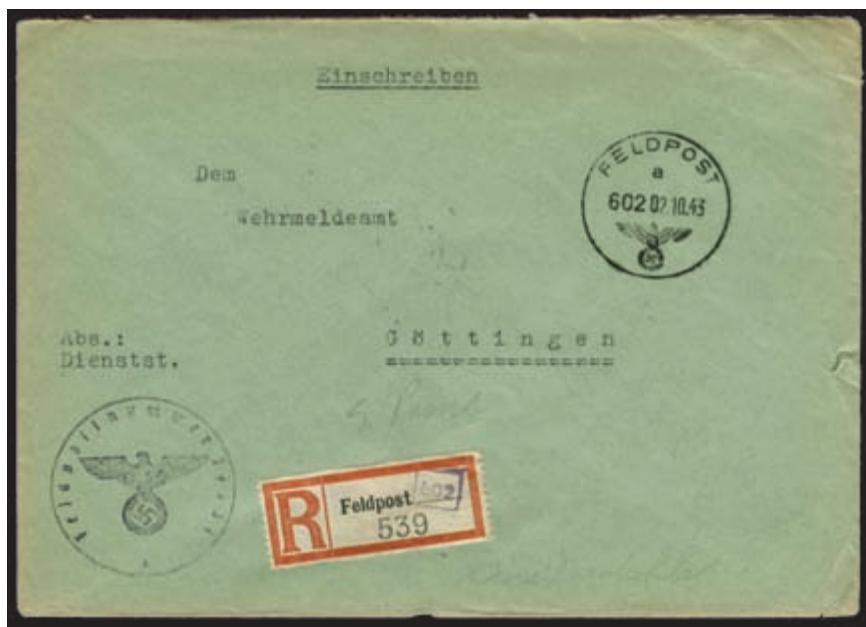
A *Feldpostamt* (*FpA*) (Feldpost Office Number) is a tactical number that was used mostly for mobile postal facilities close to a combat zone or for certain permanent facilities located to the rear of the combat. Each Army, Corps, Division, and Independent Brigade had its own *FpA*, and each *FpA* was assigned a three-digit code number between 100 and 999, called a *Kenn*. This code number was used for routing Official Registered Feldpost mail. The *Kenn* number was applied in the Feldpost cancel and on the Registered label. Provisions for official registered and insured mail were offered for a small postal charge. Express mail from the front required a 40-reichspfennig fee. Feldpost express mail had to be delivered by special messenger.¹¹

The *Panzer Armee Oberkommando AoK* (Panzer Army Headquarters) controlled the Panzer Divisions in the field. Panzer Army Headquarters directed the operations of two or more Panzer Corps, while each Panzer Corps controlled two or three Panzer Divisions. These divisions fought under the Army Command but were responsible to the Waffen-SS and the Luftwaffe for administrative matters and supplies. Army Corps post offices can be identified by their having Tactical Numbers (*FpA*) in the 400 series. Panzer Army Post Offices can be identified by this *FpA* number, or under the *FpA* designation "FpLst" (Feldpost Distribution Center), or by an "APM" (Army Postmaster Office) number, the latter being the scarcest of the three. Only a few APM offices existed.¹²

In addition to collecting actual examples of Panzer Division feldpost mail and the few German stamps depicting tanks, there is wonderful collateral matter to be found relating to armored vehicles, particularly the numerous propaganda cards showing tanks in action that were produced by Germany during the war. I hope this brief article will stimulate your interest not only in Panzer Division Feldpost but in all military-related fieldpost mail.

Endnotes

- During the early campaigns in 1939–40, panzer formations were composed of two panzer regiments attached to German Army units. Each regiment included two or three panzer battalions with a total of 320 tanks.
- A German Panzer Division consisted of a panzer regiment, two panzer-grenadier regiments, and a panzer artillery regiment. It also included an assortment of battalion-size formations such as motorcycle, reconnaissance, anti-tank, engineer, and signal units.
- For more information on German military formations, see Samuel W. Mitcham Jr., *Hitler's Legions – & e German Army Order of Battle, World War II* (Stein & Day Publishing, 1985). See also, Samuel W. Mitcham Jr., & e *Panzer Legions: A Guide to the German Army Tank Divisions of World War II and & eir Commanders* (Greenwood Publ. Co., 2000).



A late postal cancel Registered Feldpost cover with Kenn number 602, indicating that it belonged to the elite Army "Grossdeutschland" Panzer Division.

Table III

Panzer Corps post offices that were assigned to Waffen-SS Panzer Divisions. Note that the Feldpost Amt and Tactical Numbers have a different pattern from their Army Panzer Corps counterpart. The 4th and 7th SS Corps had the same *Kenn* Number assigned, but with different *FpA* and Feldpost numbers.¹³

FpA Tactical Feldpost						— Kenn Numbers —				
No.	No.	No.	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945		
SS101	1 SS	59414	x	x	x	x	792	792		
SS102	2 SS	22620	x	x	x	x	764	764		
SS103	3 SS	58808	x	x	x	x	799	799		
SS104	4 SS	09508	x	x	x	x	886	886		
SS107	7 SS	43100	x	x	x	x	886	886		

x = not a Panzer unit

4. To view a wide assortment of German tanks, visit the Panzer Museum website at www.panzermuseum.com.

5. Two additional Panzer Divisions, the "Holstein" and "Muenchberg," are known to have been formed a few days before the fall of Berlin; however, they existed in name only.

6. For a detailed history on Waffen-SS panzer formations, see Bruce Quarrie, *Hitler's Teutonic Knights: SS Panzers in Action* (PSL Publishing, 1986).

7. The Waffen-SS panzer units were still under the German Army Command, but not under Army administration. It is interesting to note that some of these Waffen-SS units, like the "Wiking" Division, had a large percentage of non-German personnel from Holland, Norway, Denmark, and some Flemish men from Belgium.

8. For more information relating to Feldpost privileges, see Ben Beede, "Fee Privileges in Military Mail Service," & *3rd Reich Study Group (TRSG) Bulletin No. 15* (April 1969). The Third Reich Study Group is a member of the German Philatelic Society. Information on its activities and other publications can be found at www.gps.nu/.

9. As indicated, a five-digit FPN was assigned to units of the German Armed Forces. However, because of the frequency of troops being refitted, withdrawn,



Registered Feldpost cover that was mailed by the Panzer Corp postal facility. Note the Kenn number 462 written on the Feldpost Registry label and in the Feldpost cancellation.

disbanded, etc., the FPNs were always being changed. This elaborate coding system required a means by which postal workers could determine the proper routing of mail with the five-digit FPN. This was supplied by the *Feldpost Directory*, which was Top Secret and had a limited distribution of individually numbered copies. These Feldpost Directories also were being revised constantly.

10. The Third Reich Study Group has published a twelve-volume computerized listing of German FPNs: *Projekt Himmelblau; A Computerized Listing of German Feldpost Numbers*.

*man Feldpost Number Assignments (1978–80). Another helpful TRSG publication is Norbert Kannapin's *Die Deutsche Feldpost: Organisation und Lokalisation 1939–45* (Biblio Verlag, 1979), in three volumes.*

11. In 1977 the Third Reich Study Group published a cross-reference guide to the FpA and Kenn numbers assigned to feldpost offices of the German Combat Divisions.

12. Information relating to Panzer Division Post Offices also can be found in "Panzer Divisions," TRSG *Bulletin X* (1976), by R.J. Houston.

13. Cross-reference tables relating to FpA Numbers and Kenn Numbers assigned to Panzer Division Registered Feldpost Offices also can be found in Gianluigi Soldati's "German Military Panzer Feldpost Offices, Second World War," & *e German Postal Specialist* (April 1989). The American Philatelic Research Library has a copy of his 1990 exhibit on the same topic.

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Table IV

A list of the most significant Panzer Army Post Office Facilities (*Armee Post Meister*) (APM). The Army Post Offices were recognized under the following German designations: *Armee Briefstelle* (ABSt) (Army Letter Office), *Feldpost Leitstelle* (FpLst) (Mail Routing Facility), and *FeldpostAmt* (FpA) (Main Post Office). They also included Branch Post Offices (*Zweigamt*) (Zw) and Special Use facilities (*zur besonderen Verwendung*) (zbV).

Post Office	— Kenn Numbers —								
	No.	No.	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	Early Name
FpA 419	2	12541	x	†	845	845	845	845	Pz Gruppe 2
FpA 422	1	02266	x	401	401	401	401	401	Pz Gruppe 1
FpA 473	4	01420	x	158	158	158	158	158	Pz Gruppe 4
FpA 415	3	27659	x	365	365	x	x	x	Pz Gruppe 3
zbV 416	3	34880	x	x	509	x	x	x	
zbV 492	1	02266	x	x	x	x	401	401	
zbV 495	3	27659	x	x	x	x	365	365	
FpA 639	5	14881	x	x	420	†	x	x	Pz AOK Afrika
Zw 639	5	14881	x	x	†	550	x	x	Pz AOK Afrika
FpA 686	5	06677	x	x	†	538	x	x	Pz AOK Afrika
FpA 762	5	44777	x	†	282	†	x	x	Pz AOK Afrika
FpA 791	5	47294	x	x	212	†	x	x	Pz AOK Afrika
APM PzAOK	2	03400	x	x	†	845	845	845	
APM PzAOK	1	24000	x	401	401	401	401	401	
APM PzAOK	3	32100	x	x	†	645	645	645	
APM PzAOK	4	11266	x	x	†	158	158	158	
APM PzAOK	5	40299	x	x	x	x	x	775	
ABSt 590	1	24450	x	x	†	443	x	x	Mobile P.O.
ABSt 501	4	26700	x	x	†	496	496	496	Mobile P.O.
FpLst 504	1	36286	x	x	695	571	571	x	
ABSt 529	2	13769	x	x	x	x	690	x	
ABSt 538	3	11729	x	x	x	x	470	x	

x = not a Panzer Unit † = half a year only

Unusual and Rare Stamps and Postal History

at auction on 14th. May 2009



Trinidad: 1847 "Lady McLeod" issue, very fresh with large to enormous margins all around. Superb in all respects. Estimate £7,500

- The first adhesive used in any British Colony
- The FINEST QUALITY of any of the examples recorded
- Ex Burrus



Ireland: 1935 Waterlow Re-engraved (wide date) 10/- indigo, variety "Overprint Double", large part o.g. from the right of the sheet.

- The biggest rarity of Ireland
- Unlisted by Stanley Gibbons



Great Britain: Mail Boat Cancellations: 1870 envelope addressed to England endorsed "From Wm. Lintoll Steward/H.M.S. Phoebe Melbourne" and countersigned by the Commanding Officer, franked 1d. red Plate 112 horizontal pair each with "A83" barred numeral cancellation, Brighton arrival c.d.s. of Jan. 29 on reverse. Estimate £1,000



Great Britain: 1840 2d. blue Plate 1, a magnificent large part o.g. block of four in a deep blue shade, large margins all round and with brilliant colour and of very fine appearance, small inclusion at base of bust on IH. Estimate £75,000

- An extremely rare multiple



South Africa: 1941-48 1½d. "Gold Mine", vertical pair from the top of the sheet with variety "Yellow-buff (centre) omitted", large part o.g. (87a). Estimate £1,500

- A very rare missing colour



South Africa: Official: 1935-49 1d. grey and carmine, block of four ovpt. Type 02, the left pair with variety "OFFICIAL" twice on the same stamp, used on piece with single ½d. and 1d. (021 var.). With BPA certificate (2008). Estimate £2,000

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2009 APS Election of Officers

Ballot for the 2009 APS Election

(Candidates are listed as they appear on the ballot.)

For President

Wade E. Saadi

For Board of Vice Presidents

(Candidates Run as a Group of 3 ree)

Nicholas A. Lombardi, Steven J. Rod,
and David L. Straight

For Secretary

Steve Zwillinger

George F. Dekornfeld

For Treasurer

W. Danforth Walker

Douglas N. Clark

For Director-at-Large

Michael D. Dixon

Denise L. Stotts

James C. Cate

Joann Lenz

Wayne L. Youngblood

Robert P. Odenweller

For Trustee

American Philatelic Research Library

Larry Nix

Peter D. Martin

American Philatelic Society officers and an American Philatelic Research Library trustee will be elected by APS members using the ballot included with this issue of *The American Philatelist*. After reading the candidates' statements, members are asked to remove the ballot and return envelope from this magazine, read the voting instructions, then mark their choices and return the ballot in accordance with the instructions. Ballots must be received by noon on June 6, 2009.

Newly elected officers will be installed at the APS General Meeting, August 8, 2009, at STAMPSHOW in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All candidates listed here have received the required seconding nominations. They are listed in order in which their names appear on the ballot, which was determined by a drawing.

Voting Instructions

- Please use the ballot and accompanying return envelope bound in this issue of the magazine.
- Vote as indicated on the ballot. Space is provided for alternate choices for officer positions.
- Do not sign the ballot itself or make any other identifying mark on it.
- Do not enclose any other correspondence with your ballot.
- Please DO NOT detach the tab from the return envelope.

Note: In order for a ballot to be valid, the voting member's name and APS number must be entered in the spaces provided on the tab on the outside back flap of the mailing envelope.

After the APS verifies each voter's membership status, the tab will be removed and the unopened ballots turned over to the tabulators under the direction of the Board of Elections.

To be counted, your ballot must reach the Board of Elections no later than noon, **June 6, 2009**. Do not send the ballot to APS Headquarters. Ballots not properly mailed to the Board of Elections at the address given here will *not* be counted.

Send ballot to:
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Bellefonte, PA 16823-0055



2009 APS Election

Candidates' Statements

Candidate Statements and the representations contained therein are solely the opinions of the candidates and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the American Philatelic Society, the American Philatelic Research library, their respective governing Boards or management. Candidates are listed by office alphabetically.

For President

Wade E. Saadi — New York • APS 145318

The most qualified candidate for APS President will possess the diverse skill sets to best serve the Society and its membership. The Society is facing many challenges that require a President with:

- Leadership experience
- The ability to think creatively
- The resolve to make tough decisions.

With a four million dollar annual operating budget, millions of dollars in assets, and a full time staff of 35 employees, the APS is much more a business than a local stamp club. In

these very tough economic times, it is even more essential that its President be familiar with budgets, finance and real estate matters, for the well-being of the Society and in order to provide you, the members, the best and most cost effective services.

The three most important issues currently facing the Society are membership growth, a balanced budget and fund raising. These are daunting tasks and we must recognize them as such, but

not be deterred from implementing resourceful solutions that will keep our hobby and our society healthy and vigorous. The APS must:

Initiate creative programs to promote, recruit and retain membership in the APS.

The APS shall provide for balanced operating budgets, so that cash in equals cash out. Assure current members receive the highest value for their membership dollars.

Seek new income sources that will enable APS to maintain a balanced budget.

My combination of business and philatelic management



experience coupled with previously demonstrated leadership commitment to the hobby makes me ideally suited to continue as your President.

Personal

I am a businessman and leader of several diversified companies. Collecting interests span from classic US through plate number coils; both an exhibitor and philatelic writer and hold several leadership positions in organized philately.

I was born and raised in New York, where I reside with my wife of 36 years, Gail. Our son Wade Jr., his wife Andrea & daughter Sophia live nearby.

Philatelic Leadership Experience

American Philatelic Society: President (2008-2009). Chair - Board of Vice Presidents (2007-08). Board of Directors (2005-2009). Chaired the APS Executive Director Search committee, the Membership Promotion/Recruiting Committee; introduced the Chapter Outreach program.

