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**APRIL MEETING – HAPPY EASTER**

**WHERE:** BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

**WHEN:** April 20, 2017 (third Thursday of every month)

**TIME:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, No Business Meeting in June, July, and August

**PROGRAM:** “Hey, Look What I Found”

*Reminder: We need volunteer members to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. April’s volunteer is **Randy Younger**.*

### March Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Burrows. Former member and visitor, Bob Tregoning was introduced. Bob rejoined the club after a couple of years off. Welcome back Bob. For those of you not familiar with what Bob collects it is U.S. revenues, postage dues, and other back of the book material.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes from the February meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker gave the Treasurer’s report. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

#### Committee Reports:

Program: Kirk gave the results of last month’s survey on our program preferences. He said that we overwhelming indicated a preference for the programs done by fellow club members. At the same time, Kirk commented that for more programs of that nature, we need club members to volunteer to do them. To get things started in that direction Kirk suggested that for our next meeting (April) we keep our eyes open for something that is of particular interest to us. Then bring that item to the meeting along with a brief description of what it is, how you got it, and how it fits into your collection. I believe he called “Hey, look what I found.” So, everybody,

as you are working on your collections this next month, keep this in mind and bring something of interest to share with the club to the April meeting.

Show: Mark Schroeder asked for volunteers to help set up the venue on Friday, move dealers in and out of the venue, and take tables and chairs down on Saturday. We had a good turn out, but unfortunately (well maybe not unfortunately, maybe thankfully) we are all another year older and we commented on how it is affecting our ability to do this physical work. Special mention here to Darlene Waterstreet who made the trip up from Two Rivers to help with both set up and take down. Also, special mention to Randy Kuehl who once again got his sons and grandson to help us with set up and take down. I don’t want to ignore the rest of you that helped out. As I said at the meeting it is unbelievable how many dealers have told me on more than one occasion over the years how much it means to them to have the help moving their wares in and out of the show on Saturday. So, a big THANK YOU to all of you who were able to help out. Chuck Sanders volunteered to again make the lunch run for dealers. Thanks Chuck for doing this one more time.

#### Old Business:

Plans for BAYPEX ’17 were finalized.

BAYPEX ’17 update – as I write this newsletter, BAYPEX is in the books for another year. An

informal survey of the dealers indicates that out of 10 dealers, 8 were very happy, 1 was satisfied, and 1 had a slow day. As I took time out from my shopping to look around the room from time to time I saw a pretty good crowd throughout most of the day. There was the usual after lunch slow period, but other than that I think we had a good crowd.

One last note on BAYPEX – I want to thank Mark Schroeder for being willing to take the “R” for show chairman. I looked back and found that I started working on the show with Gordy Lindner in 2005, it has been a great run and I have enjoyed the experience and the friends I’ve made along the way. I know we are in good hands with Mark at the helm now, he really jumped in to help with this show and has the process pretty well down. THANKS MARK, and thanks to all of you that helped me over the past 10 years!

#### **New Business:**

Mark Schroeder volunteered to be the club’s delegate to the Federation’s annual meeting at WISCOPEX in May. Ray volunteered to be the alternate delegate.

#### **March Program:**

The February program was “Show and Tell” night. We had three members that brought items from their collections to show the rest of the club. The first show and tell item was presented by Dave Burrows. Dave brought a couple of stock pages full of British Machins showing the many color varieties.

Next, Ray Perry brought a stock page filled with various Oubangi postage dues. Not one of your everyday countries, in fact there was some discussion about how to pronounce the name and where it was located. It turns out it was a French colony in central Africa.

Finally, Tom Johnston brought a postcard of Riverview Park in Chicago, IL. It showed a scene of a parachute ride/experience. Tom told a rather somewhat humorous story of how he ended up on one of those parachute experiences. Tom also commented that at one time more people visited Riverview Park in a season than attended both the Cubs and White Sox games in a season.

Thanks to Dave, Ray, and Tom for sharing their “show and tell” items.

We also had a silent auction.

#### **April Program:**

I have already mentioned that for April we will have a “Hey, look what I found” program done by members of the club that come across something of philatelic interest throughout the month. Keep your eyes open for your item of interest, then bring it to the April meeting to share with your fellow club members.

As usual, we will also have a silent auction.

#### **Dave’s Deliberations – Sept. 2016**

I thought that this month I would introduce another inexpensive answer to a couple of problems that vexed me for some time. The first problem is the need to easily, quickly, and accurately make measurements to determine the difference between flat and rotary printings of U.S. Washingtons and Franklins, UK Sea Horse issues and so on. The second measurement that has caused me difficulty has been the determination of thick and thin papers, this for me being in the early surface printed UK Victorians, and the late nineteenth century New Zealand issues.

