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### President's corner

By Greg Schmidt, President of WFSC



Greg Schmidt

Unfortunately there is no President's Message in this issue of *Across the Fence Post*. For reasons out of his control, Greg Schmidt was unable to provide his regular column. Please look for a message in the March issue.

— Wayne

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## Wiscopex '12 in Madison Features Civil War Artifacts Display and 15-Dealer Bourse

Wiscopex '12 will feature an extensive collection of Civil War artifacts. The collection belongs to Gary Zink, a longtime member of the Badger Stamp Club, who also exhibits Civil War stamps and covers. Among the Confederate and Union artifacts to be shown are currency, photos, soldiers' letters, bullets, autographs and more. Be sure to peruse the display and also look for the Wiscopex '12 show cover (illustrated nearby), which depicts Madison's Camp Randall in 1862, when it was used as a military camp to train volunteer soldiers for the Civil War.

The 15-dealer bourse offers a wide variety of specialty material. First-time Wiscopex dealer John Leszak is signed up to attend. Leszak, of Buffalo, N.Y., operates the Cover Connection and also is editor of *Mekeel's and Stamps Magazine*. See a complete listing of Wiscopex '12 dealers in the April *Across the Fence Post*.

Exhibit entries are due on March 15. Club Team entries are encouraged for beginning exhibitors, with just four pages

per participant. To receive an exhibiting prospectus and entry form, contact Exhibits Co-chair Karen Weigt, 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI 53562, (608) 836-1509, or by email, [kweigt@tds.net](mailto:kweigt@tds.net).

As the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs there will be the annual delegates meeting (please see last issue) and the opportunity to see stamp collecting friends from all over the state. Please make plans to attend this fun annual event!

Wiscopex '12 will be held on Sunday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison. General Chairman Bob Voss can be contacted at P.O. Box 35, McFarland, WI, (608) 836-1033, email [lestamps@charter.net](mailto:lestamps@charter.net).

## New ATFP Editor Needed Urgently!

Due to the recent out-of-state move of editor Wayne Youngblood, *Across the Fence Post* urgently needs a new editor. *If a new editor is not found soon, the ATFP schedule will continue to be seriously disrupted for the foreseeable future.* This appointed and non-reimbursed position is an important one for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. *ATFP* not only serves as primary mouthpiece and calendar for the WFSC, but also provides educational and entertaining material for collectors in Wisconsin and other locations.

Please consider this opportunity. it's a great way to serve our organization and build important skills as well. If you are interested in full details, please contact Editor Wayne Youngblood ([wystamps@gmail.com](mailto:wystamps@gmail.com)).



## Clubs are Trump

By Maurice D. Wozniak

At a recent meeting of the **Green Bay Philatelic Society**, club members brought up the idea of honoring some long-time members with official life memberships in the club.

During the brief discussion, one of the members suggested with tongue in cheek that they give a life membership to a fellow member who had just volunteered to take on the duties of club historian. It was meant as a joke, and no action was taken. The club is thinking of devising a list of requirements for such an honor.

But it made me think: Giving volunteers for some positions a pass on yearly club dues might be a small incentive to people taking those posts. Most officer positions don't really require a lot of skill and time, just interest and commitment, but a savings of a few dollars per

## Call for Materials

Your input to *Across the Fence Post* is not only important on a regular basis, but is also urgently needed. Please consider writing a letter to the editor, a feature or even a caption for your favorite cover or philatelic item.

Please send submissions to Editor Wayne Youngblood ([wystamps@gmail.com](mailto:wystamps@gmail.com)) or P.O. Box 4601, St. Louis, MO 63108-4601.

For artwork, a scan is preferred, but either a photocopy or the original item will work fine. All originals will be returned after scanning.

year would be a token acknowledgement that members appreciate the officers' efforts on their behalf.

Some clubs award "stamp bucks" according to a published schedule for volunteer activities, such as serving as an officer or sitting at the club table at a stamp show. Those accumulated "bucks" can then be used the same as cash at an annual club auction.

It's another way to say "thanks" to volunteers.

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I should make corrections to a transcription error that appeared in last month's "Clubs Are Trump" column: The items on a show-and-tell program on members' oldest material from their collections, as well as youth activities, were both carried out by the **American Topical Association Chapter 5** group, which meets at the Mayfair Mall, Milwaukee.

Also, to clarify another show-and-tell program at the **Milwaukee Philatelic Society** that involved a Taco Bell Batman cup: Strips of paper inside the cup held a YouTube Internet link that answered the question, "Did you know Bruce Wayne (Batman) collected stamps?" Members could take the address if they wanted to watch the episodes that showed this.

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## Program ideas

A slide show on the Smithsonian Institution's National Philatelic Museum was shown for the

## Green Bay Philatelic Society.

Foreign stamp identification was the emphasis at a recent youth meeting of the **American Topical Association Chapter 5**, Milwaukee. Flash cards with country names and symbols or names that appear on countries' stamps were used, and a board game, Name That Country, was played.