Smithsonian National Postal Museum: Chair, New Initiatives Committee (2006-Present). Chaired Arago® Committee (2004-06) and helped conceive the Arago® project. Council of Philatelists (2003-Present). Council Operations Committee (2003-Present). Conceived and implemented complete restructure of the Council of Philatelists.

US Philatelic Classics Society: President (2007-Present). Vice President (2004-2007) and Director (2002-Present). The Society has had positive membership growth and profitability since 2004. Also serve as *the Chronicle* 1847 Section Editor since 1997. Awarded Chase Cup '97 for a 3-part article in *American Philatelist*.

Collectors Club (New York): President (2005-2008) and Vice President (2003-2005). Had overall responsibility for operations and finances of the Club.

World Stamp Show — New York 2016: President of New York Philatelic Exhibition, Inc. (2005-Present) Led the effort to secure NYC as the site for the next US International Philatelic Exhibition in 2016.

Professional Business & Leadership Experience

Corporate: 1973–Present, Pencom Systems Inc. Founder, President and CEO of this computer services company. Matured the company into a 600-employee conglomerate, having offices in nine states and Canada. Spun off division and led it to public offering as a NASDAQ listed stock; served as Chairman of the Board and CEO. Corporate finance and governance is part of my everyday work. Entrepreneur of the Year Award®, 1996 in NYC, the Ernst & Young award for technology.

Real Estate: 1984–Present, over 20 years experience as a licensed real estate professional. Syndicated several real estate investments; managed several full and partial building rehabilitations; own and operate a management company and a full service real estate office.

Please vote for me

Having worked closely with people my entire life, as both a leader and a follower, I understand motivation, and how to tweak performance or empower broad based change. As a consensus leader, I believe a decision is best arrived at if all parties involved understand and appreciate the viewpoints, irrespective of their position on the issue. The APS is at a critical juncture in its existence, where its leader must be the owner of certain management talents and a personality that can inspire others to the tasks at hand. I am that person.

I pledge to you to do my very best for the American Philatelic Society, using all of my abilities. Please cast your vote for me in this issue of the *American Philatelist*.

For Board of Vice Presidents

Nicholas A. Lombardi, Steven J. Rod, & David L. Straight

We are seeking reelection to a second two-year term as your Board of Vice Presidents (BVP). With the tragic death of President Nick Carter, there was a change in the make-up of our BVP. Former Vice President Wade Saadi was elected

President and Nick Lombardi was nominated and confirmed to take Wade's position as the third member of the BVP. His experience in so many different aspects of our hobby resulted in a seamless transition and the Board continued its work without interruption.

We believe the variety of experiences from our first term will enable us to serve the Society in the most effective and efficient manner possible. On your behalf, we have met every

60 days to fulfill our mandate as the disciplinary body of the Society. In this capacity, we have adjudicated more than two dozen cases involving both allegations of member misconduct as well as the admissibility of new members.

We have dutifully fulfilled our responsibility to review all cases brought before us. In each case, we listened, explored all aspects of each person's story, and gathered as much relevant information as possible in order to arrive at an accurate assessment of the situation and an appropriate resolution. We are pleased to have resolved a number of cases to the satisfaction of both parties without having to take any disciplinary action whatsoever. We have gone "the extra mile" to learn from the cases that we have heard by recommending changes in APS Headquarters procedures and by suggesting steps that both members and dealers could take to avoid problems in the future, such as to reducing all agreements to writing.

In addition to our responsibilities as APS Vice Presidents, each of us have continued to serve in leadership roles in a variety of stamp organizations and societies. We are each active in our local stamp clubs — the Webster Groves (MO) Stamp Club, Westfield (NJ) Stamp Club, and the West Essex (NJ) Philatelic Society. In addition, we all serve as officers of our regional WSP (World Series of Philately) stamp shows – St. Louis Stamp Expo and NOJEX. David serves on the National Postal Museum Advisory Council and established the annual Postal History Symposium in partnership with the National Postal Museum. Steven is a member of the Council of Philatelists at the National Postal Museum and Vice President/General Exhibition Chairman for World Stamp Show 2016. Nick is president of the United States Stamp Society and a member of the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club (NY). We also have many years of experience leading a variety of projects for the APS membership. David and Steven have served prior terms on the APS Board and Nick is Co-Chairman of the Stamp Theft Committee.



Steven J. Rod
New Jersey
APS 117153



David L. Straight
Missouri
APS 177213



Nicholas A. Lombardi
New Jersey
APS 165290

Our professional backgrounds have also contributed substantially to our ability to fulfill our Vice Presidential duties. Nick has spent thirty-six years in federal law enforcement. He had been an IRS special agent for twenty-eight years and, since retirement eight years ago, has been a consultant to a number of federal agencies. Since 1980, Steven has been an executive director of a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization and since 1995 has served as personnel and management consultant to a group of 150 of these agencies. David has three decades of experience in academic libraries, including provision of library services to remote users.

As fellow collectors, the three of us represent the broad range of collecting styles and interests which are reflected within the APS membership. Our individual collecting habits and interests are quite diverse and they have enabled us to bring a variety of viewpoints to the table when dealing with both the disciplinary and general APS issues that have confronted us.

In asking for your support, we pledge:

TO continue to represent your best interests when reviewing disciplinary cases as your Board of Vice-Presidents and to disseminate information on "best practices" when engaging in philatelic transactions.

TO continue working aggressively with the APS staff, the Board of Directors, and the Society's many volunteer leaders to ensure that the APS maintains the strongest membership base possible, particularly by finding new members who may not be aware of the value that membership in the APS will afford them.

TO seek, promote, and help facilitate partnerships with such collaborators as the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum, public TV, and postal authorities to further our Society's educational mission.

TO continue our support of the Campaign for Philately and assist in every way possible to reach its fundraising goals.

TO encourage the solicitation of all opinions during Board deliberations on every issue and seek input from every member who would like to have his/her voice heard.

TO remain deeply committed to sound financial planning, balanced budgets, and regular review of our strategic planning and thinking.

For Secretary

George F. Dekornfeld — New York • APS 180251

Institutional memory is critical for the smooth and effective operation of any organization. Minutes taken need to be accurate and permanent records of the activities and actions of the Executive Board, serving as reminders of what has taken place (and what hasn't). Realizing that this position is



highly task-orientated, I have volunteered to run for Secretary of the APS.

Owning a successful dental practice since 1989, I am well versed in the need for keeping detailed and accurate records. Professionals are called upon to keep records showing what occurred from the outset to the outcome of any situation. Both philately and dentistry are very task-based processes that require organization and attention to detail. I offer my experience in both as a candidate for this position.

My memberships include the APS (since 1996), USPCS, USCC, Empire State Postal History Society, AAPE, RPA, and VSC. I've served as ESPHS Treasurer since 2006 and am a regular contributor to their journal.

I am a frequent exhibitor having won gold and 'best of show' on the local level; on the national level I've worked my way up to vermeil, receiving several society awards. My collecting interests include NY State Postal History, US, GB, Hungary, China, Austria, Hunting & Fishing Revenues, and World-Wide Classics.

Here's the bottom line: as cliche as it may sound, my only purpose in running for position of Secretary is to give something back. There have been countless occasions where I have been mentored and helped out by society members and staff in my collecting pursuits. I've also been fortunate enough to be able to pass on some of the knowledge gained to others. I want to do more, and this is why I've thrown my name into the hat. Further, as a potential new face in the national sphere of organized philately, I'm hoping I can bring some new ideas with me should I be elected, especially regarding openness, membership retention/expansion, and services utilization. Our APS is intimately connected with the future of philately: I want to be sure our hobby thrives and is available to future generations of collectors.

It is with this statement that I respectfully request your vote for the position of APS Secretary.

George F. DeKornfeld

For Secretary

Steven Zwillinger — Maryland • APS 173946

I am Steven Zwillinger and I am running for Secretary of the APS. The APS Secretary has two major sets of responsibilities:

To keep accurate and permanent records for all of the regular and special meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and to attest legal documents including charters for chapters and certificates for life members



These duties touch every APS member. Frequent, useful and targeted communication efforts — using as many communication processes as possible, beyond the innovations of the past, must be a characteristic of the next elected board.

I am committed to providing the membership with a record of outcomes of Board decisions as well as the context under which the issue was con-

sidered. I will work to ensure that every action taken by the Board should be transparent so the membership knows the consequences of Board decisions. I see **clear communication skills as a mandatory requirement for the Secretary. Let's make reports on Board actions more easily available — perhaps through more e-mails, an expanded on-line presence, or real-time web posting.**

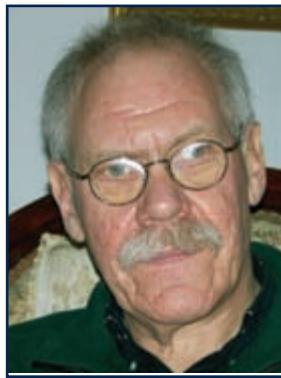
The Secretary is a member of the Board and has significant responsibilities in setting policy and direction for the Society. I have over 25 years experience in Strategic Planning (what do we want to do and where do we focus resources?), Performance Management (how are we doing?) and Program Evaluation (what have we accomplished?) and will bring these skills to the Board. My work in creating and overseeing multi-million dollar contracts has given me skills in financial planning, cost estimating, and financial management, the skills needed to meet the fiduciary responsibilities of a Directors of the Society.

I have collected since 1963 and exhibited since 2005. My collecting interests focus on India (especially Edward VII) but like other stamp collectors I keep starting new areas and have just begun an FDC collection of Scott 938: the 1945 Centenary of Texas Statehood issue. I have published in *India Post*, *Burma Peacock*, *Burma Fantail*, *First Days*, & *e Dhow*, and & *e Philatelic Exhibitor*. I am on the Board of Directors of NAPEX and am an apprentice judge. If you have questions or wish to see an expanded version of this note, please write me at steve@zwillinger.org.

For Treasurer

Douglas N. Clark — Massachusetts • 68510

My qualifications include teaching mathematics of finance at the university level and serving as treasurer of another nonprofit organization, for which I wrote payroll checks and filed tax forms. I have considerable experience serving on the boards of other philatelic organizations, as a stamp show judge and as a stamp show organizer. As well as seeing that the financial side of the society is responsibly run, I intend to make financial reporting understandable to the



membership. I collect U.S. postal history and postal stationery and have thematic and first day cover exhibits. I am president of the Postal History Society, Secretary and journal editor of the Mobile Post Office Society and a board member of the American Topical Association. I am also a member of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, United Postal Stationery Society, Confederate Stamp Alliance, American First Day Cover Society and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. I am a member of the APS Writers Unit Hall of Fame.

I was deeply concerned, as were many members, by some of the campaigning and how it was handled in the last APS election. I hope that by joining the board, I can help to heal this injury to our society and promote openness and ethical conduct by the officers.

I have been an APS member for over 35 years and look forward to taking a serious role in serving the society. Please help me achieve this goal by seconding my nomination and voting for me in the election.

For Treasurer

W. Danforth Walker — Maryland • 2788-062713

For most of my 38-year membership in the APS, I have been active in the Society. I am serving currently as APS Treasurer and actively working to build the financial strength of the Society for the next 20 years as a member of the Board and the Long Range Planning Committee. I ask for your support to continue this important effort for the next two years as your APS Treasurer.



In 1983 I acquired Horace Harrison's insurance business, which focused on insuring the stamps of APS members. Through that connection, I established relationships with thousands of members, many of whom are friends. The company expanded and evolved and was sold to a "big" insurance company three years ago. Now I am an employee of

the successor company.

Stamps have really been my life. My wife is an avid collector and APS member who has also served on the APS Board of Directors.

Goals:

Financial Planning & Budgeting — No more deficit spending or unbalanced budgets. The APS needs to use its financial resources more effectively to plan and position itself as a viable and healthy Society for the long term.

APS Headquarters, Bellefonte — The American Philatelic Center is a great home for philately. The current financial challenge of the mortgages and the future resources needed to complete will take extremely careful long range planning. The APS and APRL must look at all the options available to effectively use the APC for Society needs and generate the maximum returns for space we do not need.

Membership — We need to maximize the use of technology to provide the services our members want, and use this technology to retain our current members and attract new members.

My Experience:

APS Treasurer, 8 years

APRL Treasurer, 15 years

Washington-2006 International Exhibition, Chief Financial Officer

APS 2003 Luff award – for service to the APS
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)

Please vote.

For Director-at-Large

James C. Cate — Tennessee • 150595

I have been an APS member since 1988 with a vast amount of philatelic experiences dated to 1975. This includes membership in the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society (USPCS), U.S. Cancellation Club, Confederate Stamp

Alliance, Chattanooga Stamp Club, Tennessee Postal History Society (TPHS), and the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. As an exhibitor, I have twice won a Grand and Gold Single-Frame Exhibit and participated in the Champion of Champions competition (2007–2008). I have authored numerous philatelic articles published in *the Chronicle* (USPCS), *Confederate Philatelist*, and *Tennessee Posts*

of the TPHS. It was a pleasure to share philatelic knowledge in the presentation of programs at the APS AMERISTAMP



EXPO (Charlotte 2008), major shows such as Garfield-Perry (2009), and numerous local APS clubs and chapters over the years. After college, I served as a Special Agent, U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps with experiences in Counter Espionage – Soviet (Tokyo, Japan), and Counter Espionage Special Investigations — North Korean espionage in Seoul, Korea. Prior to retirement, I spent forty years with four industrial valve manufacturers and twice headed Sales and Marketing for two large industrial valve manufacturers. With philatelic and industrial executive management experience, I feel these experiences can be of immense value as a Director-at-Large — APS and specifically to the APS membership to maintain common sense and sound financial management practices to enhance the APS in the future, hopefully get the APS back on the path of a growth. Your ideas for the betterment of the APS and vote is requested and appreciated. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the APS.

For Director-at-Large

Michael D. Dixon, PhD — Oregon • 127513

Now just over halfway through my term as an APS Director-at-Large, a review of my accomplishments shows that I have diligently served the membership. I have attended, either in person or by telephone, each Board Meeting held since taking office and have voted on numerous motions brought to the Board; each time I believe in the best interests of the membership.

My efforts have focused on several aspects of APS management:

I served as Chair of a select committee appointed by the President to critically evaluate the 2006 Membership Survey in order to assist in the development of midterm and long range APS Strategic Plans.

Following from my professional background as an information scientist, I was able to play a leading role in the evaluation and award of the contract to revamp the Society's website.

Experience gained in finding sources of financing for WASHINGTON 2006 has enabled me to significantly contribute to the Committee for the Future of Philately in its fund raising activities.

These areas each represent a "work in progress". For these, and many other actions being worked on by your leadership, there are countless incomplete tasks: we continue to work on a Strategic Plan; despite the hard work by many, the website is still in development; there is always another lead to a hitherto unrecognized source of funds.



The late March 2009 statement by President Saadi addressing the formation of the APS Long Range Planning Committee and elucidating the challenges facing the society in the near, medium and long terms, adds emphasis to the need for experienced Directors to continue their team work.

Should I receive your support and be re-elected as a Director-at-Large of the APS, I shall be able to continue uninterrupted in each of these endeavors.

For Director-at-Large

Joann Lenz — Michigan • 10577-069566

I am seeking a second term as Director-at-Large to continue to serve APS. My goals for the Society include: keeping business of APS open to all members; completing the Match



Factory providing APRL its permanent home; ensuring APS is a welcoming organization serving all, beginners to long-time collectors; expanding recruiting and membership retention efforts; providing a secure future for the APS by encouraging and participating in more aggressive fund-raising efforts.

I have been an APS member for 36 years; member of the original Campaign for Philately Committee, APRL member and Tiffany donor. I have attended numerous APS Summer Seminars where I learned from, shared with, and befriended instructors and other collectors, and made presentations.