My answer to these two problems was found at my local Aldi store where I found a German made Digital Caliper at ten dollars. I have seen these at Harbor Freight at a similar price.

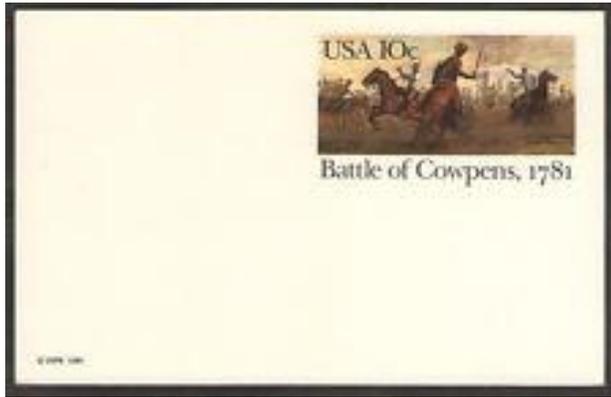
The method for the first problem is to preset the caliper to the distance to be measured, and match the caliper against the individual stamp. The second problem is handled by setting the caliper to zero and literally measuring the thickness. Settings at to 0.01 mm, or 0.001 inch.

#### **Ray’s Ramblings**

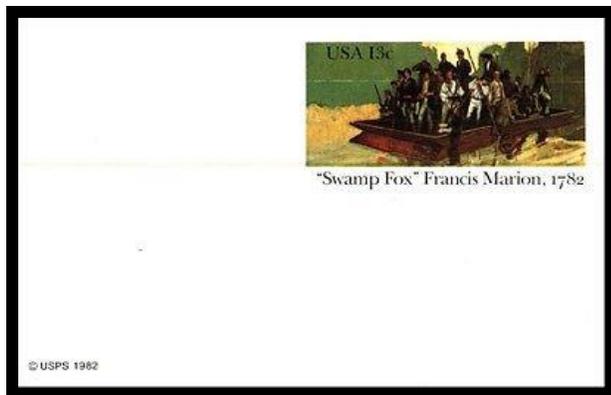
Let me start by asking a question – how many of you noticed I removed the reminder about cancelation due to bad weather at the very start of the newsletter? I hope I haven’t jinxed us into a delayed arrival of spring.

Last month we started a summary of U.S. postal cards we got up to the 13 patriot cards. We talked about how some of the postal cards issued in this period and used in this period have appreciated considerably in value. I want to emphasize again how important it is if you are looking for these used

cards that they must be used in period to warrant the increased value. Anyway, there were a number of cards issued in that timeframe commemorating the Revolutionary War. I love history, but I am especially fond of that period of American history. Some of the subjects covered include Molly Pitcher at Monmouth in 1778, the Landing of Rochambeau in 1780, The Battle of Cowpens in 1781, and the "Swamp Fox," Francis Marion in 1782. A couple of these are shown below.



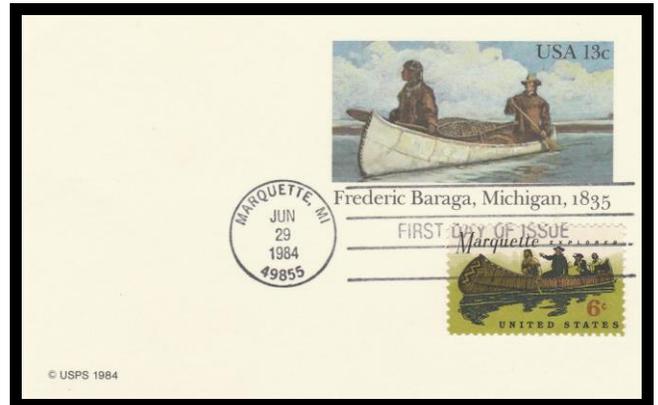
UX87



UX94

One card issued in this period of particular interest to our Michigan U.P. readers is the Frederic Baraga card. A couple of years ago, my wife and I were in the Baraga/L'Anse area of the U.P. I took my wife to the Hilltop Restaurant in L'Anse for a cinnamon roll. Side note: if you are ever in the area be sure to stop there for one of these gigantic rolls, the roll is a meal and a half in itself and they are "to die for." While in the area we stopped by the Bishop Baraga shrine that overlooks Hwy 41 and 141 right near the lakeshore between L'Anse and Baraga. We learned some interesting things. Bishop Baraga was known as the snowshoe priest. He founded missions from the southern end of lower Michigan across the U.P. to northwestern Wisconsin. I believe there were seven missions in total. Every winter he would travel on snowshoes to visit each of these missions. If you ever get up that way stop by the Bishop Baraga shrine and take in a bit of local history -

