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**OCTOBER MEETING – Happy Stamp Collecting Month**

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

**WHEN:** October 19, 2017 (third Thursday of every month)

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

**PROGRAM:** APS DVD: Doctoring of Postage Stamps 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. October's volunteer is **Randy Younger**.*

## September Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

We read the minutes from the May meeting, they were approved as read. Then the Treasurer's report was given and a motion to approve was passed.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

### New Business

There was discussion about authorizing payment for the club picnic. It was decided that this is a regular annual expense and will not require annual approval.

National Stamp Collecting Month posters were distributed for posting in the area.

Kirk Becker is going to do the annual club trivia contest a little differently this year. He is asking each member of the club to submit one philatelic trivia question to him by the December meeting on December 21. These questions may pertain to a foreign or U.S. stamp. The questions need to be specific, concise, and understandable so that there is only one answer. This is always a fun activity, I think with everyone contributing questions it will be even more fun. At least you'll know 1 answer.

Time for dues: it is that time of year again when our dues are due. Please come prepared to pay your dues for 2018 at the October, November, or December meeting. Ray and/or Kirk will collect dues and any changes in your contact information after the business meeting each of those three months.

### September Program:

The September program was presented by Dave Burrows and was on "How to do a Presentation." Based on the number of questions it was well received. Dave volunteered to help anyone interested in displaying a part of their collection as a prequel to the business meeting. Just let Dave know if you are interested.

### October Program:

The October program will be an APS DVD titled "Doctoring of Postage Stamps." Should be interesting as well as informative.

There will also be a silent auction.

## Dave's Deliberations

I must say I was very pleased with the response and questions that followed my presentation at our last meeting.

The first principle of computing is “KISS”. If you are unaware of its meaning, ask anyone younger than yourself and hope that you do not need to go through too many generations to receive an answer! I indicated that the program presented was prepared in well under half an hour. A little extra smoothing was needed to make everything run well, but in general it was satisfactory.

As I have now set a standard of imperfection, and have offered to prepare all computer work for the preparation of short displays I would like to see a member or two take me up on the offer to have their own “show and tell” of a small part of their collection. We would set this up to run prior to the business meeting. I am sure that would be something of which you are proud and the club would enjoy.

Now, in the words of the first Roosevelt, I have talked quietly. My big stick is the alternative, and that will be to show you every month programs developed from my own collection. Wouldn't you rather see what the other members have to show?

### Ray's Ramblings

Last month we discussed the federal duck stamp competition and duck stamps in general. I was able to attend the first day of the competition which was held at UW-Stevens Point. It was very interesting. There were 227 entries in the competition and while I was there the judges were going through and voting yes or no on each of the entries. Shown below is a picture of one of the display boards.



Shown below is a close up of the 4 entries on the lower left of that particular display board.



In the end artist, Bob Hautman of Delano, MN won the competition with his painting of a pair of mallards landing in a patch of cattails. This is Hautman's third win in the competition. Bob and his two brothers have been quite successful in the federal duck stamp competition. Between the 3 of them they have won 13 of the last 29 competitions including the last 3. Good news for other competitors though – due to a rule that after winning you are ineligible for 3 years, none of the Hautmans will be participating in next year's competition.



Picture of Bob Hautman's winning entry

If you ever have a chance I highly recommend that you attend one of these competitions in the future. In addition to the competitive entries there were hand carved decoys on display, there were displays of the development of the first duck stamp, and there was a lot of opportunity to learn about the positive impacts of the federal duck stamp program.

As much as I enjoy duck stamps and appreciate the art that goes into them, it is time to “fly” on to the

next topic. So, what shall we discuss this month? Well, back in the March 2016 newsletter I wrote about Mexican stamps in general. At that time, I mentioned a relatively recent series that I thought might be interesting to collect. That series is the Exporta series. It ran for 18 years from 1975 to 1993 and includes some 153 different stamps. There are many more stamps if you add in all the paper, size, color, and watermark variations.