Philatelic service includes: chair of the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Awards Committees; secretary of the United States Stamp Society for thirteen years and a member of the Board. I have had various leadership responsibilities in the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club being secretary for four years and chairing its Ethics Committee. I have written articles for the *US Specialist* and contributed material to other philatelic publications.

As a teacher, I served on major committees developing curriculum in a school district of 1,100+ teachers and 25,000 students. In the classroom, I coordinated stamp topics with subject matter and was a Benjamin Franklin stamp club leader. I will work for the continuation and expansion of the APS outreach to youth and adults.

My current collecting interests are modern US with a concentration on the Liberty era, electronic mail, dummy/testing material, tagging varieties, postal counterfeits, personalized postage and Dead Letter Office mail. I discovered the joys of exhibiting starting with one-frame exhibits and now have a multi-frame exhibit: 6¢ Roosevelt stamp from

the Liberty series.

Some other affiliations include: Virtual Stamp Club, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, EFO Collectors' Club, Meter Stamp Society, American First Day Cover Society, Precancel Stamp Society, Auxiliary Markings Club, US Specialized Yahoo Group, Women Exhibitors, Germany Philatelic Society, and the International Society of Japanese Philately.

Active in Internet stamp groups for 20 years, my email signature is: Stamps are fun, but collectors are the greatest! I subscribe to that philosophy and hope APS members will support my candidacy for APS Director-at-Large.

For Director-at-Large

Robert P. Odenweller — New Jersey • 9084-54776

Service to the APS:

Board Member as **Director at Large** (six years previously, and currently),
Chairman of Luff Committee (2003–2006),
Delegate to F.I.P. Commission for Traditional Philately (18 years),
Committee on Accreditation of National Exhibitions & Judges (CANEJ),
Publications Committee.

Statement: I believe that all members of the A.P.S. Board should have **deep administrative experience**. These days it is not enough to be just a collector or expert or writer, or even just a good committee member. The A.P.S. is a corporation with a substantial annual budget that requires good business sense. Although the philatelic side is needed to see where problems may lie, being a “good philatelist” is by itself just not enough.



Besides A.P.S. service, these include:

Collectors Club (NY), governor continuously since 1969 (also four years as secretary, four years as vice president and three years as president);
Philatelic Foundation, 23 years as Trustee;
F.I.P. 18 years as president of the F.I.P. Traditional Philately Commission;
International Association of Philatelic Experts (A.I.E.P.), Director since 1987;
Society of Australasian Specialists (SAS/O), past president;
Vice chairman of NOJEX (WSP National show held in New Jersey in late May) since 1999.

Experience and how it can help

Exhibiting: New Zealand: 1855-1874 APS Champion of Champions 1973; FIP Grand Prix d'Honneur 1980; Samoa: 1836-1914, FIP Gold plus Special Prize

Judging: Internationally (and APS) accredited since 1974, also for literature (both APS and FIP).

Expertizing: APS Expertizing Committee since 1971, Philatelic Foundation Expert Committee Chairman and Member since 1968, AIEP expert for New Zealand and nineteenth century Samoa since 1980.

Literature: Editor of *the Collectors Club Philatelist* (2005–). Author of *Stamps and Postal History of Nineteenth Century Samoa* published by the RPSL and RPSNZ. Regular column ("Ask Odenweller") in *the Philatelic Exhibitor*.

Bottom Line: As a team player with no personal agenda, I've found that **doing things most efficiently and reaching the needs of the largest number of members for the least cost** should be the continuing goal of the A.P.S. board. At the same time, the various interests of the membership should all be addressed—all are important.

For Director-at-Large

Denise Stotts — Texas • 160584

I am running for re-election for Director-at-Large. During my term, I have learned much about the workings of the APS and the board, and feel that two years is just not enough time to contribute what I can. While I do not hold a degree in

business or law, there are others on staff and the board who do. My contribution comes from being involved in every level of philately, from local to international. I also feel that being a homemaker in these tough economic times, I can bring excellent budgeting skills to the table.

During my term in office, I initiated the idea for the new policy to help smaller clubs retain their free membership by lowering the required number of APS members needed. I also serve as board liaison to the many committees that provide so much to the society.

The key issues facing our society remain the same as in the last election – but more crucial than ever. We MUST increase membership and continue to keep the APS relevant to the members that we do have. We need to continue to do outreach to grow new collectors through the many media venues that are available to us. We also must find a way to make the Match Factory viable by finishing sections and



finding tenants. I would like to find ways to lower expenses at Headquarters by reaching out more to members – we all have special talents and we need to share our special skills with the society instead of having to outsource. While fund-raising is essential, giving of our time and skills can also help the APS.

Background: I have collected since childhood and have been involved with organized philately for almost 30 years. I am an exhibitor and local level judge, and am proud to have been awarded the Distinguished Philatelic Texan medal.

Some positions include:

Greater Houston Stamp Show chair – 15 years

Secretary - Ohio Postal History Society – 21 years

Director of Seminars – American Association of

Philatelic Exhibitors

Past member of the APS Ethics Committee

APS Mentor – 20 years

Club and Show Manager of APS Chapter Activities

Committee – 10 years

Awards chair for AAPE, USSS and WE

Board member – Texas Philatelic Society, Women

Exhibitors

Personal: I have been married for 35 years to fellow philatelist, Jay. I work part time at a used book store and volunteer at my local library, where I also serve as an officer of the Friends of the Library.

For Director-at-Large

Wayne Youngblood — Wisconsin • 083411

When I became a junior APS member more than 30 years ago, I couldn't have been happier. I used my APS number on checks, correspondence and displayed it proudly. That attitude has never changed. I am a proud supporter of APS, doing whatever I can to help the organization remain strong and grow. While not in a position to be a large financial donor, I consistently give freely of my time and talents to benefit APS and the hobby I love, whether it's serving on the board (4 terms), public speaking, developing a course and serving as

a lead instructor of the Summer Seminar on Philately (for 19 years), expertizing, editing, writing, serving on committees and more. Other service includes nearly 20 years as a Boy Scout leader (also serving as Stamp Collecting merit badge counselor), judging numerous local and national shows and speaking to retirement communities and nursing homes.

As a candidate I have no agenda other than continuing to



keep APS a vibrant and healthy organization that serves its members well *and is responsive to their voices*. My history within the hobby and my voting record as a board member show this.

As subcategories to my primary goal I have ongoing concerns:

- It is vital to keep the workings of the APS transparent to all members (a position I've consistently promoted). I believe if we have no secrets from the membership we should act accordingly. Discussion should be spirited and not without disagreement. Democracy is messy, but far transcends and exceeds mere "consensus building."
- We need to finish the American Philatelic Center in a fiscally responsible manner. From the beginning I've felt this facility is essential to APS achieving its long-term goals.
- We need to keep APS functioning efficiently financially, while looking for additional ways to provide stability for the future.
- We must reach out through all means available (including in person and through the Internet) to draw collectors into the organized aspects of the hobby. But that is not enough.
- APS also needs to be open to the needs of a rapidly changing hobby and reach out to other hobbies, such as deltiology (postcards), photo collecting and, perhaps, other forms of related paper ephemera.

For APRL Trustee

Peter D. Martin — Connecticut • 130405

As the incumbent candidate for the APRL trustee position that is elected by the APS membership, I am well aware of the diverse issues facing the American Philatelic Research Library. Today more than ever, the APRL Board requires experienced leadership with in-depth knowledge of the library's needs and capabilities.

As an APRL Trustee I have worked to ensure that the APRL had the resources it needed to fulfill and expand upon its mission. I have served as the APRL Treasurer and on the APS Finance Committee. I seek re-election to ensure continuity during the challenging period that currently faces the APS/APRL.

My background as an historian, researcher, and instructor, as well as in organizational management, allows me to bring unique insights to the decision making process.

I have a long-time interest



in library and museum management and have served as the librarian of the State Revenue Society since 1992.

Having previously served as an APS director and on the APS Board, I also have an inside perspective on the matters confronting the American Philatelic Society. Many of the issues facing the two boards share a common thread and it is beneficial to have experience and understanding from both sides. That synergy has become much more pronounced in recent years.

I primarily collect United States postal history, topicals and back of the book, with an emphasis on federal and state revenues and I enjoy finding unusual items and conducting original research to discover the item's history. My findings have been published in dozens of publications.

I am an APS accredited chief literature and exhibition judge and a member of more than two dozen philatelic organizations. I have held leadership positions in many of these groups and currently serve as president of APS Writers Unit #30 and as chairman of the APS Publications Committee.

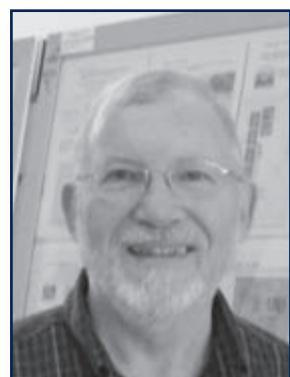
The APRL has become the best philatelic library in North America and is an extraordinary member benefit. I want to ensure that it continues to thrive.

For APL Trustee

Larry Nix — Wisconsin • 178097

Philately and libraries are a wonderful combination. As a retired librarian who is a serious philatelist I appreciate that combination more than most. I am seeking your vote for Trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library because I think my knowledge of libraries, library technology, and library networking will be an asset to the APRL in making philatelic knowledge more accessible to the philatelic community.

Before I retired I was employed as Director of Public Library Development for the State of Wisconsin for twenty years. In that capacity I actively participated in the technology revolution which libraries have undergone in Wisconsin and the nation. I was responsible for administering state and federal programs for public libraries in Wisconsin which resulted in universal public library access to the Internet and over ninety percent participation by public libraries in shared automated library systems. Since my retirement I continue to be active in library activities including a variety of library consulting projects. For three years I served on the Board of the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation during which time it successfully implemented



the most aggressive fundraising and publicity program in its history. I am currently Chair of the Steering Committee of the Wisconsin Library Heritage Center, the first endeavor of its kind in the nation.

Even my philatelic interests relate to libraries. I am a collector and exhibitor of postal artifacts related to libraries. Philatelic exhibiting has resulted in multiple gold awards and has been the impetus for my doing serious research related to library history and philately. This has provided me with a good understanding of the needs and challenges of philatelists who do not have convenient physical access to

philatelic research collections.

I am particularly interested in promoting the leadership role that the APRL can play in supporting and cooperating with other philatelic libraries in the nation. I recently began writing the "Library News" column for *Philatelic Literature Review*. This has provided me with insight into the needs and contributions of these important libraries.

You can find out more about me and my qualifications for serving as a Trustee of the APRL on my website at <http://www.libraryhistorybuff.com/aprl-trustee.htm>.

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Duties of Directors & Officers of the American Philatelic Society

The following is taken from the APS Bylaws
(A Pennsylvania Corporation)
Adopted at the 107th Annual Convention,
Houston, Texas, August 17–18, 1993,
and as subsequently amended.

Article 5 — Duties of Directors and Officers

5.1 The Board of Directors.

5.1.1 Members. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, three Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, four Directors-at-Large, and the Immediate Past President. The Board shall have full power to set policy and direction of the Society except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, but shall exercise its power in conformity with such definite orders and instructions as shall be given to it by the members of the Society by majority vote taken by ballot in a referendum conducted in the manner provided herein for the adoption of an amendment to these Bylaws.

5.1.2 Surety Bonds. Surety Bonds shall be provided for all employees of the Society at the Society's expense and maintained in appropriate amounts by the Executive Director. Additionally, liability insurance coverage for all officers and employees shall be provided and maintained by the Society as may be required from time to time.

5.1.3 Board Meetings. The Board of Directors may be convened in session by the President, or by any three members of the Board, for the general transaction of business, or for the consideration of such special matters as may be specified in the call for the meeting.

5.1.4 Mail Votes. The Board, at the direction of the President, may take votes by mail, facsimile, telephone, e-mail or other electronic means upon any written proposal within the jurisdiction of the Board. A copy in definite and specific form shall be submitted to the President who shall, without delay, cause the proposal to be submitted to each member of the Board for a vote. Any proposal which is offered will be submitted by the President to each member of the Board. Upon receipt of

the votes, or such number thereof as shall indicate the adoption or rejection of the proposal by the requisite majority of the Board, the Executive Director shall record the votes and shall notify the members of the Board of the result.

5.1.5 Unbecoming Conduct. The Board of Directors shall have authority to define by general resolution that conduct unbecoming a member which shall be the basis for disciplinary action.

5.1.6 Record of Proceedings. The Board of Directors shall keep an accurate, complete, and permanent record of all proceedings, which record shall be permanently filed at the National Headquarters.

5.2 The President.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors.

(b) The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the various committee chairpersons. The President or the Treasurer or the President's designate shall sign all vouchers for payments from the funds of the Society over such amount as set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. The President shall execute on behalf of and in the name of the Society, all contracts, deeds, and other legal instruments when so authorized by the Board of Directors, except as specified in Section 5.8 below.

(c) The President shall have general supervision over all officers and committees, to the end that there shall be full and complete performance of their duties by each of said officers and committees.

5.3 The Board of Vice Presidents.

(a) The three Vice Presidents shall constitute the Board of Vice Presidents as said term is employed in these Bylaws. The Board of Vice Presidents shall elect one of its members as Chairperson and/or another as Recorder, and the Recorder (Chairperson) shall have the custody of the current records of the Board and shall act as its Secretary.

(b) The Board of Vice Presidents shall have charge and control of the admission of members as otherwise herein provided.

(c) It shall be the disciplinary body of the Society, and shall have authority, subject

to appeal to the Appeals Tribunal, to discipline or expel members for failure to pay their indebtedness to the Society, for fraudulent or unethical conduct as stamp collectors or dealers, or for conduct unbecoming a member as defined by general resolution of the Society or the Board of Directors.

(d) It shall keep an accurate and permanent record of its decisions in a form determined by them, and such records shall be permanently filed in the National Headquarters after they have ceased to be current.

(e) It shall submit a report to the annual meeting.

5.4 The Secretary.

(a) The Secretary shall keep accurate and permanent records for all of the regular and special meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, which shall be permanently filed at the National Headquarters.

(b) The Secretary, when required, shall attest all legal documents and all charters for chapters and certificates presented to life members, and shall perform such other duties as are delegated to the Secretary elsewhere in the Bylaws.

5.5 The Treasurer.

(a) The Treasurer shall oversee the custody of all securities of the Society subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

(b) The Treasurer shall advise the Executive Director in all matters concerning the financial duties discharged at the National Headquarters.

(c) The Treasurer shall in collaboration with the Executive Director present an annual financial report and a report of budgetary requirements.

5.6 The Directors-at-Large.

The four Directors-at-Large shall have supervision of such activities of the Society as may be assigned to them by the President, and shall help promote the Society in their several localities.

5.7 The Immediate Past President.

The Immediate Past President in a like manner as other Board members shall participate and vote in all matters pending before the Board.

Bylaws of The American Philatelic Society (APS)

A Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation

Proposed Revisions (January 2009)

Adopted August 17–18, 1993, and as subsequently amended

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends approval of the following changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee and ask that you vote Yes on the ballot. Proposed additions are shown in red and text proposed to be eliminated is shown with a line through it. Bylaws revisions have been done to provide consistency, clarification, and in accordance with Pennsylvania State laws. Major changes are summarized below:

Article 1 — Addition of the Name, Principal Offices, General Charitable Purposes and Mission of the Society.

Article 2 — The Article on *the American Philatelist* was moved forward as it was previously referred to prior to any definition of what it is.

