

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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JUNE MEETING – No Business Meeting, Silent Auction

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

WHEN: June 21, 2018 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

PROGRAM: 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.

May Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

There were no visitors this month.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes of the April 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. Kirk gave a final financial accounting for BAYPEX '18. The club showed a modest net gain.

Committee Reports:

Boy Scout Merit Badge: The date is set for June 23rd. Ray has reserved the lower level of the Scout Shop at 1230 Main St. in Green Bay. At the time of the meeting we had 2 Scouts signed up, as of this writing we have 5 Scouts signed up.

Unfinished Business:

There will be a special presentation at 2 p.m. at the Sturgeon Bay library by Cheryl Ganz on her roles as a member of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee and as past director of the National Postal Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution Don't forget Bob Petersen's offer to

have members of GBPS over for hot dogs on the way to the presentation. After some discussion, it was decided not to have a fund-raising auction. Possible weather issues being a key consideration in the discussion.

Rumors continue to suggest that an invitation will be required to attend the first-day ceremonies for the Flag Act of 1818 stamp to be issued in Appleton, WI. Yours truly along with Dave Carney are looking into this and will send out an eblast when we have more info.

New Business

APS Chapter Report is due. Ray will file the report along with a note indicating that our club has chosen not to pursue the free membership. We have done this for several years to protect our member's privacy and to help support the APS. American Philatelist will continue to be donated to the main branch of the Brown County Library.

Dave Burrows, our club's delegate to the WFSC annual meeting, announced that Ray Perry was elected to the position of region vice-president for the northeast region.

Dave also reported that the Federation has started a fund-raising campaign to raise \$1,000 to cover the cost of digitizing past issues of AFTP. After

some discussion a motion to donate \$200 to this campaign was passed.

Tom Aldrich reported that former member, Bob Lambert, is not doing well. He is under respite care. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob.

Election of Officers:

President Dave Burrows declared the offices vacant and asked the Nominating Committee for the slate of officers. Darryl Ruprecht announced the following slate:

President: Mark Schroeder
Vice President: Dave Carney
Treasurer: Kirk Becker
Secretary: Ray Perry

Dave Burrows asked for nominations from the floor, there were none. Dave Burrows appointed Dave Devroy head teller. There being no nominations from the floor and no objections to a unanimous ballot being cast for the proposed slate, Dave Devroy cast a unanimous ballot for said slate. The gavel was passed to incoming President, Mark Schroeder.

I want to take a few lines here to thank Dave Burrows for his outstanding leadership over the past 4 years. It is my personal opinion that our club has shown positive growth in our activities and the depth of our programs. Thanks for your leadership Dave.

Reminder – June, July, and August Programs:

There are no business meetings during June, July, and August unless there is an unexpected need. Along with that there are no newsletters published in July and August. Instead we focus on philatelic fellowship and silent auctions in June and July. Then in August we have a picnic and invite spouses/significant others. This year the picnic will be on Wednesday, August 15 at the Burrows residence (3136 Term Court, Green Bay). Yes, I wrote Wednesday – there is a home Packer game on our regular meeting night and rather than disrupt the Packer game, we will have our picnic the day before. Remember to bring a dish to pass.



First-day cover for 1960s Celebrate the Century

GBPS Member Honored

Those of you that are members of the American Topical Association (ATA) may have already seen in the May/June issue of Topical Time that our own Clete Delvaux will receive the ATA's highest award, Distinguished Topical Philatelist. For the rest of you, it is true, Clete has received another richly deserved honor from the philatelic community. Clete will be presented the award sometime between August 9th and 12th later this summer in Columbus, OH at the joint APS STAMPSHOW and NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMPSHOW.

Over the years Clete has contributed to the philatelic community in a number of ways. As we in GBPS know he edited this newsletter for 25 years. He has served as secretary and president of our club. In addition, he is the president of the ATA's study unit Journalists, Authors, and Poets On Stamps (JAPOS). A position he has held since 1993. In 2000 he also became the editor of the JAPOS newsletter. Clete has written prolifically over the years for such publications as *Topical Time*, *Linn's Stamp News*, and *Across the Fence Post*.

You may recall Clete's induction into the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame in 2016. Congratulations Clete on this latest honor.

Ray's Ramblings

Last month we journeyed to New Zealand for a quick look at their stamps. This month I thought I would write about an area that has always interested me, but in which I don't have a lot of knowledge. Someone like Bob Tregoning would be much better qualified to write this one. Never the less I'm going to take a run at it. If you haven't guessed yet, this month's topic to ramble on will be U.S. revenue stamps. Revenue stamps show the collection of a tax or payment of a fee for various items. Sometimes they are called fiscal stamps.

Think of all the possibilities. There are migratory bird (duck) stamps (federal and state), there are wine stamps, beer stamps, playing card stamps

cigarette stamps, documentary stamps, real estate stamps, firearm stamps, and the list goes on. These are just some of the U.S. revenue stamps. Then there are foreign revenues or fiscals as well. A couple of these are shown below.



