

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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FEBRUARY MEETING – Happy Valentine’s Day!

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

WHEN: February 21, 2019 (third Thursday of every month)

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

PROGRAM: Mystery Program 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. February’s volunteer is Tom Aldrich.

Winter Months Reminder: in the event of adverse weather the meeting will be canceled if either the Green Bay Public Schools, or Green Bay Public School activities for the night of the meeting are cancelled.

January Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president, Mark Schroeder.

Visitors: Randy Younger brought another of his grandchildren – Felix. Welcome Felix.

Our northern members, Jim Stearns and Milt Wirth were down from the Iron Mountain area for the meeting. Several of us were able to have dinner with them before the meeting. It is always good to see them both. Earlier in the week four of us made the trip north to their meeting. That was great fun as well.

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

Treasurer, Kirk Becker presented the Treasurer’s report. A motion to approve the report was passed.

Committee Reports

Show: Darryl had some posters made up. Ray gave about half of them to the Northwoods Philatelic Society members for them to post in NE Wisconsin and the U.P. We thank them for their continued efforts in support of BAYPEX. Ray will work to distribute the remaining posters to other clubs in the area. GBPS members should not worry as Darryl will print up some more posters for our use in the Green Bay area. Darryl asked that members planning on exhibiting at BAYPEX get their name and topic to him for inclusion in the show program as soon as possible (preferably by March 1). He also would like the dealer information by that time. This gives him enough time to put the program together. Finally, show chair Mark Schroeder reports that dealer invites have been mailed.

Unfinished Business

Clete Delvaux reports that Dave Devroy will soon be starting his second round of chemo treatment. Please keep Dave in your thoughts and prayers.

New Business

Dues are now past due, they are still only \$10.00/year. If you have not already paid your dues, please pay them either at the February meeting, or by sending a check to: GBPS, Ray D. Perry, 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311. We really value and need every one of you, so please pay your dues. Thanks! Along those lines Ray read a very nice note from Kansas member, John Spangler that came along with John's dues. Good to hear from you John, we wish you the best.

Darryl shared that while taking his wife to an appointment one of them noticed a person in the waiting room reading a Mystic stamp catalogue. They struck up a conversation and it appears likely this person will join the club. Darryl wanted to emphasize how important it is to just watch for opportunities.

Milt Wirth brought a number of ice cream treats first-day covers from Two Rivers, WI. He passed them out to anyone that was interested. Thanks Milt. Milt also brought a display of some of his Machin material – thanks Milt for sharing that with us.

Key: Thanks to Mark Schroeder for picking up the key for the January meeting. Tom Aldrich volunteered to pick up the key for February. Please give some thought to volunteering to pick up the key for a future meeting.

January Program

We had our annual “Way-Out Topical” contest for our program this month. There were a total of five entries. Members voted on the exhibit they felt was best. After the votes were tallied the results were:

1st Place: “Unusual Issues” – Milt Wirth, stamps of different shapes, feel, and material.

2nd Place: “Philatelic Forest” – Ray Perry, stamps related to trees and forestry.

3rd Place (tie): “Wing it with Stamps” – Clete Delvaux, stamps showing different wings.

3rd Place (tie): “Meat-Eating Plants” – Don Buntman, a collection of carnivorous plants.

Honorable Mention: “Far-Out Flowers” – Tom Johnston, a collection of unusual flowers on stamps.

While there were not as many entries as we have had in some previous “Way-Out Topical” nights, I felt that the quality of the exhibits was very good. Nice job and a big thank you to all the participants.

In addition to the “Way-Out Topical” contest we had a silent auction.

February Program

Our program schedule was showing a trivia contest for the February program. However, we usually try to get that in the newsletter a month early to give people plenty of time to research the answers to the trivia contest. Given that we cut you a little short of time last month to prepare for the “Way-Out Topical” contest, we decided to revise the program schedule. The February program will be a surprise program put on by Dave Burrows. The trivia contest will be moved to April to give us time to develop the questions and get them out to you.

As always there will also be a silent auction.

Ray's Ramblings

Before we start on this month's Ramblings, I have a little unfinished business to clean up. In last month's newsletter I showed a post card with a view of a pavilion at Benderville, WI.



Pavilion at Benderville

Not being familiar with this community in Brown County, I asked for information from anyone that was familiar with the area. At the meeting, Clete Delvaux (a life-long resident of

Brown County) informed us that the more common name for this area today is Red Banks. Clete further shared that the staircase shown on the card is still present, however it is closed due to its condition. Thanks, Clete for shedding some light on the view in question.

This month let's take a look at a great American philosopher, writer, and humorist. Will Rogers has long been admired by not only Americans, but people around the world. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of stamps commemorating his folksy humor and wisdom. As far as I know, there are only two U.S. stamps and seven Nicaraguan stamps commemorating Rogers.