In December, **ATA Chapter 5** had a program on Christmas cards, which are generally not "cards," but rather folded sheets in an envelope. Members shared items from their collections.

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## What others are doing

**Badger Stamp Club**, Madison, is moving ahead with plans for a one-day Wiscopex 2012 show, April 15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison. The show cancel design has been submitted to the United States Postal Service for approval, and the show cover mock-up is completed. A committee is working on "banquet-in-a-basket" favors for the awards ceremony. Watch for all important information about Wiscopex in *Across the Fence Post*.

The official address of the **Green Bay Philatelic Society** is now 2016 Baltic Terrace, Green Bay WI 54311.

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*Information for Clubs Are Trump is gathered from club newsletters. Please send them to Maurice D. Wozniak, 1010 Berlin St., Waupaca WI 54981.*

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# Remembering James "Jim" B. Hale

By John Pare

Jim Hale (1922-2007) was a long-time member of the Badger Stamp Club in Madison. In his later years he didn't attend meetings very often, but when he did we welcomed his deep knowledge of Wisconsin philately. Jim really didn't know me but I knew him and admired his work.

I remember his exhibit, *Door County Post Offices*, at Wiscopex '95 in Madison. It was my first exposure to Wisconsin Postal History. The following year he published *Going for the Mail: A History of Door County Post Offices* (Green Bay, Wis., Brown County Historical Society, 1996), a book whose organization and format provide guidance to philatelists preparing county postal history exhibits. I refer to it often. In 2000, again at Wiscopex in Madison – this time Wiscopex '00 – Jim showed his single frame exhibit, *My Cousin Nathan*. This exhibit showed UX72, the 9¢ green postal card released in 1977 to honor Nathan Hale. Was Jim really related to Nathan Hale? I don't know.

More than his exhibits and publications, Jim will likely be remembered by most for his long tenure as editor of *Badger Postal History*. Jim edited the *BPH* for 17 years (1970-87) and he was a co-editor for 10 more years (1969-70 and 1987-93). He paid his dues to the philatelic community in Wisconsin. Many of these achievements were noted in "Closed Album: James B. Hale," written by Karen Weigt in the February 2008 *Badger Postal History*. Bill Robinson and Paul Schroeder also contributed recollections about Jim. Jim died Nov. 4, 2007, just about four years ago.

Although I didn't know him at the time, my first contact with Jim Hale came in the 1970s, when I began collecting Bermuda aerophilately, specifically the 1937 and 1938 First Flights linking Bermuda to New York and Baltimore (FAM-17). Bermuda, you ask? What does Bermuda have to do with Jim Hale? Well, shown nearby are two covers. The first, from



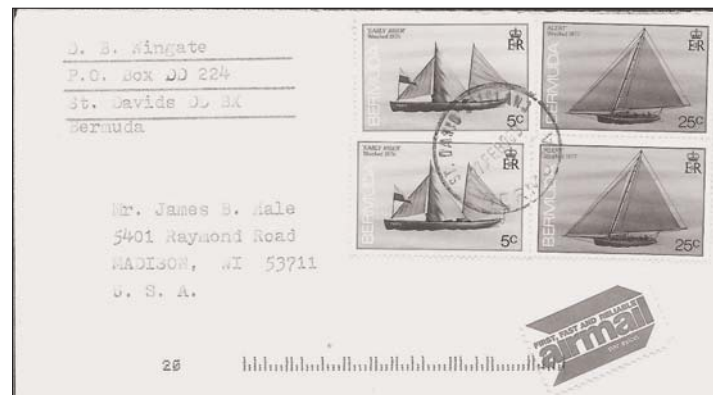
At left is a FAM-17 cover, addressed to Jim Hale when he was a boy of 15. The cover below is one addressed to Hales father. The cover at bottom is one found unexpectedly by the author while preparing this article. It is a 1995 Bermuda cover that more than likely contained professional correspondence between Hale and a wildlife biologist.

1937, is addressed to James B. Hale of Stoughton, Wis., a boy of 15 years at the time. The second cover is addressed to Harry B. Hale of Stoughton, Jim's father. These were covers serviced by Jim and his father more than 70 years ago.

As an adult professional, Jim was a wildlife biologist. In preparing this article, I found another cover in my collection that linked Jim to Bermuda. This time it is a 1995 cover addressed to Jim from David Wingate. David Wingate is a prominent Bermuda wildlife biologist responsible for find-



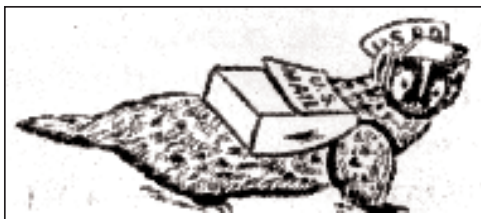
ing and re-establishing a colony of Cahows, long considered an extinct bird species on that island. I'm not sure what the envelope might



have contained, but I assume it was correspondence between professional acquaintances. That cover also is shown nearby.