Article 3 — Here and elsewhere recognition of the Internet is incorporated. “Writing” is broadened to formally allow applications to be made electronically.

- in this case allowing for application to be made in a format other than “writing.”
- The current bylaws are inconsistent in granting some rights to members at least age 18 while other rights required the age of 21. Age 18 has been consistently applied in these recommendations.
- Clarification that a suspended membership is not a membership in good standing

Article 4 — The Board selection of a candidate in the case of a

tie vote allows for a much quicker process at a much lower cost.

- The same requirements should apply to the Board of Vice Presidents regardless of how far apart they live.
- Removal of the maximum number of dealers who can serve on the APS Board.
- Provides for a procedure in the case of temporary incapacity of a member of the Board

Article 5 — Recognizes the American Philatelic Research Library President and the Dealer Representative as non-voting ex-officio members of the Board.

- Specifically allows for meetings of the Board by methods such as teleconference call other than in person.
- Allows for possibility of on-line voting

Article 6 — Makes provision for the position of the Immediate Past President if that individual is unable to serve.

Article 7 — Elimination of referral to a specific division and provision of similar treatment for any division.

Article 8 — Article on American Philatelist now Article 2.

Article 11 — Allows for establishment of other funds that might be required to comply with a donor’s wishes.

Article 15 — Meets the expectation of all nonprofit corporations that they have provision for the dispensation of their assets in case of dissolution.

Article 1 — Mission, Purpose, and Powers

1.1 Name. The name of the organization shall be the American Philatelic Society, or “APS.”

1.2 Principal Offices. The principal office of the American Philatelic Society (“Society”) shall be at 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823, until otherwise established by an amendment of the Articles or by the Board of Directors, and a record of the change is filed with the State of Pennsylvania in the manner provided by law.

1.3 Additional Offices. This Society may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint, or as the activities of the Society may require.

1.4 General Charitable Purposes. The Society is a Pennsylvania domestic not-for-profit corporation organized for charitable purposes within the meaning of section

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. All activities of the Corporation shall be undertaken without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, or marital status.

1.5 Specific Purposes Mission. The specific and primary purposes of the Society are:
(a) To promote stamp collecting and its related areas for people of all ages;
(b) To offer services to its membership and to philately in general, including knowledge and education, which enhance the pleasure and friendliness of stamp collecting;
(c) To initiate and coordinate new programs for the benefit of stamp collecting and of all collectors;
(d) To represent the United States of America in the world body of philately;
(e) To assist its members in acquiring and disposing of philatelic materials; and
(f) To receive and maintain gifts of money and property, and to distribute money and

property, for charitable and educational activities related to stamp collecting.

1.6 Scope of the Bylaws. It is intended that all powers of the American Philatelic Society, conferred upon it by virtue of its incorporation, shall be executed in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and that admission to membership in the Society, the rights and obligations of members, and the tenure of membership, shall be entirely subject to and depend upon the provisions herein, and the exercise of the authority herein conferred.

1.7 Legal Jurisdiction. The Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pennsylvania, shall have sole and executive jurisdiction to hear and determine any issue of for matter relating to these Bylaws, including but not limited to: membership in the Society; the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Society; and; the code of ethical standard standards to which the Society subscribes, and/or its members

subscribe; and, any other matter or issue between the Society and any of its members.

1.3 8 Contractual Jurisdiction. The Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pennsylvania, shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine any contractual dispute or matter between the Society and any member(s), including, but not limited to, any action for the collection of money due the Society brought by or on behalf of the Society for any reason whatsoever.

Article 2 — The American Philatelist

2. The American Philatelist. It shall be the official journal of the Society and shall be published by the Editor under the supervision and direction of the Executive Director. The subscription price shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article 32 — Membership

32.1 Qualifications. Any person of good character, interested in philately, may become a member of the American Philatelic Society in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

32.2 Application. Application for membership in the Society shall be made in writing and, either in hard copy or electronic copy, or in such form as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe.

32.3 Fees and Dues. All application fees, membership admission fee fees and annual dues of members shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. If an application is withdrawn, rejected or otherwise not accepted, the any membership fees and or dues paid shall be refunded to the applicant. Application fees shall not be refunded

2.4 Admission

23.4 Membership Applicant Processing.

23.4.1 Procedure. Notice of each application for membership shall be published in The American Philatelist or in such other format and in such form and detail as the Board of Vice Presidents shall prescribe. The National Headquarters shall act upon each application for membership not earlier than thirty (30) days after such publication and after all necessary investigations have been completed, unless an objection or information relating to or questioning the good character has been developed. In the event that event an objection or information relating to or questioning the good character has been developed, the application will be referred to the Board of Vice Presidents for action. A rejected applicant may petition the

Appeals Tribunal, as defined by Section 3.11.7, for reconsideration of the application and may submit additional pertinent information. The decision of the Appeals Tribunal upon such reconsideration shall be final.

23.4.2 Objection. Any member objecting to the admission of an applicant shall file, a written objection with the Executive Director, a written objection accompanied with by supporting facts to substantiate the objection. All objections shall be investigated by the National Headquarters and the findings and results shall be reported to the Board of Vice Presidents.

32.4.3 An application Age. All applicants for membership shall be eighteen (18) years of age. All applications for membership by a person persons under 21 eighteen (18) years of age shall be subject to such special rules as the Board of Directors may direct.

23.4.4 Membership Numbers. Applicants shall be assigned membership numbers seriatim.

23.5 Life Membership.

(a) Any member, eighteen (18) years of age or over and in good standing, may become a life member on payment of a sum to be an amount established by the Board of Directors and published in advance to the membership, and any application fee, and shall thereafter be exempt from all dues and assessments. An Any applicant desiring life membership shall include the life membership fee plus admission fee with the application.

(b) A member joining the Society prior to January 1, 1974, who has been continuously in good standing for a period of at least 30 years, and who has attained the age of 65 years, shall be granted Life Membership; or, such member may obtain life membership by making a single sum payment of an amount equal to the total dues for the years required to pay dues to age 65 and 30 years continuous membership, or to such time after age 65 that 30 years' membership would accrue.

23.6 Family Membership. A Any child under eighteen (18) years of age and/or a spouse of a member, residing who resides with the member, may become a member of the Society by complying with all the requirements for membership and will be entitled to all rights of members and will be subject to all responsibilities of membership; however. The annual dues for each additional member of a family shall be one-half of the regular dues. The additional member or members shall not be entitled to receive The American Philatelist.

23.7 Good Standing. A member in good standing, within the meaning of that term as used in these Bylaws, is one who is not in default in the payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society, and against whom no charges have been proven whose membership is not suspended.

23.8 Resignation. The resignation of a member shall be submitted to the Executive Director and shall become effective at the end of the next month if such following the submission of the resignation, provided the member has no charges pending and is then in good standing, or if not, at such later date as the. A member has no against whom charges are pending and/or shall not be permitted to resign from the Society until the member has been restored to good standing.

23.9 Non-Payment of Dues. If a member is in arrears in the payment of dues to the Society for a period of at least thirty (30) days, that fact shall be certified to the Board of Vice Presidents by the Executive Director. If the dues in arrears are not paid within a period of time fixed by the Board of Vice Presidents, the delinquent member shall be dropped from membership.

23.10 Other Indebtedness. If, after notice, a member is delinquent in the payment of indebtedness to the Society for a period of at least thirty (30) days, that fact may be certified by the National Headquarters to the Board of Vice Presidents by the Executive Director for action.

23.11 Reprimand, Probation, Suspension, and Expulsion.

23.11.1 Grounds, Penalty. Any member found guilty by the Board of Vice Presidents of (1) (a) Any failure to pay an indebtedness to the Society within the period of time affixed set by that Board; and/or (2) (b) Any fraudulent or unethical conduct as a stamp collector or dealer; and/or (3) (c) Any other conduct which has been declared by resolution of the Society or the Board of Directors to be conduct unbecoming to a member, may be reprimanded, placed on probation, suspended for a definite period, or expelled from the Society, or subject to other appropriate sanctions. Actions taken by the Board of Vice Presidents may be published or unpublished.

23.11.2 Charges, Notice. Charges against a member shall be in writing, and may be preferred proffered by the Board of Vice Presidents itself, by any other officer, staff member, member in good standing, or other individual. All charges shall be definite and specific. A copy of such charges and as well as a notice of the time and place of hearing them shall be served, as

hereinafter provided, upon the member against whom they are ~~preferred proffered~~, not less than ~~thirty~~ (30) days prior to the date fixed by the Board of Vice Presidents for ~~the~~ a hearing ~~thereof~~. On or before ~~that~~ the date of the hearing, the member charged shall have the right to file a written answer to the charges.

23.11.3 Investigation, Defense, Hearing. Charges ~~preferred proffered~~ against a member shall be investigated by the National Headquarters. In the event the charges are referred to the Board of Vice Presidents, ~~at any hearing related to such charges~~, any party to the charges may appear in person and/or be represented by counsel: ~~at any hearing related to such charges~~. The Board of Vice Presidents shall consider the results of any investigation and all evidence, including correspondence and other documents, submitted in support of and/or in defense against the charges, and shall make ~~written~~ findings ~~in writing thereon, and in case~~. If the charges are sustained, the Board of Vice Presidents shall impose a penalty as above provided: ~~in these Bylaws~~. The findings of the Board, and the penalty imposed when the charges are sustained, shall be in writing. All data pertaining thereto shall be permanently preserved at the National Headquarters.

23.11.4 Findings. When charges are ~~preferred proffered~~ against a member, notice thereof shall be given by the National Headquarters. The findings of the Board of Vice Presidents and the penalty imposed, if any, shall likewise be filed with the National Headquarters and entered upon the Society records. The National Headquarters shall advise all parties to the complaint of the Board of Vice Presidents' findings. The findings of the Board of Vice Presidents and the penalty imposed, if any, may also be published in The American Philatelist, unless an appeal is filed as hereinafter provided. ~~The findings of the Board of Vice Presidents and the penalty imposed by it, when no appeal is taken, shall be final. Actions taken by the Board of Vice Presidents may be published or unpublished.~~

23.11.5 Member Charged With Crime. Any member charged in any court of law with a ~~felony, or charged with~~ crime involving philatelic material or allegations of ~~any felony~~ ~~crimen falsi (class of offenses involving deceit or falsification)~~, may be suspended by the Board of Vice Presidents pending trial and, upon conviction thereof, may be placed on probation, suspended for a definite period, or expelled

by the Board ~~of Vice Presidents~~ from the Society.

23.11.6 Appeal. Any involved party aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Vice Presidents may file with the National Headquarters a notice of appeal to the Appeals Tribunal. The notice of appeal shall be filed within ~~thirty~~ (30) days after receipt of notice of the findings of the Board of Vice Presidents. The National Headquarters shall transmit to the Appeals Tribunal all evidence and other data in its possession relating to the charges, and the appeal shall be determined by the Appeals Tribunal at its next regular meeting. The Appeals Tribunal may sustain or revise the findings of the Board of Vice Presidents, and may ratify or modify the penalty assessed. If the Appeals Tribunal upholds the findings of the Board of Vice Presidents, the findings may be published in "The American Philatelist." ~~The findings or may be unpublished, at the sole discretion of the Board of Vice Presidents and the penalty imposed by it, when no appeal is taken; by the Appeals Tribunal shall be deemed final, and may not be appealed further or otherwise challenged in any court of law or any other legal proceeding.~~

23.11.7 Appeals Tribunal. The Board of Directors shall establish an Appeals Tribunal to hear appeals from the decisions of the Board of Vice Presidents. Decisions of the Appeals Tribunal shall be final. The Appeals Tribunal shall be composed of the following members: the APS President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors-at-Large, Immediate Past President, and the Executive Director, provided they are not a party to or related to any appeal under consideration: ~~and are available to hear appeals~~. The Board of Vice Presidents may appoint one of its members to appear before the Appeals Tribunal and report the views of the Board of Vice Presidents relating to any appeal under consideration by the Appeals Tribunal.

23.12 Reinstatement. Upon payment of appropriate fees and dues, as determined by the Board of Directors, a former member, whose membership was terminated other than by expulsion, ~~upon payment of appropriate fees and dues may make application for reinstatement. Before being acted upon notice of such application shall be published and acted upon as provided for in the case of original applications~~. The Board of Vice Presidents may establish a period of time in which a former member will be admitted without further action. A reinstated member

may be assigned a former membership number only ~~or upon~~ payment in full of all dues in arrears. When an application is submitted by a person whose membership was terminated by expulsion, ~~such the~~ application shall be dated not less than three (3) years from the date of the expulsion and shall be accompanied by payment of a non-refundable fee, to be set by the Board of Directors, to defray the costs of investigation. ~~It~~ The application must also be accompanied by a personal resume outlining the activities of the former member during the expulsion period. The resume should support and substantiate the worthiness of the former member for reinstatement. In addition, the former member shall submit no fewer than five (5) letters of recommendation from Society members in good standing ~~supporting who support~~ the application for reinstatement. If, after review, the Board of Vice Presidents decides that admission is appropriate, the application will be treated as a new application.

23.13 Official Notices.

(a) Notices of hearings ~~upon~~ of disciplinary proceedings shall be served upon ~~a member charged~~ in person, or by certified or registered mail ~~upon a member charged, or by any other method of delivery that provides proof of receipt~~.

(b) All other notices ~~to a specific member~~ may be served in person or by ~~ordinary first class~~ mail.

(c) Notices ~~sent by~~ first class mail shall be deposited in the United States mails ~~and addressed to the member at the last recorded address provided to the Society by the member, with postage fully paid~~.

(d) Proof of service may be established by a postal return receipt, a postal mailer's receipt, or by an affidavit of personal service.

(e) Validity of service shall not be affected by ~~the member's failure to accept delivery, the member's refusal to accept delivery, or by the member's failure to provide the Society with a correct address~~.

(f) Notices to the ~~general~~ membership may be given by publication in The American Philatelist.

23.14 Services of the Society. Services provided by the Society to its members shall be considered a privilege and may be denied to any member abusing the privilege or violating the established rules governing a service.

23.15 Arbitration: /Alternative Dispute Resolution. The Board of Vice Presidents, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may establish rules, regulations, and

procedures for the arbitration or other method of resolution of disputes between members.

Article 34 — Meetings of the Society

34.1 Annual Meeting.

(a) The annual meeting or convention of the American Philatelic Society shall be held at such time and place, and conduct such business, as the Board of Directors shall determine, and. The Executive Director shall have authority to assume on behalf of the Society, such portion of the expense of holding any such meeting as may be deemed advisable.

(b) The annual meeting Board of Directors shall receive reports of all officers and committees at the annual meeting, and shall conduct any other business that may come before it.

34.2 Spring Other Meeting. A Spring Other meetings of the American Philatelic Society may be held at such time and place, and conduct such business, as the Board of Directors shall determine, and. The Executive Director shall have authority to assume on behalf of the Society, such portion of the expense of holding any such meeting as required.

34.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the Board of Directors, or by not less than one percent of the membership. Notice of such a meeting shall be published in The American Philatelist or by such other method as the Board of Directors deems appropriate not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date for which it has been called. The call for the meeting shall specify the purpose of the meeting and the matter or matters to be submitted for the consideration and action by at the meeting, and; however, no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. The special meetings. Publication of the notice of such meeting in The American Philatelist as herein before provided, special meetings shall be construed as an official call for the meeting.

34.4 Arrangements for Meetings. Not later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of any annual or Spring other meeting of the Society, the President shall issue the official call for the meeting. The call shall state the time and place of the meeting and shall be published in the following issue of The American Philatelist.

34.5 Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of any and all business at any meeting of the Society shall consist of not less than twenty-five (25) members present at the meeting.