don't forget the sweet roll. The first-day of issue ceremony for this card was held in Marquette, MI on the Lake Superior shoreline about 200 miles north of Green Bay. At the time this card was issued we lived in the U.P. and I had plans to attend this ceremony with Jim Stearns. Unfortunately, at the last minute I had major back problems and couldn't make it, but Jim, being the good friend he is picked up a regular first-day cover and this first-day combination cover with the 1968 6-cent Father Marquette stamp. This last cover is shown below.



UX103 and 1356

In 1985 a very interesting postal card related to our hobby was issued by USPS. It recognized that stamp collecting is the "Universal Hobby." I like the concept with the stamped portion of the card showing various collectors interacting while working on their respective stamp collections. A picture of this card is shown below. I particularly like the cachet on this first-day cover.



UX110

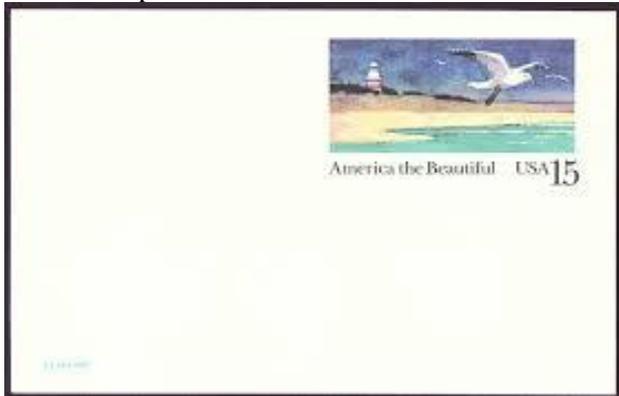
In 1986 the U.S. Postal Service issued a postal card (UX113) commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Wisconsin territory formed in 1836. Twelve years later Wisconsin would become the 30th state in the union. When the Wisconsin Territory was formed it included all of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, as well as parts of North Dakota, and South Dakota. The card features pre-mechanized

farm workers during the harvest season. It is pictured below.



UX113

Shortly after this a series of postal cards titled “America the Beautiful” was started with UX120. Just looking through my Harris catalogue I count 11 postal cards in this series. The cards featured various scenes from across America showing the beauty of our great country. The card showing the seashore is pictured below.



UX132

Before the “America the Beautiful” series ended a new series of cards was initiated featuring images of famous buildings or other locations on American university campuses. The card Wisconsinites will be most familiar with is UX301 and features a view of Bascom Hill on the UW-Madison campus. This card is shown below.



UX301

An informal count indicates some 32 of these cards commemorating various colleges and universities around the country.

Sometime in about the mid-1990s the Postal Service saw fit to start issuing packets of postal cards that matched a group of regular issue stamps. In my search the first that I noticed was the “Legends of the West” stamps. There were 20 cards in this set and if not this one, many of the others that were to follow had to be ordered from the Stamp Fulfillment Center. The presses were running wild. It was at this time that my interest in postal cards began to wane. What a shame, an area of U.S. postal items, that had to that time had a fairly conservative issuing policy had now been prostituted for the almighty dollar at the expense of the collector. Shown below is the American Comic Strip packet of 20 cards.



UX221-40

I apologize for ending on a bit of a sour note, hopefully the comic strip set brings back some lighter memories. We’ll continue next month.

### Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**May 6-7** Wiscopex '17, Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI

**May 19-21** Compex '17, Chicago Area Philatelic Societies, Forest View Educ. Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Heights, IL

**June 23-25** National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical Association, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI

**July 8-9** MSDA Summer Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Country Inn and Suites, 600 Milwaukee Ave., Prospect Heights, IL

**July 15** Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Show, Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club, Bay de Noc College, Escanaba, MI

**July 29** Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club Summer Show, Lakeland Stamp Club, Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy 47E, Woodruff, WI

### Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

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| April  | Hey, Look What I Found   |
| May    | Elections  |
| June   | Joint Meeting with Appleton in Green Bay,<br>(no business meeting) |
| July   | Silent Auction (no business meeting)                               |
| August | Silent Auction (no business meeting)                               |

**Note: There will be a silent auction each month.**