

# Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## **APRIL MEETING – Spring has Sprung, I hope!**

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

**WHEN:** April 19, 2018 (third Thursday of every month)

**TIME:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**PROGRAM:** “Hey, Look What I Found” and Silent Auction

*Reminder: To Randy Younger to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting, if you can't, please find someone else to do it – thanks.*

## **March Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

Visitor, Brian K., a friend of Dave Carney's was introduced. Brian collects postal history, military covers, and topicals. Members of the club took turns introducing themselves and telling what they collect. Welcome Brian, hope to see you back again soon. Almost a visitor, but not quite – John DuPrey was back after a long time missing in action. John, it was good to have you back again.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes of the February meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Nomination Committee:** The nominating committee is working on identifying individuals willing to run for office. If approached, please give consideration to throwing your name in the hat.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**BAYPEX '18:** Show Chair, Mark Schroeder had a schedule mix-up. In his absence Ray reminded folks that we need all the help we can get Friday afternoon

to help set up the venue. Then help on Saturday morning to help dealers move their wares in to the show, and finally help Saturday afternoon to help dealers move their wares out of the show and to help take down the venue. All help is greatly appreciated. Chuck Sanders has agreed to once again take orders from dealers and make a lunch run. Thanks Chuck.

### **New Business**

We found a delegate and an alternate delegate to represent GBPS at the annual business meeting of WFSC at WISCOPEX '18. Our delegate will be Dave Burrows and our alternate delegate will be Tom Schroeder. Thanks for stepping up Dave and Tom. Credential papers were drawn up for Dave and Tom and Ray will communicate the information to Ken Grant, WFSC secretary.

Kirk Becker mentioned that the ADRC (our meeting location) is allowing a bingo group to use the facility for the next few months. They will be using the large meeting room we usually use and the lobby area where we usually set up our silent auction. As a result we will have one of the smaller meeting rooms for the next few months for both our meetings and silent auctions. John DuPrey offered his building for our use if we felt it necessary. It was decided for the time being anyway to try to get by with the smaller meeting facility. It will be cozy, but I think we can make it work. Thanks John for your generous offer.

Dave Carney mentioned that Appleton will be hosting a first-day ceremony in June for the flag day stamp. Appleton has one of the longest running flag day parades in the country. Ray mentioned that Karen Weigt, WFSC President, is already looking for ways that the WFSC can be involved. If you have never been to a first-day ceremony, they can be quite interesting. It might be worth your while to plan to attend this one that is so close by.

### **March Program:**

The March program was a presentation by Dave Carney on “The Postal History of Outagamie County.” First, Dave gave a little bit of philatelic history on himself. A very brief summary of Dave’s presentation is shown below in bullet-point fashion.

- Dave started collecting in high school. One of his early collecting interests was the Kennedy stamps issued following his assassination.
- His philatelic fires were reignited at a state show in 1975.
- He started collecting post cards.
- From there Dave got into the postal history of Wood County where he lived at the time.
- His first exhibit was at a state show in either Two Rivers or Manitowoc where he won a gold medal for his Wood County exhibit.
- He subsequently sold his Wood County collection.
- Dave started collecting Appleton post cards.
- He moved from post cards to Outagamie County postal history.
- Dave then laid out his Outagamie County exhibit. I think that is when the club members began to drool ☺.

Judging from the amount of interest in the exhibit and number of questions after the presentation this program seemed to be a huge hit for club members. Personally, I know it was for me. Besides being in awe over the exhibit, I learned a lot about cover collecting. Thanks Dave, for taking the time to put this together and share it with the club.

### **April Program:**

The April program will be “Hey Look What I Found.” Recall that is where club members bring a special philatelic find from a recent show, going through their collection, or just something they have had around for a while to share with the club. Remember to have your “find” mounted and

identified. Be prepared to say a few words about it and either pass it around or set it out for club members to look at. This is always a fun night and should be really interesting coming on the heels of BAYPEX.

## **Dave’s Deliberations**

BAYPEX is in the rear view mirror, DANPEX will be here very shortly, to be followed by WISCOPEX in May and MILCOPEX in September. Other ‘pexes will occur on dates not taken by those listed. As stamp collecting is the “Never Ending Treasure Hunt” the season of joy is upon us.

At every show I attend I have two targets at the tables. The first is not usually on the table but in a bank box behind the table. This is where all material not in the scope of that table’s operator, that has been purchased along with more useful stuff, has been assigned for a fire sale. Having used statistics and parameters all my working life I rate the bank box contents on that basis and act accordingly.

The second target is found in the cover boxes. Here I am looking for items that fit within my collection and have some unusual interest. A Panagra flight cover celebrating the 30,000<sup>th</sup> equatorial crossing, an airmail cover with a proprietary and numbered six penny label issued by the Great Western Railway (U.K.) to shorten the transit time between the Cornish and Welsh peninsulas, or a solicitor’s letter sheet with an attached Penny Black. There are lots more.

Here’s to the new season, good hunting everyone!

## **Ray’s Ramblings**

Last month we explored the “Liberty Series” of U.S. definitive stamps. This series was in service longer than any other U.S. definitive series so far. The first stamps were issued in 1954 and the last stamps went off sale in 1980. There is another very famous series of U.S. definitive stamps that were issued prior to the liberty series. This is the “1938 Presidential Series” more commonly known as the “Prexies.”

This series ran from 1938 to a few years after its successor the liberty series began. This year we are celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this famous series. So let's explore this series a bit more in honor of its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

There are a total of 32 face different sheet stamps and there are 13 different coil stamps. There are both horizontal and vertical coils. Shown below is an example of each of these.