34.6 Reports and Resolutions. All reports of officers and committees and all resolutions presented at any meeting normally shall be in writing.

34.7 Special Convention Committees. At each annual meeting the President shall appoint a resolutions committee and any other committees that may be deemed desirable. These committees shall serve only during the period of that meeting for which they are appointed.

34.7 Rules of Order. All parliamentary questions shall be decided according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 5 — Officers

45.1 Eligibility. Any member of the American Philatelic Society, in good standing, who is eighteen (18) years of age or over, shall be eligible to hold any office in the Society or to serve upon any committee; provided, however, that a candidate for the office of President shall have previously served either as an elective officer, or as a member of the Board of Directors.

45.2 Elective Officers.

(a) The elective officers shall be a President, three (3) Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four (4) Directors-at-Large. Such officers shall serve from the time of the adjournment of the annual meeting in the year of their election, to the adjournment of the annual meeting held two years thereafter, and until the election and qualification of their successors in office.

(b) Other than as provided in Section 4.87 of these bylaws, no person shall hold the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director-at-Large, for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

(c) No person shall hold elective office for more than four (4) terms in any consecutive twelve-(12) year period with the exception that a person may hold the office of President for two (2) terms in addition to the four (4) terms enumerated above.

45.3 Administrative Officers.

(a) The Administrative Officers of the Society shall be: the Executive Director, the Editor of The American Philatelist, the Society Attorney, and the heads of such divisions as may be established from time to time.

(b) The Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society shall be appointed or re-appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, to serve for indeterminate terms. Compensations shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

45.4 National Headquarters. The Board of Directors shall establish a National Headquarters where the administrative affairs

of the Society shall be conducted. The Executive Director shall be in charge of the National Headquarters.

45.5 Election.

45.5.1 Time. The elective officers of the Society shall be elected by the members of the Society in good standing by ballot, biennially, in the odd numbered years.

45.5.2 Nominations. Nominations may be made, with the consent of the nominee, by

(a) A petition or petitions signed by no fewer than ten (10) members, or

(b) A chapter or chapters. Nominations shall be seconded by ten (10) or more other chapters or by ten (10) or more seconding endorsements each signed by ten (10) or more members, not members of a nominating or a seconding chapter, or by a combination of ten (10) chapters and such seconding endorsements. Only one person can be nominated or seconded for each office by a chapter or a member signing a petition. A nomination or a second thereto made by a chapter shall be signed by its President and Secretary. All nominations and seconds thereto shall be filed with the National Headquarters only during that period between the fifth and ninth months inclusive preceding the month during which the annual meeting is held in that year. Each nomination properly seconded shall be published in The American Philatelist not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. If the sole candidate for an office dies or is found to be ineligible after nominations have been published, the Board of Directors shall nominate another candidate for such office to fill the vacancy thus created.

45.5.3 Official Ballot. An official ballot shall be prepared by the Executive Director, containing all nominations and spaces for indicating a choice opposite each name. The ballot shall be in such form as shall preserve the secrecy thereof and shall provide for proper identification, and may be in such form as to allow electronic counting. An official ballot shall be provided by the Executive Director to each member in good standing by direct mail or, by inclusion in The American Philatelist, or by a secure online method, as permitted by applicable law, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

45.5.4 Return of Ballot. The ballot Ballots shall be returned to the Board of Elections by mail or by a secure online method.

45.5.5 Closing, Canvass, Election. The election shall close at twelve o'clock noon, on the seventh Saturday after the date the

magazine containing the ballot is mailed. The Board of Elections shall thereupon canvass the vote and report the results of the election to all officers and candidates. A plurality of all valid votes shall be required for the election of a candidate.

~~45.6 Tie Votes. In the case of a tie vote for any office, an official ballot shall be prepared by the Executive Director, containing the names and offices of the candidates for which there was a tie vote, and containing spaces for indicating a choice opposite each name. The ballot shall be in such form as shall preserve the secrecy thereof and shall provide for proper identification, and may be in such form as to allow electronic counting. An official ballot shall be provided by the Executive Director to each member in good standing by direct mail or by inclusion in the next issue of The American Philatelist. The ballot shall be returned to the Board of Elections by mail. The election shall close at twelve o'clock noon, 45 days following the mailing of The American Philatelist. A plurality of all valid votes shall be required for the election of a candidate. In the event of a subsequent tie~~ **45.6 Tie Votes. In the case of a tie vote for any office, the tie shall be broken by vote of the sitting Board of Directors from among the candidates whose votes remain equal. The board shall convene and vote within ten (10) days of the date of the announcement of the tie vote.** If a successful candidate dies prior to taking office, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by vote of the Board of Directors sitting at the time of death.

45.5.7 Announcement. Election results shall be announced as soon as possible.

~~46 Collectors and Dealers. No fewer than six of in a manner in which the ten elected officers notice shall be stamp collectors who are not classified as dealers received by the Board of Vice Presidents. In the event that an election shall result in the selection of more than four dealers, the meeting immediately after the report of the Board of Elections shall determine which one or ones are ineligible, by a vote of the members present at the session of the meeting, all members.~~

45.76 Board of Vice Presidents.

~~45.6.1 Residence of Vice Presidents. Meetings. The three Board of Vice Presidents shall reside within 200 miles of each other. In order to accomplish this result in the selection convene no fewer than six (6) times per calendar year, with no fewer than two (2) of the meetings to be held in person. All members of the Board of Vice Presidents, candidates for this of-~~

fee shall be nominated and voted as a unit, and nominations and ballots attend in person all meetings at which do not conform member of the Society, against whom charges have been proffered, notifies the Board in advance that either the member intends to this requirement shall be rejected appear in person or counsel intends to appear on behalf of the member. In the event that a member or counsel notifies the Board of the intent to appear, the meeting of the Board of Vice Presidents changes domicile shall be held within ninety (90) days of the Society's receipt of the notice. Such meetings may be continued or adjourned upon good cause shown.

45.6.2 Removal from the area of residency, the member may remain on the Board of Vice Presidents at the option of the APS Board of Directors.

47.2 Exception. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 4.7.1 above, the three Vice Presidents may reside more than 200 miles from each other, provided they commit in writing to the President of the Society to meet as a Board in a common location at least once in a sixty day period. Office. If any Vice President fails to attend two or more than two consecutive meetings of the Board of Vice Presidents or more than four (4) meetings in during a period of one year, the Board of Directors may declare the position vacant.

45.8.7 Vacancies.

(a) **Death, Resignation or Other Removal from Office.** In case of a vacancy in the office of any of the officers of the Society because of death or removal, such vacancy shall be filled as follows: In the office of President, by election by the Board of Directors from among its own membership. In any other elective or administrative office, by appointment by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. In the event of vacancy in the office of President, the Board of Vice Presidents shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors within ten (10) days for the purpose of naming a new President.

4.9 Removal from Office: (b) Should the President notify the Board of Directors of he or she is temporarily incapacitated or otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office, the Chair of the Board of Vice Presidents shall assume the role of Acting President until such time as the President notifies the Board of Directors in writing, or by email or other electronic means, of his or her ability to resume the duties of the office.

(c) Should the President be temporarily inca-

pacitated or otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office, without the notification required under Section 4.7(b), then, upon proper notice to the President and all members of the Board, the Board of Directors may, upon a vote of 75 percent of the members present or voting, declare the President incapacitated, and the Chair of the Board of Vice Presidents shall assume the role of Acting President until such time as the President notifies the Board of Directors in writing, or by email or other electronic means, of his or her ability to resume the duties of the office. The President shall, upon proper notice to the President and all members of the Board, be reinstated upon a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(d) Should any member of the Board of Directors notify the Board that he or she is temporarily incapacitated or otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office, the Board of Directors may, upon a vote of a simple majority of the members present or voting, declare the officer to be incapacitated, and the President shall appoint a person and the board shall confirm that person to act in that officer's stead until such time as the officer notifies the Board of Directors in writing, or by email or other electronic means, of his or her ability to resume the duties of the office. The officer shall, upon proper notice to the President and all members of the Board, be reinstated upon a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(e) In the event of a vacancy or appointment to fill any vacancy, notice shall be provided to the membership in the next issue of the American Philatelist or by other means that assures that all members receive notice of the vacancy or appointment.

45.8 Removal from Office. Any member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Director may be removed from office or suspended for a definite period by the Board of Directors, upon being found guilty by the Board of misconduct in office, or neglect of or inattention to official duty, or upon being found by the Board unable to perform official duty by reason of physical or mental incapacity. Charges may be preferred proffered in writing by three (3) or more members in good standing, against any member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Director. Where charges are so preferred proffered by members, the Board of Directors shall first determine whether the charges are of sufficient gravity to justify a hearing thereon, and if so, or in case they shall have decided to act upon their own initiative, they shall cause

notice in writing to be served upon the officer against whom the charges are made, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed by them for the hearing thereof. All charges shall be definite and specific, and a copy thereof shall be served with the notice of the hearing. Not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Board of Directors must concur in any order for removal from office.

Article 56 — Duties of Directors and Officers

56.1 The Board of Directors.

56.1.1 Voting Members. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, three Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, four Directors-at-Large, and the Immediate Past President. The Board shall have full power to set policy and direction of the Society except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, but shall exercise its power in conformity with such definite orders and instructions as shall be given to it by the members of the Society by majority vote taken by ballot in a referendum conducted in the manner provided herein in Section 13.2 for the adoption of an amendment to these Bylaws.

56.1.2 Nonvoting Members. The American Philatelic Research Library President and the Dealer Representative shall be nonvoting ex officio members.

56.1.3 Surety Bonds. Surety Bonds shall be provided for all employees of the Society at the Society's expense and maintained in appropriate amounts by the Executive Director. Additionally, liability insurance coverage for all officers, directors and employees shall be provided and maintained by the Society as may be required from time to time.

56.1.4 Board Meetings. The Board of Directors may be convened in session by the President, or by any three members of the Board, for the general transaction of business, or for the consideration of such special matters as may be specified in the call for the meeting. The meeting may be held in person, through teleconference, conference call, or as otherwise deemed appropriate.

56.1.5 Mail Votes. The Board, at the direction of the President, may take votes by mail, facsimile, telephone, e-mail or other electronic means upon any written proposal within the jurisdiction of the Board. A copy in definite and specific form shall be submitted to the President who shall, without delay, cause the proposal to be submitted to each member of the Board for a vote. Any proposal which is offered

will be submitted by the President to each member of the Board. Upon receipt of the votes, or such number thereof as shall indicate the adoption or rejection of the proposal by the requisite majority of the Board, the Executive Director shall record the votes and shall notify the members of the Board of the result.

56.1.5 Unanimous Consent of Directors in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if a consent or consents in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Directors in office and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Society.

56.1.5-6 Unbecoming Conduct. The Board of Directors shall have authority to define, by general resolution that, conduct unbecoming a member, which shall be the basis for disciplinary action.

56.1.6 Record of Proceedings. The Board of Directors shall keep an accurate, complete, and permanent record of all proceedings, which record shall be permanently filed at the National Headquarters.

56.2 The President.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors.
(b) The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the various committee chairpersons. The President or the Treasurer or the President's designee shall sign all vouchers for payments from the funds of the Society over such amount as set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. The President shall execute on behalf of and in the name of the Society, all contracts, deeds, and other legal instruments when so authorized by the Board of Directors, except as specified in Section 56.8 below.

(c) The President shall have general supervision over all officers and committees, to the end that there shall be full and complete performance of their duties by each of said officers and committees.

56.3 The Board of Vice Presidents.

(a) The three Vice Presidents shall constitute the Board of Vice Presidents as said term is employed in these Bylaws. The Board of Vice Presidents shall elect one of its members as Chairperson and/or another as Recorder, and the Recorder (Chairperson) shall have the custody of the current records of the Board and shall act as its Secretary.

(b) The Board of Vice Presidents shall have charge and control of the admission of members as otherwise herein provided.

(c) It shall be the disciplinary body of the Society, and shall have authority, subject

to appeal to the Appeals Tribunal, to discipline or expel members for failure to pay their indebtedness to the Society, for fraudulent or unethical conduct as stamp collectors or dealers, or for conduct unbecoming a member as defined by general resolution of the Society or the Board of Directors.

(d) It shall keep an accurate and permanent record of its decisions in a form determined by them, and such records shall be permanently filed in the National Headquarters after they have ceased to be current.

(e) It shall submit a report to the annual meeting.

56.4 The Secretary.

(a) The Secretary shall keep accurate and permanent records for all of the regular and special meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, which shall be permanently filed at the National Headquarters.

(b) The Secretary, when required, shall attest all legal documents and all charters for chapters and certificates presented to life members, and shall perform such other duties as are delegated to the Secretary elsewhere in the Bylaws.

56.5 The Treasurer.

(a) The Treasurer shall oversee the investments custody of all securities of the Society subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

(b) The Treasurer shall advise the Executive Director in all matters concerning the financial duties discharged at the National Headquarters.

(c) The Treasurer shall in collaboration with the Executive Director present an annual financial report and a report of budgetary requirements.

56.6 The Directors-at-Large. The four Directors-at-Large shall have supervision of such activities of the Society as may be assigned to them by the President, and shall help promote the Society in their several localities.

56.7 The Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President in a like manner as other Board members shall participate be a member of the Board of Directors, and may vote in all matters pending before the Board. If the Immediate Past President is unwilling or unable to serve, or if there is no Immediate Past President, the President may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint another individual who has served as president to serve as the Immediate Past President.

56.8 The Executive Director.

(a) The Executive Director shall be responsible for the operation and functioning of

the Society as its Chief Executive Officer subject to the supervision of and consistent with the policies, orders, advice and directions of the Board of Directors. ~~The Executive Director~~ shall be a member of the Society qualified by experience and ability to administer the general business affairs of the Society in a satisfactory manner and shall be in charge of the ~~National~~ Headquarters of the Society and shall have ultimate responsibility for the financial and administrative affairs of the Society, its programs, services and personnel, including but not limited to the following: ~~be responsible to the President and the Board of Directors for its proper management.~~

- (a) ~~The Executive Director shall~~ ~~s~~ supervision of ~~e~~ the direct-hire and contract employees of the Society.
- (b) ~~The Executive Director shall~~ execution~~one~~ of contracts and other legal instruments on behalf of and in the name of the Society up to a value and under such conditions as may be ~~set determined~~ by the Board of Directors by resolution.
- (c) ~~collection and preservation~~ ~~The Executive Director shall~~ have custody of all ~~securities of the Society and shall be charged with the collection and preservation of all general records and official documents of the Society, except as otherwise herein provided.~~
- (d) ~~keeping custody~~ ~~The Executive Director shall~~ have custody of the seal, ~~keep the and records of members, and issue membership cards and receipts.~~
- (e) ~~The Executive Director shall send out the annual collection of all statements for dues and shall collect all dues and fees, and the keeping of proper books of account showing all receipts, disbursements, and balances of cash on hand.~~
- (f) ~~The Executive Director shall receive~~p~~ of all applications for membership and shall to cause the list of applicants to be published in The American Philatelist. If an objection to an applicant is received, copies of the application and objection shall be furnished to the Board of Vice Presidents.~~
- (g) ~~furnishing~~ ~~The Executive Director shall send upon request a~~ a printed copy of the Standing Resolutions, Bylaws, and approved Board of Directors' Minutes to any member upon request.
- (h) managing fundraising campaigns, soliciting funds from primary donors, seeking grant funding, overseeing solicitation mailings, donor recognition, and proper accounting and use of donations, both in-kind and cash

- (i) creating, implementing, and managing successful membership recruitment and retention programs
- (j) oversight and management of the operating budgets of the Society
- (k) assisting the Board of Directors in long range planning and implementing the strategies designed to achieve its goals.

