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**DECEMBER MEETING – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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

**WHEN: December 21, 2017** (third Thursday of every month)

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

**PROGRAM: Christmas Party and Silent Auction**

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

Before I get started with this month's newsletter, I have a confession and a humble request. First, the confession, I totally forgot the November meeting, and that after Kirk had asked if I would be at the meeting earlier in the week. Thursday rolled around, I got involved in other things, and I just totally forgot about the meeting. Now the humble request, please forgive me for my absent-mindedness. I hope this is just a senior moment and not a sign of things to come ☺. Finally, many thanks to Kirk Becker for not only taking the minutes, but also covering me for the dues information. With all that said, now we can get into the newsletter.

### November Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

In Secretary, Ray Perry's absence, the reading of the minutes from the October meeting were deferred until next month.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by treasurer, Kirk Becker. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read was approved.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

### New Business

The annual Christmas party was discussed. It seems that very few if any members drink coffee at the party, so we will forego the coffee this year and stick to punch. Dave Burrows will check with Darryl to see if he is still willing to bring the punch. It was also mentioned that the refrigerators at ADRC are now locked, so anyone bringing something that needs to be kept chilled should plan accordingly. For those of you that are new to the club or don't remember how the Christmas party works, it is a pot luck of treats. Each member attending brings something to put out for everyone else to enjoy. That could be something sweet (candy or cookies etc.) or something more on the order of an hors d'oeuvre (cheese, sausage etc.). We have had quite a smorgasbord of treats that past few years.

Our support of the Boy Scout Merit Badge program was also discussed. We are looking for someone to take over leadership of that program. The person must be able to be vetted by the Boy Scouts. This is not difficult. One must pass a background check and go through an on-line training session and evaluation. From the meeting minutes it sounds as if there was some interest, but no volunteers yet. If anyone has any questions, feel free to give me a call at (920) 660-2154 and I will try to help answer them.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed.

## November Program:

The November program was a presentation by club member, Kirk Becker, on the Multi-year Series of Japan. I was really looking forward to seeing this presentation, I'm confident it was a very interesting and informative talk.

We also had the usual silent auction.

## December Program:

The December program will be our annual Christmas party. See the first paragraph under New Business to see how this works. Come prepared for some great treats and good camaraderie.

There will also be a silent auction.

## Trivia Contest Reminder:

Don't forget to get your Philatelic Trivia Contest question(s) to Kirk by the December meeting. The trivia contest is scheduled for February, but we want to publish the questions in the January newsletter to give everyone lots of time to dig up the answers.

## Dues Reminder:

Remember that dues are now due. Ray and Kirk will be set up after the business meeting to collect them at the December meeting. Please save your officers the trouble of having to track you down for payment. The annual dues are still a bargain at \$10.00 for the year. Where else can you have so much fun for less than \$0.85/meeting.

## Dave's Deliberations

CHICAGOPEX this year did not have quite the 290 frames that had been advertised but they did have over 270. The frame display at CHICAGOPEX always has excellent material, and this year it was better than ever, or maybe it was better than ever for me. As I wrote in last month's "delibs" there is always something to learn and much more to experience.

It is always a wonder as to how some exhibits can possibly be assembled. An example of such was "Postal History Featuring the 1861 United States 24-cent Adhesive". Many U.S. collectors would be pleased to have a single good copy of this stamp, but here were six frames. Unbelievable!

An exhibit a little more down to earth was entitled "America in 1909 – A Monthly Exploration of a Year that Was". Here covers with a 1909 mailing were described. Unfortunately for me, my parents days of birth, both being born in 1909 were not present in the collection.

Specifically of interest to me were exhibits describing the postal history of Montserrat and the Leeward Island issue of 1938-1954.

One last comment is to be made regarding the display with the title of "An introduction to Golf Deltiology" or in layman's language Golf on Picture Postcards. A card showing the hotel at St. Andrews was detailed sufficiently for me to see the window of the restaurant where I sat with friends enjoying a bowl of parsnip soup on a very cold December day. With a cold Siberian origin wind blowing from the east, there were more people in the restaurant than players on the links!

## Ray's Ramblings

Well, last month we rambled through Greece. While I enjoy looking through another country's stamps, there are many other aspects of philately that I enjoy. One of them is collecting postal covers. Postal covers in themselves make for a very broad collecting topic. This month I will start by showing you just a few different types of covers.

The first and probably most obvious are first-day covers. I have discussed these in the past in relation to my collection of the conservation series including forest, soils, water, and range conservation. Shown

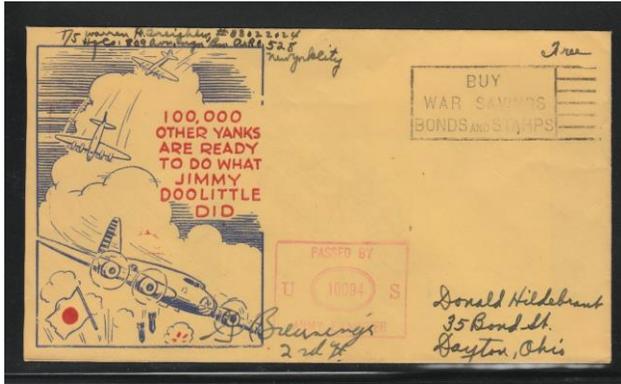


First U.S. Christmas stamp – Scott 1205

Above is a first-day cover featuring the first U.S. Christmas stamp. First-day covers can be collected

by topic, date, single issues or sets in addition to just about any way your imagination can think up.