The series recognizes and celebrates Mexico's many different export products. I like the concept and I think that the stamps are well designed. Shown below is a picture of the first Exporta stamp (Scott 1109). The stamp features steel pipes.



Scott 1109 featuring steel pipes

The Scott catalogue states that some of the exporta stamps have "burelage" on them. I was not familiar with that term, so I looked it up on line. According to Wikipedia it is a series of fine lines, dots, or other designs printed on postage stamps to help prevent counterfeiting. Usually the burelage is printed in the background and is unobtrusive, but with some of the exporta stamps it is quite obvious. Several other countries have used burelage on their stamps, including Denmark, Serbia, and Russia. Shown below is an exporta stamp with burelage.



Scott 1138 showing burelage

The stamp above shows the Mexican export product, cotton with quite obvious burelage that some may

feel detracts from the design of the stamp. To show how unobtrusive burelage can be I have inserted a picture of a Mexican stamp with less obtrusive burelage below.



Mexico C193 (non-exporta stamp) showing subtle burelage

This burelage can differ in the width between the lines or dots creating more varieties. In addition to the burelage the paper can be of differing weights and grades also contributing to more varieties. Wikipedia says that at least 14 different weights and grades of paper exist.

Shown below are a couple more exporta stamps to show some of the variety in products represented as Mexican exports.



Mexico 1123 showing the export of overalls



Mexico C486 showing the export of a copper vase

How does the old Shelly West country song go?

“...you are a friend of mine  
I like to drink you with a little salt and lime.  
Did I kiss all the cowboys,  
did I shoot out the lights?  
Did I dance on the bar,  
did I start a fight?”

Yes, it is some crazy stuff and I'm sure a favorite of a lot of people. The stamp showing what is possibly Mexico's most famous or should I say infamous export is shown below. What is this crazy export, why tequila of course.



Mexico 1125 – tequila

Despite the heavy burelage on some stamps, I think this is a well designed series. I think it is clean and colorful and does a nice job of promoting a country's exports. Shown below are a couple of the designs that I like.



Scott 1134 – strawberries



Scott 1590 - minerals

Way back at the start of this “rambling,” I mentioned that when I wrote about Mexican stamps a year and a half ago, I thought this might be an interesting series to collect. So, just because I don't have many other collecting interests -HA HA, I decided to at least put together a checklist of the exporta stamps. It does not include all the varieties, but does include all the major numbers. If anyone is interested, just let me know. I would be happy to share what I have with you. I can do it electronically or hard copy whichever you prefer. Adios for this month.

## Reminders

- Dues 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.

## Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**Oct. 14** Monroe Stamp and Postcard Show, Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Monroe, WI

**Oct. 14** WILL COUNTY STAMP SHOW, Naperville Area Stamp Club and Philatelic Club of Will County, Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 S. Houbolt Rd., Joliet, IL

**Oct. 14-15** MSDA Fall Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Assn. Country Inn and Suites, 600 Milwaukee Ave., Prospect Heights, IL

**Oct. 28** TRI-STATE STAMP EXPO, Tri-State Stamp Club, Northeast Iowa Community College, 9342 NICC Dr., Peosta, IA

**Oct. 28-29** TOSAPEX '17 Wauwatosa Stamp Club, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 91<sup>st</sup> and Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI

**Oct. 29** Sheboygan Stamp and Coin Show, Sheboygan Stamp Club, The Village at 170, 170Range Line Road, Kohler, WI

**Nov. 11** Oshkosh Stamp Bourse, Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Elks Club, 175 W. Fernau Ave., Oshkosh, WI

**Nov. 17-19** CHICAGOPEX '17, Chicago Philatelic Society, Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL

## Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

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| October  | APS DVD- Doctoring of Postage Stamps                  |
| November | Japanese Multi-Year Series                            |
| December | Christmas Party                                       |
| January  | Way-Out Topical Night                                 |
| February | Trivia Contest  |
| March    | Member Presentation (TBD)                             |
| 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.