56.9 Society Records. Any officers or any committees having charge or custody of Society records and/or properties shall, upon termination of their term of office or upon the appointment of a new committee, deliver such records and/or properties to the Executive Director or designate. No permanent Society records shall be destroyed unless approved by the Board of Directors.

56.10 General Other Provisions.

- (a) In addition to the powers conferred and the duties imposed by this Article upon the several officers of the Society, such officers shall exercise the powers conferred and perform the duties imposed upon them by the other Articles of these By-laws.
- (b) Except as their duties are otherwise herein provided for, the duties of the various administrative officers shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Director.

Article 76 — Committees

67.1 Appointments. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall designate such standing committees and appoint chairpersons of such committees. Committee members shall be designated by committee chairpersons subject to approval by the President.

67.2 Tenure. ~~Such~~ Committees shall serve only for the specific term for which the President is elected and until their successors are appointed; or for such term as the Board shall determine.

67.3 Duties. The duties of the Committees, and the rules and regulations governing their operations, shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided herein.

Article 78 — Divisions

78.1 The Sales Division.

- (a) ~~The Sales Division shall be conducted by the Sales Director in accordance with rules prescribed by the Executive Director. The rules may be revised from time to time, but such revisions that change the commission rate or fees assessed shall not apply to sales books then in circulation.~~
- (b) ~~Each member in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the Sales Division, subject to the member's strict compliance with all the rules of the Division.~~

(c) ~~A fee shall be assessed for the circulation of sales books in the Sales Division in such sum as the Executive Director shall determine, and such fees shall be paid into the Insurance Fund provided for by Article 11.~~

7.2 Other Divisions.

- (a) ~~In addition to the Sales Division as herein provided for, (a)~~ The Board of Directors shall have authority to establish ~~such other divisions~~ any Divisions of the Society as they may deem advisable.
- (b) When any division is established, the Executive Director shall prescribe the rules and regulations thereof, and all such divisions shall be conducted under the supervision of the Executive Director.
- (c) Any division so established by the Board of Directors may be discontinued by the Board at any time, by giving notice thereof in The American Philatelist.

Article 8 — The American Philatelist

8. ~~The American Philatelist. It shall be the official journal of the Society and shall be published by the Editor under the supervision and direction of the Executive Director. The subscription price shall be determined by the Board of Directors.~~

Article 9 — Chapters

9.1 Organization.

(a) Three or more members of the Society may associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a chapter of the Society, and may make application for admission as such. The application shall state the name, location, names of members and officers, and the rules of the proposed chapter. If such application is approved by the ~~National Headquarters Board of Directors~~, such applicant shall become a chapter of the Society, subject to the provisions of this Article.

(b) In all cases where less than five members of the Society are associated together for the formation of a chapter, the approval of their application shall be probationary, depending upon the increase of the Society members in said chapter to at least five within two years.

9.2 Fees and Dues. Each chapter shall pay the same admission fees and dues as an individual member of the Society.

9.3 Non-Society Members. A chapter may admit to membership therein persons who are not members of the Society, but the number of members of the American Philatelic Society in any chapter shall not be less than five. A chapter shall be considered for the purposes of these Bylaws as an individual member. The operations

of a chapter shall be an internal matter of the chapter and the Society shall not bear any responsibility or obligation for any operation or action of any such chapter. Acceptance of the membership of a chapter constitutes an expression of warranty that the chapter is complying and will ~~in the future~~ comply with all laws pertaining to the chapter.

9.4 Chapter Representative. Each chapter shall designate one of its members, who shall be a member of the Society, as the representative of the chapter in its dealings with the Society. The representative shall report all activities of the American Philatelic Society to the chapter, and generally supervise the recruiting from the chapter of members of the American Philatelic Society and make sure that all chapter reports to the Society are promptly made, and all other procedural requirements are complied with.

9.5 Sales Division Service. Chapters may participate in the Sales Division under such conditions as the Executive Director may prescribe.

9.6 Reports. Each chapter shall make an annual report of its activities signed by an officer, and indicate therein those of its members who are members of the American Philatelic Society. Failure to do so or to have less than five American Philatelic Society members on its membership rolls for two consecutive years shall be grounds for the Board of Vice Presidents to revoke the charter of the chapter.

Article 10 — Affiliates

10.1 Specialty Societies. Upon request submitted to the Executive Director, any organization at least national in scope and character formed for the study of a special phase of philately whose objectives and activities are compatible with the American Philatelic Society, may affiliate with the Society with the approval of the Board of Directors. Affiliation may be terminated by either the affiliate or by the Society upon 90 days written notice.

10.2 Purpose. The purpose of affiliation is to sponsor and engage in such activities as will be mutually beneficial to the organizations and to promote the fullest possible exchange of information and ideas for the welfare of philately.

10.3 Reports. Each affiliate will designate a member of the American Philatelic Society to be its representative who will be responsible for furnishing the Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society an annual report including the names and addresses of the affiliate's current officers. This can consist of the published

report of the affiliate or, if no published report exists, the report can be made on a form furnished by the Executive Director. Each affiliate shall provide the Society with its bulletins and its membership list when published from time to time and in exchange the Society will provide the representative of each affiliate with the monthly issues of "The American Philatelist", which include the periodic and annual reports of the Society.

10.4 Terminology. An affiliate which has heretofore used the designation of "Unit" may elect to continue such designation.

Article 11 — Funds, Finances, and Salaries

11.1 Life Membership Fund. Monies received for Life Memberships shall constitute the Life Membership Fund and shall be invested. Yearly the Executive Director may distribute to the General Fund an amount to be determined by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors, to be representative of the cost of services to life members.

11.2 Insurance Fund.

(a) The fees assessed for the circulation of sales books in the Sales Division which are provided for by Article 7.1 (c) shall constitute the Insurance Fund, the principal of which that is not needed for the current operations of the fund shall be invested, pending any future need for its use.

(b) From the Insurance Fund may be withdrawn and distributed periodically to the General Fund an amount, to be approved by the Board of Directors, to cover the cost of managing the operations of the Insurance Fund.

(c) There shall be paid out of the Insurance Fund claims submitted by members of the Society for loss or damage to stamps in circulation in the Sales Division where such losses or damages have been substantiated.

(d) There shall also be paid out of the Insurance Fund, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the cost of such protective measures as are established for the purpose of preventing substitution and fraudulent claims and substantiating just claims against the Insurance Fund, the premium upon the official bonds of the employees required to be bonded, the premiums upon insurance provided for the Society, and the cost of processing claims made upon the Fund.

(e) The income of the Insurance Fund, unless required to meet its obligations, may be withdrawn periodically and distributed to the General Fund for the general pur-

poses of the Society.

11.3 Tiffany Fund. Any monies donated to the Society, specifically for the Society's endowment, shall constitute the Tiffany Fund, the principal of which shall be invested to serve as an endowment for the Society. Yearly, the executive Director may distribute to the General Fund any earnings which have accrued to that Fund. Such funds are used to improve services to the membership or to undertake new projects as approved by the Board of Directors.

11.4 Other Funds. ~~The Board of Directors may approve additional funds designated for specific purposes.~~

11.45 General Fund. ~~With the exception of the Life Membership Fund and the Insurance Fund; All other income of the Society not otherwise designated~~ shall constitute the General Fund.

11.56 Management of Funds. Subject to supervision by the Finance Committee, the Executive Director may enter into or terminate custodial contracts or trust agreements for the management and handling of Society funds.

11.67 Budget. The Finance and Audit Committee shall annually present for approval by the Board of Directors a budget for the ensuing fiscal year showing the estimated receipts accruing to the General Fund, and the proposed expenditures for the current operations of the Society. Except when expressly authorized by the Board of Directors all expenditures of the Society shall be limited to the amounts authorized by the budget as thus approved and in effect at any given time.

11.78 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Society shall commence January 1st in each calendar year.

11.89 Official Bonds. ~~The Board of Directors shall recommend and approve a practical amount of official bonds on officers and employees of the Society, which shall be conditioned on the faithful performance of all official duties. The premium on all official bonds shall be payable from the Insurance Fund as provided herein.~~

11.9 Disbursement of Funds. All disbursements of funds of \$1,000.00 and over shall be ~~executed made on checks signed~~ by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designate and reviewed by the President or the Treasurer or the President's designate; ~~but provided that~~ vouchers and checks for all disbursements of amounts less than \$15,000.00 may be signed by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designate.

11.10 Auditing of Accounts. All accounts

of the Society shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant employed by the Board of Directors and at any other time when the Board shall so direct.

Article 12 — Limitations of Personal Liability

12.1 ~~The Society shall indemnify and save harmless directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives of the Society in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Corporation Code as well as criteria adopted by the Board of Directors and set forth in "Limitations of Personal Liability of the Society."~~ Indemnification of Directors and Officers. Each person who is or was a Director or Officer of the Society (including the heirs, executors, administrators of the estate of such person) shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Society for all actions taken by him/her and for all failures to take action (regardless of the date of any such action or failure to take action) to the fullest extent permitted by Pennsylvania law against all expense, liability and loss (including without limitation attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, taxes, penalties, and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement approved by the APS) reasonably incurred or suffered by such Director or Officer in any such person's capacity as Director or Officer, or arising out of such person's status as Director or Officer. No indemnification pursuant to this Section shall be made, however, in any case where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted misconduct or recklessness.

12.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing section, a director, officer, employee, agent, and representative of the Society shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, unless:

- (a) The director has breached or failed to perform the duties of office as defined in "Limitations under 15 Pa.C.S. 5712 or any amendment, supplement, or re-enactment thereof (relating to standard of Personal Liability of the Society"; care and justifiable reliance); and
- (b) The breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.; provided, however, that the

provisions of this Section shall not apply to the responsibility or liability of a Director, officer, employee, agent, or representative

- (a) pursuant to any criminal statute; or
(b), or to the liability of a Director for the payment of taxes pursuant to Local, State, or Federal Law.

Article 13 — Amendments

13.1 Amendment Proposals. The Bylaws of the Society may be amended as herein provided. Amendments may be proposed:

- (a) By the Annual Meeting;
- (b) By petition signed by at least 100 members in good standing;
- (c) By action of a chapter of the Society, provided one or more other chapters endorse the proposal; and all proposals and endorsements thereto made by chapters shall be signed by their President and Secretary; and
- (d) By the Board of Directors.

13.2 Amendment by the Board of Directors. The Bylaws of the Society may be amended, when appropriate, by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the membership as hereinafter provided.

13.3 Procedures. A proposed amendment and an amendment adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to 13.2 shall be placed in the hands of the Executive Director not later than the last day of the fifth month preceding the month during which the biennial meeting, in the odd numbered years, is to be held and shall be published in The American Philatelist at least ninety days prior to said meeting. A ballot for voting upon a proposed amendment or amendment adopted by the Board of Directors shall be provided to each member in good standing by direct mail or by inclusion in The American Philatelist not less than 90 days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Arguments pro and con furnished by members interested may be distributed with the ballot, upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The form of the ballot shall provide a space wherein each member may indicate a vote for or against the proposal or amendment submitted. The ballots shall be tabulated and the vote reported by the Board of Elections as herein pro-

vided. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the members voting thereon as herein provided shall be necessary for the adoption or nullification of the Bylaws.

13.4 Special Election. The Board of Directors may, in lieu of the procedure set forth, direct that a proposed amendment or an amendment adopted by the Board of Directors be submitted for the vote of the membership by mail, provided due notice thereof shall be given in The American Philatelist at least 90 days prior to said vote.

Article 14 — Standing Resolutions

14.1 Definition and Scope. Standing Resolutions shall be regulatory in nature whose application is not limited to one year, as a Standing Resolution shall be printed as an appendix to the Bylaws, but shall not amend nor change the meaning of the Bylaws.

14.2 Life of Resolution. A Standing Resolution shall stand until its regulations are no longer in force or necessary in the opinion of the Board of Directors.

14.3 Presentation and Adoption. Standing Resolutions shall be presented to the membership at a Business Meeting of the Society for action; provided, however, that the Board may adopt such Resolutions between meetings of the membership, but such Resolutions shall be submitted for ratification at the next meeting of the membership.

14.4 Effect of Prior Resolutions. Standing Resolutions in force at the time of the Bylaws shall remain in effect as herein above provided.

Article 15 — Dissolution

15.1 Upon dissolution of the Society, any surplus remaining after paying or providing for all liabilities of the Society shall be distributed to such other organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Make Sure Your Vote Counts!

To be counted, your ballot must reach the Board of Elections no later than noon, **June 6, 2009**. Do not send the ballot to APS Headquarters. Ballots not properly mailed to the Board of Elections at the address given here will *not* be counted. **Send your ballot to: Board of Elections (2009), P.O. Box 55, Bellefonte, PA 16823-0055**

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It's Been Great!

This is my last column. My last day at APS will be April 30. I want to express my thanks for being allowed to serve as your Executive Director for the past three years. It's been great!

During that time I have traveled across the country representing your Society, meeting many of you, whom I have come to know as friends and colleagues. I leave the Society in great hands with dedicated staff that serve the interests of the hobby and the Society with great

skill, talent and care. They are the best!

It also has been my pleasure to serve the Boards of the APS and APRL. To Library President Ken Grant, APS Immediate Past President Janet Klug, APS President Wade Saadi and, of course, the late Nick Carter, I could not have asked for better support and leadership during my tenure. Thank you!

Now, it is time to move on. In his column this month, APS President Saadi discusses the financial challenges facing the APS and APRL that are compounded in this difficult economy. My departure releases financial resources that can be utilized to retain valuable personnel and program services to our members. Since I am also a member of the Society (yes, the collecting bug hit me, too), this is a prudent and necessary approach to take.

While my immediate situation may be unsettled for a period of time, I trust that the future will be bright, that my stamp collecting will still be affordable, and that the APS will emerge a strong and financially secure organization. Thank you for your ideas, support, and encouragement over the past three years.

Good-bye and God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Mastrangelo".

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High Technology & Counterfeiting

As my age advances, so does the world of technological developments. I don't mind looking back with nostalgia, but I do have one regret as the years go by — that I will not experience the wonders of technology our children and grandchildren will use. Imagine being six years old in 2009, surrounded by computers that can take you anywhere in the world. Sure, it has some limitations and downsides, but this ability to surf the web can take your imagination to unlimited heights.

Sadly, the same technology that enlightens and entertains also serves those just waiting to deceive the innocent and uninformed. One such new technological challenge for philately is the laser jet printer.

Invented at Xerox in 1969, it was fifteen years before the first laser printer intended for a mass market was released: the Hewlett-Packard LaserJet 8ppm. It sold for \$3,500 and weighed seventy-one pounds. Today, the least expensive monochrome laser printers often sell for well under \$100.

Laser jet print quality has improved many fold since its introduction. But, from the start, philatelic counterfeiters were eager to embrace this machine to



Seen on the left, Bermuda's genuine 1875 "One Penny" on 1-shilling surcharge catalogues \$625 unused, making a tempting subject for forgers able to simulate the surcharge. The stamp on the right, submitted in the late 1990s for certification to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service, proved that someone found that temptation irresistible.

create fraudulent spurious material by adding bogus cancellations, surcharges, and overprints to otherwise genuine stamps.