The next cover falls into three different areas of cover collecting interest. Take a good look at the cover below. Note the “free” franking in the upper right corner indicating it is military mail. Then check out the censor mark in the middle at the bottom indicating it is censored mail. Finally, look at the cachet – I’d call that a patriotic cover too.



Is it a Patriotic or Censored or Military Cover?

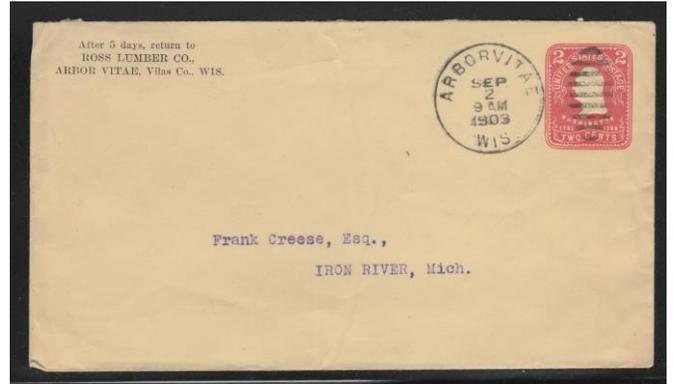
The next cover also could fall into several different collecting areas. First, it is marked special delivery and is franked with a 10¢ special delivery stamp along with a 2¢ Washington. This would indicate it is a special delivery cover. Second, it has a special message stamped in the lower left corner, “fee claimed by office of first address,” indicating it could be a special message cover. Finally, the return address reads Law Offices, 620-623 Stephen Girard Building, Philadelphia possibly making it an advertising cover.



Is it a Special Delivery, Special Marking, or Advertising cover

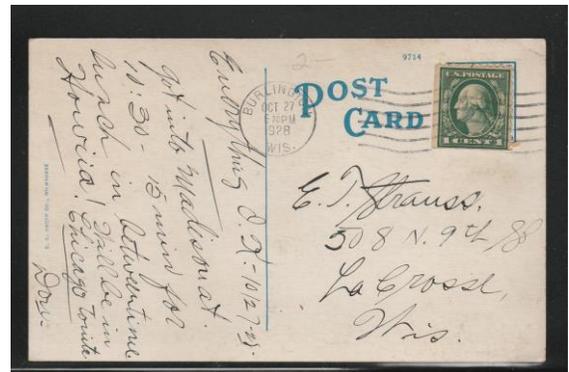
The next cover shows a topical theme. Being a retired forester and having been very involved in the forestry business over a number of years, I have an interest in forest products advertising covers. I stick

primarily to Wisconsin companies or UP companies, but I’m not averse to picking up a nice cover from some other part of the country should it present itself. As you can see the one shown below is from Ross Lumber Co. in Arbor Vitae, WI and is addressed to a person in Iron River, MI. It is dated September 2, 1903. This was near the end of the pine harvest, but before the beginning of the heavy hardwood harvest. It would have been interesting to see what the letter said.



Advertising Cover

Another cover collecting possibility is to collect covers and postal history from a particular geographic area. This might be your home town or county.



Post card with a Burlington, WI postmark



Picture side of above post card - Browns Lake

I was born and raised for the most part in Burlington, WI. The family home was on Browns Lake just outside of Burlington. It had been in the family for over 100 years when my parents sold it in the early 1990s. I found the post card on the previous page with a picture of Browns Lake and postmarked in Burlington. As you can see, I had to have it.

We have barely scratched the surface on different kinds of covers. There are still foreign covers – note the Nassau St. address on the one below.



There are first flight covers. The one shown below is from Washington – Baltimore to London and occurred on June 1, 1961.



I will leave you with one other collecting possibility, that is Christmas Seals on cover or any other cinderella for that matter. Note the 1923 Seal in the



upper left corner of the card at the bottom of the previous column. The card is postmarked Dec. 24, 1923 in Jump River, WI. I believe this is a dead post office as when I tried to look up a post office in Jump River, WI it came up with one in Sheldon, WI.

I have enjoyed our venture through various cover collecting opportunities. As you can see, one is only limited by one's imagination when it comes to cover collecting. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Reminders

- Dues (\$10.00/year) are due between now and January 1.
- Get your trivia question to Kirk Becker by the December meeting.
- Decide when you would like to do a display for the time prior to the business meeting. Then, if you want, schedule time with Dave Burrows for help in setting it up.
- Bring a snack/treat for the December meeting for our annual Christmas party.

## Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**Dec. 8-9** MSDA Holiday West Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc., Embassy Suites Hotel, 707 E. Butterfield Rd., Lombard, IL

**Jan. 20-21** MSDA Milwaukee Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc., Crown Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI

**Feb. 10** Janesville 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition and Show, Janesville Stamp Club, Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville, WI

**Mar. 3-4** STAMPFEST '18, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Location to be announced.

**Mar. 9-11** ASDA Midwest Postage Stamp Show, American Stamp Dealers Assoc., Holiday Inn Chicago, 17W350 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Oak Park, IL

**Mar. 24** BAYPEX '18, Green Bay Philatelic Society, St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2575 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI

## Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

December	Christmas Party
January	Way-Out Topical Night
February	Trivia Contest
March	Postal History of Outagamie County by Dave Carney
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.**