Will Rogers (Scott 975)

How can you not like and admire a man famous for the quote, "I never met a man I didn't like."

William Penn Adair Rogers was born on Nov. 4, 1879 in Oologah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. This area is now a part of Oklahoma. The Cherokee nation is one of five Oklahoma native American nations commemorated on the 1948 U.S. stamp shown below.



Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma (Scott 972)

Rogers did many benefits for victims of floods, droughts, and earthquakes. Among these was a trip to Nicaragua to do a relief benefit for the victims of an earthquake that struck Managua, Nicaragua on March 31, 1931. Nicaragua issued a set of five stamps commemorating Rogers and his efforts in 1939. These stamps are pictured below.



Nicaragua (Scott C236-40)

These were all domestic airmail stamps. In 1941 and 1943 the 1¢ stamp was surcharged to 10¢ making them valid for domestic mail. These two stamps are shown below.



Nicaragua (Scott 686 and 688)

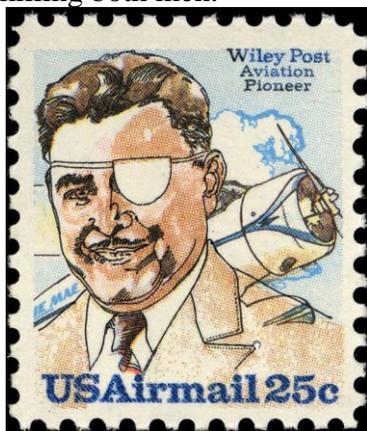
These stamps are very affordable and beautiful. C240 is enlarged below to show its beauty.



Nicaragua is not the only country in which Rogers conducted a relief fundraiser. According to Wikipedia, he traveled around the world three times putting on benefits and bringing American good will to others. In fact, the National Press Club nicknamed him “Ambassador at Large of the United States.” Unfortunately, no other country has chosen to commemorate his humanitarian efforts.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of those in need or facing financial crisis, he was a strong proponent of the use of air transportation for people, mail, and other uses. Rogers traveled internationally, domestically, and with early air mail flyers all in support of air travel.

On April 15, 1935 he was on a flight in Alaska with famed aviator Wiley Post. The plane Post was flying crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska Territory killing both men.



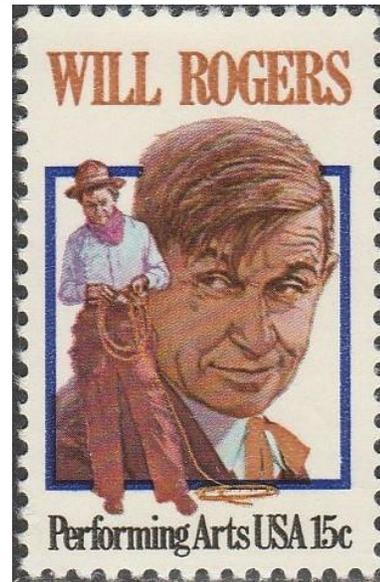
Wiley Post (Scott C95)

Many of us have seen James Whitmore’s portrayal of Will Rogers in his one-man play titled *Will Rogers’ USA*. According to Wikipedia, Whitmore changed the monologue each time to use quotes that were applicable to then current events. It just goes to show how timeless his wit, humor, and wisdom was. Here are a few quotes from Rogers.

- “Even if you’re on the right track you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”
- “Never miss a good chance to shut up.”
- “Rumor travels faster, but it don’t stay put as long as truth.”
- “Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.”

- “I don’t make jokes, I just watch the government and report the facts.”
- “The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected.”
- And of course, “I never met a man I didn’t like.”

The man was a genius folks. He could poke fun at anyone without alienating them and impart wisdom at the same time.



Will Rogers an American Legend (Scott 1801)

Reminder: 2019 dues are now due. THANKS!

Stamp Shows

- Feb. 9** 60th Annual Exhibition & Bourse, Janesville Stamp Club, Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl., Janesville, WI
- March 2-3** STAMPFEST ’19, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1441 S. 92nd St., Milwaukee, WI
- March 9-10** Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, Rockford Stamp Club, Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd. (Hwy. 173), Rockford, IL
- March 23** BAYPEX ’19, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Multi-Purpose Room, 2575 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI
- April 6-7** MSDA Spring Show, Ramada Plaza North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL
- May 4-5** WISCOPEX ’19, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, 517 Grand Canyon Dr., Madison, WI

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

February	Mystery Program????? – Dave Burrows
March	UPU Stamps – Tom Johnston
April	Stamp Trivia Contest
May	Elections
June	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.