A good rule-of-thumb suggests that certification is needed for authenticity if:

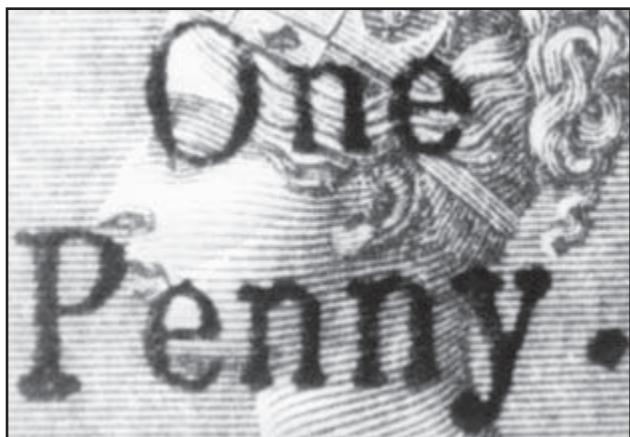
- a cancel adds significantly to the value of an otherwise uncanceled stamp;
- a surcharged stamp is worth substantially more than an unsurcharged stamp; or
- an overprinted stamp is worth substantially more than an unoverprinted stamp.

To put it more bluntly, whenever a basic stamp is worth appreciably more with the addition of some marking, that marking needs to be closely and critically scrutinized.

I first noticed fake markings applied to stamps by laser jet printers just prior to the millennium. I wrote about one such fraudulent surcharge in 1999 after I examined an item that had been submitted as Bermuda's 1875 "One Penny" surcharge on its green 1-shilling stamp (Scott 15). The unsurcharged green 1-shilling Victoria stamp, one of the island's first issues in 1865, today cata-



This enlargement of the surcharge on the genuine stamp (above left) shows the characteristics of the authentic surcharge. Note the distinct outlining at the edges of the letters, where the ink has been "pushed" away from the center of the design and dried in hard, clear, sharp lines. The lines in the underlying typographed 1-shilling stamp can be seen through the letters of the overprinted text.



Applied using a laser printer, this bogus "One Penny" surcharge lacks the definition, sharpness, and precise shape of the authentic typeset-printed surcharges. The edges of the bogus surcharge are poorly defined, and the surcharge itself is completely opaque.

logues \$450 unused and \$67.50 used. The “One Penny” Surcharge — added a decade later to help meet a temporary shortage of low-value stamps — boosts those book values to \$625 and \$310, respectively.

Upon close inspection, we determined that the submitted item was a genuine 1-shilling green stamp that had been fraudulently modified with the addition of a laser jet print of the surcharge.

Shown on the previous, adapted from our original scans, is a genuine “One Penny” surcharged 1-shilling stamp on the left, overlapped by the laser jet-printed forgery on the right. The overprints alone also have been enlarged to show finer detail.

There were a number of distinguishing characteristics of the bogus surcharge, one of which is best seen under high magnification. The edges of the bogus surcharge are poorly defined, with speckles surrounding an opaque letter that is solidly inked in. This is unlike the inking of the authentic, original surcharge, which shows a distinct outline on each letter caused by the ink being “pushed” away from the central body of each letter, a characteristic of letter press printing. The lines of printing on the original stamp show through in the lettering of the genuine surcharge.

The forged surcharge also has an inferior appearance overall, with uneven edges, and lacks the crisp, sharp appear-



A philatelic tragedy is this Falkland Islands 1933 5-shilling stamp. Some faker seeking to fraudulently enhance its apparent valued added a bogus laser jet-printed cancel, and thereby turned a scarce and valuable unused stamp many collectors would love to have had into a sad souvenir of human greed.

ance and characteristic gloss of the ink used in the authentic surcharges. Note, too, the club-like blobs at the feet in the “P” and the “n’s” in the fake, which contrast with the clean serifs on the true “One Penny” surcharge.

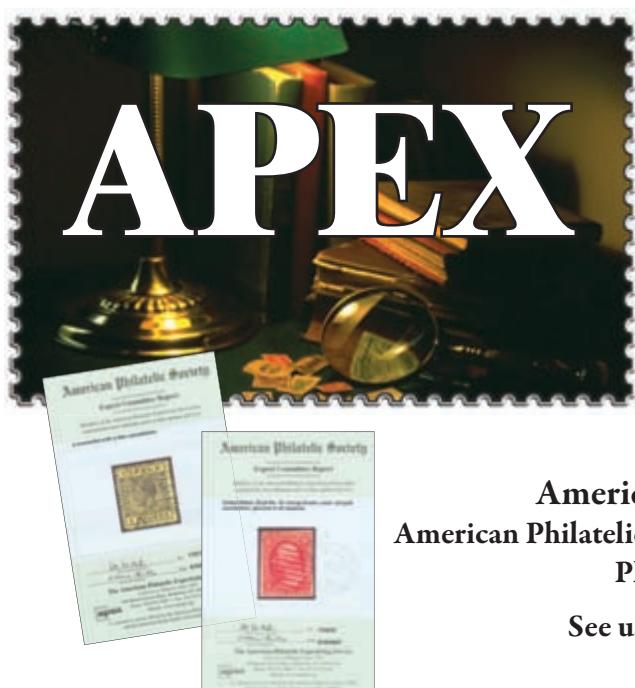
This was the first laser ink jet-printed

fakery ever submitted to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service. From then on, we were on the lookout for similar material submitted for APEX certificates. We were not disappointed (or, rather, we were), as more submissions arrived with similar, dangerously deceptive high-tech alterations.

Most of this fakery took the form of bogus cancellations that had been added to make stamps appear to be more valuable. Especially regrettable were the valuable stamps that had been altered by fakers and thereby made worthless, except as a cautionary tale.

The 5-shilling King Penguin stamp from the 1933 “Permanent Occupation” set issued by the Falkland Islands is listed as Scott 74. Its catalogue value of \$700 unused is quite substantial, but less than the \$1,000 listed for a genuine used copy. Shown nearby is what was once a perfectly good unused stamp, ruined forever by someone who added a fake laser jet-applied cancel in hopes of parlaying fraud into a bigger payoff. Now the stamp is just a sad curio. What a shame.

The list goes on, and the submissions continue to come in for examination. But laser jet-applied cancels, surcharges, and overprints are fairly easy to detect simply by using a 30-power magnifying glass. Just check the characteristics outlined earlier in this column. And, if you still can’t be certain, submit your stamp to APEX and we’ll take a look as well.



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Summer Saturday Hours-Reminder

Traveling this summer? While driving through central Pennsylvania, take a short detour south of Interstate 80 to visit us at the Match Factory. Spend some time in the Sales Division, browsing through sales books and through the donations that have been prepared by our volunteers for selling at low, low prices. We will be open for business on six Saturdays this summer: **June 6,**



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June 20 is the weekend leading into our Summer Seminar and is the local club's stamp show. August 1 and August 15 are the weekends before and after StampShow in Pittsburgh.

There are many other events coming up at the Match Factory the rest of this year; please visit our website at www.stamps.org for details.

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We still receive letters from members on this subject. Here is one from Arnold Neuman:

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I accompanied my friend and got caught up in collecting. When the clerk, by mistake, gave me the 80¢ Air mail instead of the normal 3¢ block having the same coloring and not wanting to accept something that was wrong, I gave him the difference between the \$3.20 for the Air mail and 12¢ for the regular block. He thanked me for my

honesty. That started me collecting other kinds of stamps, too.

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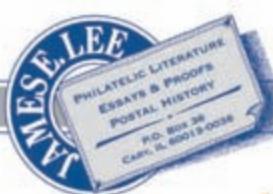
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All information is subject to change without notice. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, you should check with the specific show to verify information. The APS website listing includes shows much further in advance than we have space to include in *The American Philatelist*.

Massachusetts **May 1-3**
Philatelic Show, Northeastern Fed. of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn, Boxboro. Contact Jeff Shapiro, dirtyoldcovers@aol.com. *WSP*

Canada **May 2**
Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show and Exhibition,

Saugeen Stamp Club, Hanover Knights of Columbus Centre, 1 mile west of Hanover on the South side of the Highway, Hanover, Ont. Contact Peter Kritz, pkritz@coldwellbankerpb.com; 519-364-4752.

Pennsylvania **May 2**
HAVEX, Havertown Stamp Club, Union Methodist Church, Allston Rd. & Brookline Blvd., Havertown. Contact Ernie Anderson, drexelhillernie@comcast.net; 610-259-1045.

Canada **May 2-3**
ORAPEX 2009, RA Stamp Club, Ottawa Philatelic Society, Curling Rink at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ont. Contact Robert Pinet, pinet.robert@gmail.com; 613-745-2788.

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VALPEX 2009, Spring-Ford Philatelic Society, Friendship Fire Company, 269 Green Street, Royersford. Contact Dick Dehner, DickRoslie@verizon.net; <http://SFPS.TRIPOD.com>; 610-970-5408. *B*

Washington **May 2-3**
GESSPEX, Greater Eastside Stamp Society, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave., NE, Redmond. Contact Dana S. Nielsen, g-e-s-s@comcast.net; <http://g-e-s-s.home.comcast.net>; 722-284-6167.

Pennsylvania **May 8-9**
BUTLERPEX, Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Ave., Lyndora. Contact Tom Sivak, tomsstmps2133@earthlink.net; 724-287-1931.

Utah **May 8-9**
Utah Spring Stamp Fest, Utah Philatelic Society, Utah State Fair Park, Bonneville Building, 155 North 1000 West, Salt Lake City. Contact Dave Blackhurst, dblackhu@wcfgroup.com; 801-580-9534.

Louisiana **May 9**
Baton Rouge Stamp Show, Baton Rouge Stamp Club, Cortana Mall, Entrance 5 (next to Sears), Corner Florida Blvd. And Airline Highway, Baton Rouge. Contact Zbigniew S. Cypel, mrbretired@aol.com; 225-802-7919.

Ohio **May 9**
TRUMPEX 2009, The Warren Area Stamp Club, J V Johnson Community Center, 800 Gillmer Road, Leavittsburg. Contact Howard Lutz, howrex2@aol.com; 330-924-5124.

Colorado **May 15-17**
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, John Q. Hammonds Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver. Contact Rusty Morse, rmss@rockymountainstampshow.com; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-421-8833. *WSP*

New York **May 15-17**
ROPEX, Rochester Phil. Assoc., ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd., Rochester. Contact Dave Robinson, stamptmf@frontiernet.net; <http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html>; 585-266-2524. *WSP*

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Illinois May 22-24
 COMPEX 2009, 10 Clubs of the Combined
 Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland, Inc., Forest
 View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert,
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Oregon May 22-24
 PIPEX, Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs/
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Connecticut May 24
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 http://www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. *B*

Virginia June 5-7
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New Jersey June 6
 Merchantville Stamp Club Saturday Bourse,
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Alabama June 6-7
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 Veill Conference Center University of Alabama,
 Huntsville 550 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville.
 Contact Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net;
 http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html;
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Canada June 12-14
 Royal 2009 Royale, St. Catharines Stamp Club &
 RPSC, Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ontario
 St., St. Catharines, Ont. Contact Stuart Keeley,
 stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca; www.royal2009.ca;
 905-227-9251.

Ohio June 12-14
 National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical
 Association, Dayton Convention Center, 33 East
 Fifth Street, Dayton. Contact Robert J. Mather,
 burrobob@wi.rr.com; www.americantopicalassn.
 org; 262-968-2392. *WSP*

Connecticut June 28
 NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic
 Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New
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Ohio June 28
 Hudson Stamp Bourse, Lincolnway Stamps,
 Clarion Inn, 240 Hines Hill Rd. (Near Rt. 8 and
 Ohio Turnpike), Hudson. Contact David G. Pool,
 lincolnway@ssnet.com; 330-832-5992. *B*

New York July 10-12
 Metro Expo New York Stamp Show, Metropolitan
 Expositions LLC, Midtown Holiday Inn, 440 W. 57th
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July 17-19
Minnesota Stamp Expo, Twin City Philatelic Society, Crystal Community Ctr., 4800 Douglas Dr., N., Minneapolis. Contact Tom Eckers, tome56@earthlink.net; www.stampminnesota.com; 763-533-1860. *WSP*

Nevada

July 25-26
Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, Nevada Stamp Study Society, National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street, Reno. Contact Harvey Edwards, renostamp@earthlink.net; http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/; 775-246-4769.

North Carolina

July 25-26
CHARPEX 2009, Charlotte Philatelic Society, Harris Conference Center, 3216 CPCC Harris Campus Dr. (Formerly CPCC West Campus Dr.), Charlotte. Contact Gene Zhiss, ejzhiss@carolina.rr.com; www.charpex.info; 704-563-8110.

Connecticut

July 26
NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.com; http://www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. *B*

Massachusetts

July 31-August 2
AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society, Holiday Inn, Bokboro. Contact Norm Elrod, showinfo@afdc.org; www.afdc.org; 931-473-6164. *WSP*

Michigan

August 1-2
COLPEX, Collectors Club of Michigan, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights. Contact Charles Wood, jarnick@wowway.com; 248-546-1282. *B*

Ohio

August 1-2
CINPEX 09, Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society, Hugh Watson (Greenhills) American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Road, Cincinnati. Contact Jim Siekermann/Ron Maifeld, jims150320@aol.com; www.freewebs.com/gcps; 513-825-4379/714-759-5580 Cell. *B*

Pennsylvania

August 6-9
APS STAMP SHOW, American Philatelic Society, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128. *WSP*

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August 8
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August 10-15
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Kansas

August 15-16
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Maryland September 4-6
BALPEX, Baltimore Phil. Soc., Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., I-83 Exit 20 E., Hunt Valley. Contact Robert E. Gibson, Sr., balpx@verizon.net; www.balpx.org; 410-332-4741. *WSP*

New York September 11-12
Metro Expo New York Stamp Show, Metropolitan Expositions LLC, Midtown Holiday Inn, 440 W. 57th Street between 9th & 10th Aves. On 57th St., New York. Contact John Dunn, stampnews@verizon.net; www.metroexpos.com; 800-635-3351. *B*

Canada September 11-13
BNAPEX 2009 SEAWAYPEX, British North America Philatelic Society, Ambassador Conference Resort, 1550 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont. Contact Jerome C. Jarnick, jarnick@wowway.com; www.bnaps.org; 248-689-1966.

Arkansas September 12-13
32st Annual Stamp & Postcard, Mountain Home Area Stamp Club, Ramada Inn Convention Center, Hwy. 62 and Commerce Drive, Mountain Home. Contact Bill Burdick, whbj@suddenlink.net; 870-425-7799.

Nebraska September 12-13
Omaha Stamp Show, Omaha Philatelic Society, Metro Community College-South Campus, 2909 Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha. Contact Edgar Hicks, edgarh@fcstone.com; www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org; 800-228-2316 ext 2506. *WSP*

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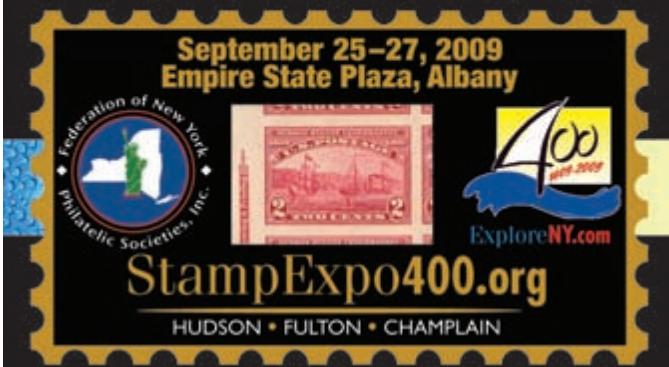
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Greater Houston Stamp Show, Houston Philatelic Society, Humble Civic Ctr., 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy., Humble. Contact Denise Stotts, stottsdj@swbell.net; www.houstonphilatelic.org; 281-955-9664.