Scott 819 sheet stamp      Scott 840 vert. perfed coil      Scott 850 hor. perfed coil

This series commemorates the first 29 presidents, Benjamin Franklin (½ cent denomination), Martha Washington (1½ cents denomination), and the White House (4½ cents denomination). The series is characterized by its simple design and for the most part single color stamps. The \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$5.00 denomination stamps are printed in two colors. These dollar denomination stamps are shown below.



Scott 832      Scott 833      Scott 834

There is another difference between the dollar value prexie stamps and the lower denominations. That is the ½ cent to 50 cent stamps were printed on a rotary press while the dollar value stamps were printed using the flat plate printing method.

The \$1.00 stamp was reprinted on two occasions. The first reprint took place in 1951. The image was reprinted on revenue paper which was watermarked "USIR." This is Scott 832b. The second occasion was in 1954 when the stamp was reprinted on thick white paper using the dry printing method. This stamp is Scott 832c. Recall from last month that the dry printing method differs from the wet printing

method in that the paper is not pre-moistened as much as in the wet printing method. The dry method tends to result in a stamp in which the color is not as dark and rich as in the wet printing method.

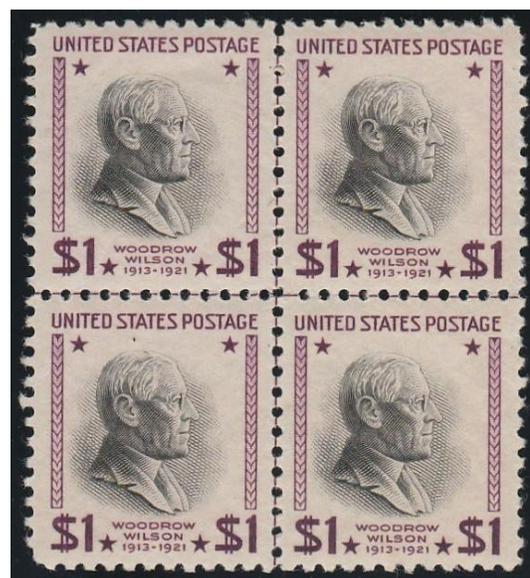
I mentioned earlier the beauty of the simple design of these stamps and I want to show an enlarged copy of one so you can better appreciate it. Shown below is the 13 cent Millard Fillmore stamp.



Millard Fillmore Scott 818

The many colors used for these stamps are also beautiful. You have seen several colors already and can get a feel for the nice appearance they give to the stamps.

In addition to the usual plate number blocks there are also arrow blocks and center line blocks in the dollar value stamps. Shown below is a center line block of the \$1.00 Woodrow Wilson stamp.



Scott 832 center line block

It is a bit hard to see but note the lines similar to a line in a coil line pair. They cross in the middle of the perforations which is the middle of the sheet.

Precancels also exist among various denominations of the prexie series. Shown below are two examples of Wisconsin precancels of prexie stamps. The first is a 1/2 cent Franklin sheet stamp with a Trevor, WI precancel. Trevor is a small community of just under 6,000 people. It is located in Kenosha County in the extreme southeast corner of the state. The second is a 15 cent Buchanan sheet stamp with an inverted Racine, WI precancel. Inverted precancels, especially in larger cities, are not uncommon.



Scott 803

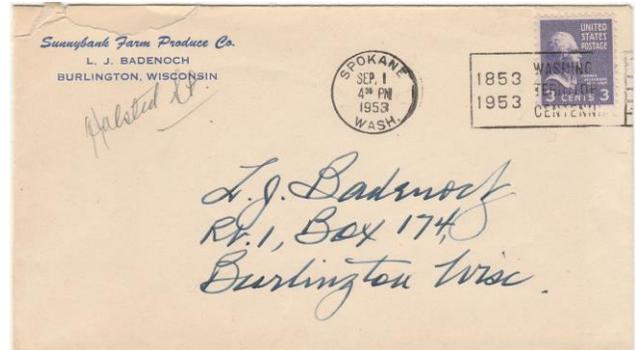
Scott 820

Perfins are another collecting area that applies to the prexie issue. Perfins are stamps that have been perforated across the face of the stamp in a word or symbol to identify the owner of the stamp. According to Wikipedia, perfin is an abbreviation for “perforated initials” or “perforated insignia.” The use of perfins identified the owner of the stamp and helped protect against theft. Shown below is a state of Wisconsin perfin on the Tyler prexie (Scott 815). The letters in the perfin read WIS in a left to right downward slant across the face of the stamp.



State of Wisconsin perfin

Finally, we will wrap up with a cover. From a philatelic standpoint, it is nothing special – just a first class letter with the workhorse stamp of the issue (the 3 cent Jefferson, Scott 807). What makes it special to me is the envelope is addressed to my grandfather and the advertising part of the envelope in the upper right corner is his business.



Sunnybank Farms Produce Co.  
corner advertising cover

My grandparents bought eggs from farmers in southeast Wisconsin, graded and packaged them, then sold and delivered them to the small grocery stores, hotels, and restaurants in the Chicago area. As a very young boy (age 5 or 6), I used to “help” my grandmother grade, candle, and prepare the eggs for delivery. On rare occasion I would get to ride along on the trips to buy and sell the eggs.

That will do it for this month. See you at the meeting.

### Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**May 5-6** WISCOPEX '18, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Voyageur Inn and Conf. Center, 200 Viking Dr., Reedsburg, WI

**Jun 1-3** COMPEX '18, Chicago Area Philatelic Societies, Guerin College Prep, 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, IL

**Jun 30-Jul 1** MSDA Milwaukee Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc., Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI

### Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

April	“Hey, Look What I Found”
May	Elections
June	Special Silent Auction (no business mtg.)
July	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
August	Picnic at the Burrows residence (no business meeting)

**Note: There will be a silent auction each month except at the picnic.**