So, while most of our memories of Jim center on his contributions to Wisconsin philately, I have always been elated to discover him smack in the middle of my Bermuda collection.

## Wisconsin Postal History Society Online Forum



In case you didn't already know, the Wisconsin Postal History Society now has its own online forum. This forum is available to all active members of the Wisconsin Postal History Society and can be found at the following web address:

[www.wfscstamps.org/Clubs/WisconsinPostalHistory/Members/forum/index.php](http://www.wfscstamps.org/Clubs/WisconsinPostalHistory/Members/forum/index.php)

However, if you are not already a member of the WPHS, don't run to the site immediately, as you will be asked for member verification.

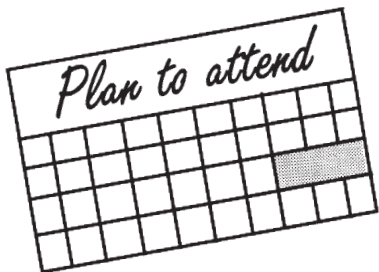
These login credentials are required due to a variety of technical and security reasons and also to allow access only to active members.

Once at the forum, you can browse most items as a guest, but registering and joining the forum will allow you to view all categories and boards, along with having the ability to post comments and share content within the WPHS community.

When in the forum, you will notice a variety of general discussion boards, boards for posting covers and postmarks, boards for sharing research and photos, boards for posting want ads or items for sale/exchange and, most importantly, a board where the current issue of *Badger Postal History* will be available for download in full color.

If you are interested in Wisconsin postal history and are not already a member of WPHS, please consider joining. Annual dues are \$15 per year, and there is an annual meeting at Wiscopex, a meeting at Milcopex most every fall and the quarterly *Badger Postal History* journal.

For more information, write to President Darren Mueller, PO Box 343, Oak Creek WI 53154-0343, or by email: [darren.mueller@juno.com](mailto:darren.mueller@juno.com).



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## 2012 WFSC show schedule\*

\*Some dates and details may be subject to change, and there will likely be additional listings.

**Mar. 3-4**

**Stampfest '12**  
**Milwaukee Philatelic Society**  
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall 1435 So. 92nd St., West Allis WI, Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** Carol Schutta  
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 harryncarolschutta@gmail.com

**Mar. 24**

**Baypex '12**  
**Green Bay Philatelic Society**  
 St. Matthew Catholic Church, Multipurpose Rm., 2575 So. Webster Ave. (parking in rear), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** Ray D. Perry (920) 469-8925, fiveperrys@athenet.net

**April 15**

**Wiscopex '12**  
**Annual Convention and Philatelic Exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs (hosted by the Badger Stamp Club, replaces Danepex)**  
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave. (across from East Towne Mall) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** Bob Voss, P.O. Box 35, McFarland, WI 53558 (608) 838-1033  
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**Apr. 28**

**Outapex '12**  
**Outagamie Philatelic Society**  
 Location to be announced.  
**Contact:** Gene Clark, (920) 731-2430

**Aug. 4**

**Woodruff: 7th Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club Summer Show**  
 Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy. 47E. Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club  
**Contact:** Dean Marin  
 9030 Blumstein Rd., Woodruff WI 54568 (715) 356-9453

**Mar. 9-11**

**Lombard, Ill. ASDA Show**  
**American Stamp Dealers Assoc.**  
 Lindner Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd.

**May 25-27**

**Arlington Heights, Ill. Complex '12**  
**Chicago Area Philatelic Societies**  
 Forest View Educational Center, 2121 So. Goebbert Rd.

**Mar. 10-11**

**Rockford '12**  
**Rockford Stamp Club**  
 Forest Hills Lodge, 9500 Forest Hills Rd.

**June 16**

**Rhineland: 31st Annual Bourse**  
 James Williams Middle School 915 Acacia Ln.  
**Contact:** Larry Marten (715) 282-5636  
 lfmarten@yahoo.com  
 Bill Julian (715) 277-2692

**Apr. 14-15**

**Prospect Heights, Ill. MSDA Spring Stamp Show**  
**Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc.**  
 Comfort Inn (formerly Wingate) 600 Milwaukee Ave.

**July 20-22**

**Crystal, MN**  
**Minnesota Stamp Expo, Maplewood Stamp Club, Twin City Phil. Soc., Lake Minnetonka Stamp Club, Minn. Stamp Dealers Assoc.**  
 Crystal Community Center 4800 N. Douglas Dr. North

**May 5-6**

**West Allis, Wis. Maypex '12**  
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall 1435 So. 92nd St.

**Aug. 4-5**

**Niles, Ill. NSDA Show**  
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