Canada FB33

Canada FB34

These two stamps were part of the second Canada bill stamp issue of 1865. Bill stamps were used to show payment of stamp duties on certain Canadian monetary instruments like checks and/or promissory notes. Aren't the engraving and colors on these two stamps gorgeous?

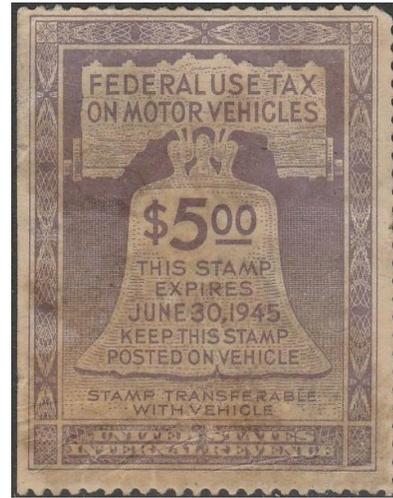
Let's get back to U.S. revenue stamps. The U.S. has also issued some beautiful revenues. Maybe the best known U.S. revenue stamps are those known as Persian rugs. A picture of one of these is shown below.



U.S. "Persian rug" revenue stamp

I think it is clear by looking at the stamp how it got its nickname. Again, beautiful colors and engraving.

Other revenue stamps show the federal use tax paid on motor vehicles. One of these, from 1945, is shown below. Unfortunately this stamp has been stained, but you will get the idea anyway.



U.S. Scott RV41

Another type of revenue stamp is a proprietary stamp. These stamps were used to pay taxes on taxable consumer (proprietary) items like medicine, matches, and so on. There were quite a number of different designs for these stamps, several are shown below.



Scott R656

Scott RB32

Scott RB26

The next area of revenue stamps I'd like to mention are documentary stamps. Documentary stamps were used to pay the tax on certain taxable documents like loan agreements or real estate deed transfers. Shown below are a couple of examples of documentary stamps.



Scott R173

Scott R175

Then there are stock transfer stamps. As the name suggests, this pays the tax on the transfer of stocks. Shown on the next page are two stock transfer stamps. Note the perfins, an added measure of security.



Scott RD150

Scott RD151

There are also state stock transfer stamps, shown below are two from the state of New York.



State of New York Stock Transfer Stamps

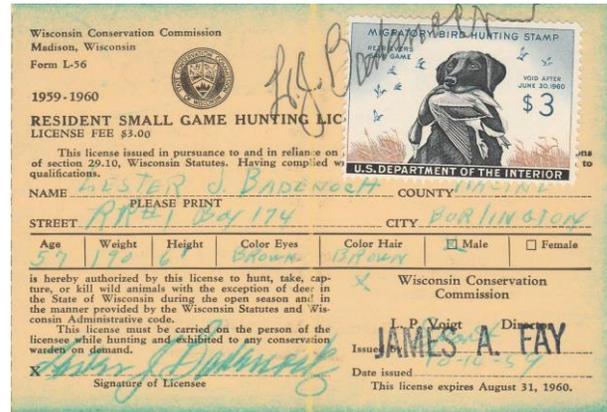
The next area of revenue stamps I'd like to cover is probably the most popular collecting area in this category. I'm referring to the federal migratory waterfowl stamps, commonly called the federal duck stamps. In 1934 the Department of Agriculture began issuing duck stamps. After 1938 these stamps were issued by the Department of Interior. It was required that to hunt ducks one had to purchase one of these stamps, attach it to your hunting license and sign it in ink across the face of the stamp thereby "cancelling" the stamp.

The purpose of the federal duck stamp program is to raise money to purchase, protect, and restore wetland habitat. Last year 98% of the \$25 purchase price of the stamp went to this goal. In addition to creating some very attractive wildlife art, the program has been a huge success in terms of meeting its goals of protecting, restoring and acquiring habitat. The states have followed suit with their own duck stamp programs as have Native American tribes. These programs have been just as successful.

I will close this month's issue with several images of duck stamps.



U.S. RW1



RW26 signed by my grandfather and on his license

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER ONE AND ALL!

Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

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

July 7-8 MSDA Summer Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Ramada Inn Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

July 14 BAY DE NOC STAMP AND COIN SHOW, Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club, 2000 N. 30th Street, Joseph Heirman Bldg., Room 952 (accessed from Danforth Rd.), Escanaba, MI

July 20-22 MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO, Crystal Community Center, 4800 N. Douglas Dr. North, Crystal, MN

July 28 13th Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club Summer Show, Lakeland Stamp and Coin Club, Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy 47E, Woodruff, WI

Sept. 8 OUTAPEX '18 Outagamie Philatelic Society, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, 5300 N. Meade St., Appleton, WI

Sept. 14-16 MILCOPEX '18, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

June	Special Silent Auction (no business mtg.)
July	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
August	Picnic at the Burrows residence Wednesday, August 15 th (no business meeting)

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