Nova Scotia September 25-26
No Va PEx 09, Nova Scotia Stamp Club, Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth. Contact John Hall, www.nsstampclub.ca; 902-434-6529.

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MILCo PEx, Milwaukee Phil. Soc. Inc., Mount Mary College Bergstrom Hall, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee. Contact Carol Schutta, harryncarol@hotmail.com; www.milwaukee philatelic.org; 414-464-6994. *WSP*

Illinois September 26-27
CUPEX, Champaign-Urbana Stamp Club, Urbana Civic Center, 108 E. Water Street, Urbana. Contact Louise B. Toft, louiseb@pubserv.com; www.prairienet.org/cusc/; 217-359-9115.

Connecticut September 27
NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, annex YMCA, 554 Woodward ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.com; www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. *B*

California October 2-4
WINEPEx 2009, Redwood Empire Collectors Club, Marin Center avenue of the Flags, 10 avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. Contact Kurt Schau, auctions@harmerschau.com; 707-778-6454.

New Jersey October 3-4
Clifton 2009 Fall Stamp, Cover, and Post Card Show, Clifton Stamp Society, Inc., Community Recreation Center, 1232 Main Avenue @ Washington Ave., Clifton. Contact Thomas Stidl, stidl@verizon.net; www.cliftonnj.org/stamp; 973-471-7872. *B*

Ohio October 3-4
Cuy-LorPex 2009, Cuy-Lor Stamp Club, Lutheran High School West, 3850 Linden Rd., Rocky River. Contact Ray Simko, ransimko@msn.com.

Illinois October 10
Will County Stamp Show, Philatelic Club of Will County & Naperville area Stamp Club, Messiah Lutheran Church, 19901 S. Houbolt Road (Jefferson-Route 52 & Houbolt), Joliet. Contact Max Zollner, mezzollner@comcast.net; www.virtualstampclub.com/apschapwillcounty.html; 815-725-7544.

Oklahoma October 10-11
Lawton/Fort Sill annual Stamp Show, Lawton/Fort Sill Stamp Club, Super 8 Motel, 2202 Indian Trail Rd., Lawton. Contact Bernard S. Pawloski, Jr., obiks46@yahoo.com.

Pennsylvania October 11
Fall 2009 Ca PEx, Capital City Philatelic Society, Linglestown American Legion, 505 N. Mountain Road-I-81 Exit 72, Harrisburg. Contact Linn Kinney, 717-732-7813.

Indiana October 16-18
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Delaware**October 17**

58th Annual Stamp Show, Dover Stamp Club, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 425 North DuPont Highway, Dover. Contact Melvin Nace, doverstampclub@aol.com; 302-674-0837.

Pennsylvania**October 17**

GETTYPEX 09, Blue & Gray Stamp Club, Gettysburg Fire Company, 35 North Stratton Street, Gettysburg. Contact Dwight L. Monn, dmonn@pa.net; 717-624-4864.

Michigan**October 17-18**

MOTOPEX, Motor City Stamp & Cover Club, Sokol Hall, 23600 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights. Contact Robert Quintero, qover@comcast.net; www.motorcitystampandcover.com; 248-546-0038. *B*

New Mexico**October 17-18**

NewMexPex 2009 Stamp Show, Albuquerque Philatelic Society, Meadowlark Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Lane, SE, Rio Rancho. Contact Paul L. Morton, p.morton@att.net; http://www.newmexicostamps.com/; 505-867-9664.

Connecticut**October 18**

THAMESPEX, Thames Stamp Club, Waterford High School, Rope Ferry Rd., (Rt. 156 & Rt. 1), Waterford. Contact Obie Hill, obiehill@tvconnect.net; 860-464-0000.

Oklahoma**October 23-24**

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Connecticut

October 25

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Pennsylvania

October 30-November 1

U. S. Classics 2009, U.S. Philatelic Classic Society, American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte. Contact Wade Saadi, wade@pconcom.com; http://www.uspcs.org/2009APS_NPM_USPCS_Meeting.html; 212-513-7777.

Indiana

October 31-November 1

AWPEX 2009, Anthony Wayne Stamp Society, Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 Saint Joe River Road, Fort Wayne. Contact Jim Mowrer, stamp4@verizon.net; 260-471-2469.

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AAPEX, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw Comm. College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Contact Harry & Dottie Winter, <http://aastampclub.googlepages.com/>.

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Virginia

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Ohio

November 14-15

Rubber City Stamp Club 90th Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron General Health & Wellness Center, Rt. 18 at Crystal Lake Road, Montrose (Akron). Contact Tom Hirschingier, 330-336-8227.

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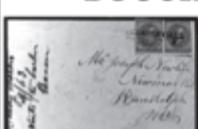
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St. Louis Stamp Expo, Area Clubs, St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis. Contact David Kols, exp@regencystamps.com; www.stlstampexpo.org; 800-782-0066; Fax 314-361-5677. *WSP*

Wisconsin

March 6-7

Stampfest 2010, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1414 S. 92nd Street, West Allis. Contact Carol Schutta, harryncarol@hotmail.com; www.milwaukeephilatelic.org; 414-464-6994. *B*

Ohio

March 19-21

Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Masonic Auditorium, 36th & Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Contact Roger Rhoads, rhrroads@aol.com; www.garfieldperry.org. *WSP*

Texas

April 16-18

TEXPEX, Southwest Phil. Foundation, Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria, 4099 Valley View Lane (LBJ Freeway at Midway Rd.), Dallas.

Contact Tom Koch, tkoch@utdallas.edu; www.texaphilatelic.org/texpex.htm; 972-883-4951; 972-883-2473. *WSP*

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WESTPEX, Western Phil. Exhibitions, Inc.,

San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old

Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Contact Edward

Jarvis, ejarvis@westpex.com; www.westpex.com; 415-387-1016. *WSP*

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April 30-May 2

Philatelic Show, Northeastern Fed. of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn, Boxborough. Contact Jeff Shapiro, dirtyoldcovers@aol.com. *WSP*

Colorado

May 14-16

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, John Q. Hammons Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver. Contact Ronald Hill, rmss@rockymountainstampshow.com; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-241-5409. *WSP*

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May 14-16

ROPEX, Rochester Phil. Assoc., ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd., Rochester. Contact Dave Robinson, stampmf@frontiernet.net; <http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html>; 585-266-2524. *WSP*

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Colorado June 25-27
 National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical Association, Crowne Plaza Denver Airport, 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver. Contact Robert J. Mather, burrobob@wi.rr.com; www.americantopicalassn.org; 262-968-2392. *WSP*

Illinois August 6-8
 AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society, Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook. Contact Norm Elrod, showinfo@afdcos.org; www.afdcos.org; 931-473-6164. *WSP*

Ohio August 7-8
 CINPEX 10, Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society, Hugh Watson (Greenhills) American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Road, Cincinnati. Contact Jim Siekermann/Ron Maifeld, jims150320@aol.com; www.freewebs.com/gcps; 513-825-4379/714-759-5580 Cell. *B*

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California November 12-14
 Filatelic Fiesta 2010, San Jose Stamp Club, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Contact Stephen Schumann, sdsch@earthlink.net; filatelicfiesta.org; 510-415-6158. *WSP*

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Colors: Red, Blue, Black

Plate Numbers: S followed by 3 single digits (every 31st stamp)

On June 5, 2009, in McLean, Virginia (NAPEX Stamp Show, no ceremony), the Postal Service will issue a 44-cent, U.S. Flag stamp in one design, in a pressure-sensitive adhesive, booklet of 10.

(c) Format: Booklet of 10 (1 design)

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Engraver: Keating Gravure

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR), Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Sizes (w x h): 18.54 x 21.34 mm (image);

22.10 x 24.89 mm (overall); 44.20 x 165.1 mm (booklet)

Colors: Magenta, Yellow, Cyan, Black

Plate Numbers: V followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: Stamp Side: ©2009

USPS; USPS logo; Plate block number in one position. Cover: US Flag; Ten self-adhesive 44¢ stamps; \$4.40. Back Cover: Promotional text; Barcode (679300) in one position.

Tiffany Lamp Reissued

On April 28, 2009, in Washington, DC, the Postal Service reissued a 1-cent, Tiffany Lamp definitive stamp in one design in a water-activated gum (WAG) coil of 10,000 stamps. The stamp was previously issued in the following formats:

- March 1, 2003, water-activated gum (WAG) coil of 3,000.
- March 16, 2007, pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 20.
- March 7, 2008, PSA pane of 20.
- June 7, 2008, WAG coil of 3,000.

Denomination: 1-cent Definitive

Format: Coil of 10,000 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director: Derry Noyes, Washington, DC

Illustrator: Lou Nolan, McLean, VA

Modeler: Donald H. Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer: Banknote Corp. of America, Inc./
Sennett Security Products, Browns

Summitt, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Water-activated

Colors: Magenta, Yellow, Cyan, Black,
Green

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 18.28 x 20.57 mm (image);

22.10 x 24.43 mm (overall)

Plate Numbers: S followed by 5 single



digits (every 14 stamps)

Purple Heart Reissued

On April 28, 2009, in Washington, DC, the Postal Service reissued the Purple Heart definitive stamp with a 44-cent denomination. This stamp was previously issued in the following formats:

- 2008, 42-cent pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 20.
- 2008, 42-cent water-activated gum sheet of 100 (available only at Stamp Fulfillment Services, Kansas City, MO).
- 2007, 41-cent PSA pane of 20.
- 2006, 39-cent PSA pane of 20.
- 2003, 37-cent PSA pane of 20.

Denomination: 44-cent Definitive

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director/Typographygrapher:

Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

Photographer: Ira Wexler, Braddock, MD

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset/
Microprint "USPS"

Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd.,
Williamsville, NY

Press Type: Stevens, Vari-size Security
Press

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type II

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 18.54 x 21.34 mm (image);

22.10 x 24.89 mm (overall); 135.89 x 125.22 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: P followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: Front: ©2003 USPS;

Price; Plate numbers; Header: "Purple

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Wounded"; Plate position diagram.

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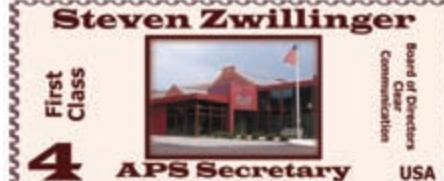
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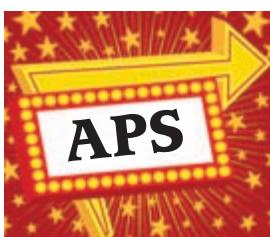
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The Koi stamped cards are available in the following formats: Single-cut cards, Double-cut reply cards, and a Sheet of 40 cards.

Denomination: 28-cent Stamped Card

(a) Format: Single-cut Cards

Series: American Scenes

Designer/Art Director/Typographyher:

Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD

Artist: Kam Mak, Brooklyn, NY

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd.,

Williamsville, NY

Press Type: Stevens, Vari-size Security Press

Paper Type: Nonphosphored Type III, Block

Colors: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow

Image Orientation: Horizontal

Size (w x h): 139.70 x 88.90 mm (card)

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(b) Format: Double-cut Reply Cards

Size (w x h): 139.70 x 177.80 mm (card)

(c) Format: Sheet of 40 Cards

Printer: Sterling Sommer, Tonawanda, NY

Press Type: Heidelberg, Speedmaster

Polar Bear

On April 16, 2009, in New York, New York (Spring Postage Stamp Mega Event), the Postal Service issued a 28-cent, Polar Bear definitive stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane of 20 stamps.

This stamp features a polar bear by illustrator Nancy Stahl, who has created several designs for the Postal Service including the Florida Panther in 2007 and the Dragonfly in 2008. This stamp shows the bear's head, chest, and front paws, and in the background is a dark blue sky dotted with stars. Stahl used a collection of photographs to create this highly stylized illustration.

The Polar Bear stamp is available in the following formats: PSA Pane of 20 and PSA Coil of 100.

Denomination: 28-cent Definitive



(a) Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director/Typographyher:

Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

Artist: Nancy Stahl, New York, NY

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset,

Microprinting, "USPS"

Printer: Banknote Corporation of America/SSP, Browns Summit, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Paper Type: Phosphor Tagged, Overall

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 18.54 x 21.34 mm (image);

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Plate Numbers: "S" followed by

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(b) Format: Coil of 100 (1 design)

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Engraver: Keating Gravure

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR),
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Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type II

Colors: Yellow, Magenta, Yellow, Cyan,
Black, Blue

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by 5 single
digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers on
every 20th stamp in coil

Richard Wright

On April 9, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois, the Postal Service issued a 61-cent, Richard Wright commemorative stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane of 20 stamps (Item 113000).

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The stamp artwork by Kadir Nelson, San Diego, California, features a portrait of Richard Wright in front of snow-swept tenements on the South Side of Chicago, a scene that recalls the setting of *Native Son*. Nelson's portrait of Wright was based on a circa 1945 photograph.

Denomination: 61-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Series: Literary Arts

Designer/Art Director/Typographypher:

Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

Artist: Kadir Nelson, San Diego, CA

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset,
Microprinting, "USPS"

Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd.,
Williamsville, NY

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III,
Block Tag applied

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Gray,
Yellow

Stamp Orientation: Horizontal

Sizes (w x h): 36.07 x 21.34 mm (image);
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Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 6 single
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Area: 130,160 sq mi

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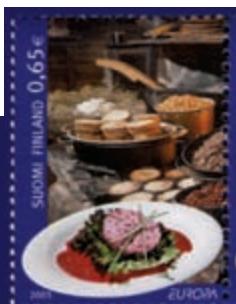
Currency: 100 cents = 1 euro (about US\$1.45)

Finland is believed to have been settled by tribes from central Asia. Its language is Uralic rather than Indo-European, with Lapp and Estonian its only significant close linguistic kin in Europe. Finland's nearly 700-year association with Sweden began in the middle of the twelfth century with Swedish efforts to spread Christianity. Sweden's continued expansion led to Finland's annexation, Westernization, and, in 1556, its establishment as a Grand Duchy of Sweden — a status it maintained until the Napoleonic Wars.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, Sweden's status as a world power began to wane as Russia's rose. Although there were some signs of discontent with Swedish rule, the Czar's efforts to court the Finns were unsuccessful. In 1809 Napoleon, who was angry that Sweden would not join the Continental Blockade of England, encouraged Czar Alexander I to attack Sweden and annex Finland. For five months, 12,000 Finns held back 60,000 Russian troops, but in the end they were forced to give way. The Swedes, who at that point saw Stockholm itself threatened, agreed to surrender Finland.

To many Finns, the abdication of the Czar in 1917 broke their governmental link with Russia, and the Finns declared their independence, which the Bolsheviks recognized. But independence was not fully achieved until the resolution of a brief but bitter civil war. Finland fought another war with the Soviet Union during the winter of 1939–40 and a limited continuation war from 1941–44. Finland's determined defense against the Russians probably thwarted Stalin's plans to make it a Soviet Republic.

A general postal service was established in 1638. Finland introduced the postage stamp in 1856, before Russia itself. Fearing that growing Finnish nationalism eventually would spawn an independence movement, Alexander III introduced a period of Russification. As one of these measures the Finnish postal system was taken over by the Russian Ministry of the Interior. This change is evident in designs in the issue of 1891. In December 1917 Finnish stamps with the coat of arms of the Republic reappeared. The Finnish government has continued to issue stamps imprinted Suomi / Finland ever since.



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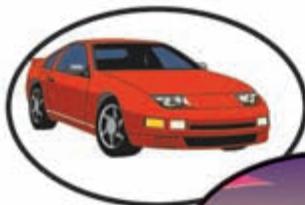
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