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NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

By *ATFP Editor Karen Weigt*

Abbreviated ATFP

Just four pages this month? Afraid so. As you'll see below, the WFSC's 2nd edition of *Wisconsin on Stamps* is scheduled to debut on May 29, Wisconsin Statehood Day, and my part of the production process has begun. Although I'm only doing the necessary computer work to provide the camera-ready copy, time is at a premium. *ATFP*, therefore, will take a backseat for a while. We'll be back with normal editions as of the May-June issue, so please be patient. ■

WFSC Announcements

NEW PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

At the WFSC Executive Board meeting held on January 10, Bob Lieb, of the Badger Stamp Club, was appointed to serve on the Publicity and Public Relations Committee. Vern Witt, WFSC past-president and member of the Sheboygan Stamp Club, was appointed to the Nominating Committee.

MANY THANK-YOUS TO:

The North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee — The WFSC very much appreciates the donation included with your 1998 dues payment.

Dorance Gibbs, WFSC Member-at-Large — Here's another gracious donor. Thanks!

Art Arntsen, of the Badger Stamp Club — And once again, our thanks to Art, for auditing the WFSC's 1997 financial records.

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2nd edition of the WFSC's

WISCONSIN ON STAMPS

Author-Editor Dreux Watermolen, of Madison, WI

2nd edition release date — May 29, 1998

Advance orders taken soon. Watch for details.

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Cacheted envelopes available to WFSC member clubs and individuals on either standard No. 10 or collectible 6³/₄ size 25 percent cotton envelope stock. Use for Wisconsin Statehood first- or second-day cancels, multiple or unofficial postmarks in this sesquicentennial year, club mailings or fund raising with added club name/logo if desired, or to dress up individual correspondence.

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WISCOPEX '98 Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 25, Green Mill Restaurant Picture Room at Midway Hotel (show hotel), 3025 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI.

Social Hour at Restaurant Bar 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m. (family-style broasted chicken and beef tips).

Order tickets on the following form. Pick up tickets at the Outagamie Philatelic Society table at the show.

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Reservations due by **April 20**. Mail to: Verna Shackleton, 425 N. Linwood, #110, Appleton, WI 54914.

WISCOPEX Lodging Information on p. 2

Plan to attend

Show Calendar and Registry

List your show, bourse, auction or event

 **FREE** for WFSC member-club shows — classified rates for non-members and all other events

Mar. 14 & Apr. 11

STAMP AND COIN FAIRS (bourses)

Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society
Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Days Inn (formerly Rib Mountain Travel Inn), Hwy. 51 (exit 188), Wausau
(Contact: Jim Johnson (715) 359-4326) (3/98)

March 28

BAYPEX '98

Green Bay Philatelic Society
Downtown Best Western Motel, 321 So. Washington, Green Bay (Contact: Gordy Lindner, 1002 Amberly Tr., Green Bay, WI 54311 — (920) 465-6692)

April 25-26

WISCOPEX '98

hosted by Outagamie Philatelic Society
Fox Valley Lutheran High School
2626 N. Oneida St., Appleton
(Contact: Al Marcus, P.O. Box 11, Appleton, WI 54912-0111)

June 20-21

17th ANNUAL SHOW AND BOURSE

Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club
Nicolet College, LRC Building
County G, Rhinelander
(Contact: Larry Marten, 3295 Hancock Lake Rd., Harshaw, WI 54529 — phone (715) 282-5636)

June 27-28

TRI-PEX STAMP FAIR '98

Italian Amer. Stamp Club, North Shore Phil. Soc., Polish Amer. Stamp Club
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 So. 92nd St., West Allis
(Contact: Rob Henak, 8010 N. Mohawk Ave., Fox Point, WI 53217) (5/98)

Lodging Options

WISCOPEX '98
April 25-26
Appleton, WI



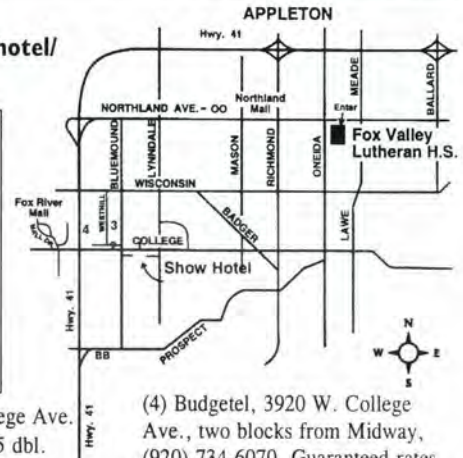
Make reservations directly with your hotel/motel of choice.

(1) **Show Hotel/ Banquet Location:**
Midway Motor Lodge, 3033 W. College Ave. (920) 931-4141. Ask for WISCOPEX Stamp Show rates at \$67 single/\$78 double.

(2) Roadstar, 3623 College Ave. (800) 445-INNS, \$45.95 dbl.

(3) Super 8, 3624 W. College Ave. (800) 800-8000, \$45 single/\$53 dbl.

(4) Budgetel, 3920 W. College Ave., two blocks from Midway, (920) 734-6070. Guaranteed rates through April 10 at \$41 single/48.95 dbl.



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By Dan Undersander, Badger Stamp Club

A Review of the 1998 Catalogue of Errors on US Postage Stamps, by Stephen R. Datz



The Datz catalogue is well recognized as the premiere reference for U.S. postage stamp errors. The seventh edition, 1998 catalog, is a soft-cover, 6-inch-by-9-inch book with 170 pages listing imperforate, color-omitted, and invert errors. It has an excellent introduction with good definitions of terms used in the catalog. However, the descriptions are empirical with no information about how errors are created during the manufacturing process.

I had not questioned the content of the various categories of errors before reading this catalog. The author obviously considers items such as paper fold-overs, gutter pairs, and misperforations to be freaks or oddities and does not list them. While many would agree that a number of the curiosities created as a result of manufacturing problems can be classified as freaks or oddities, certain items such as tagging errors qualify to fall in the same category as a color-omitted error and should be listed.

For each listing, the author includes a picture of the stamp, date of issue and printer, as well as a current price and estimate of the quantity of the item. The catalog does not differentiate between varieties of stamps arising from different printings such as wet vs. dry printing, Cotrell vs. B-press, shiny vs.

dull gum. Where coils are involved, price information is provided by plate number, and a special section lists known quantities of plate number strips. The quantity information is invaluable.

Prices for all errors are considered to be net retail prices and are compiled from dealer price lists, auctions, and the author's judgment. They seem to be in the correct range, with the caution that auction prices for individual items may vary greatly.

The major problem I had in using the book is the lack of accepted catalog numbers, making it difficult to find a specific stamp listing. The author uses his own number system with an IM prefix for imperforates, CO prefix for color-omitted stamps, and IV prefix for inverted stamps. And, since stamps are listed chronologically within each section, it's necessary to know a particular stamp's date of issue. Additionally, several numbers have changed since the last edition, so it is difficult to use those found in published articles.

Coil and sheet stamps are located in separate sections within each category, so one must remember to look in two places. Furthermore, the same stamp may have different numbers for different error types (e.g., for the 22¢ Seashells, the numbers are IM481 and CO144 for the imperforate and color-omitted errors, respectively.)

Overall, the catalog contains much useful information to anyone interested in errors and is highly recommended in spite of the limitations mentioned.

The 1998 Catalogue of Errors on US Postage Stamps is available from philatelic book dealers or directly from Krause Publica-

tions, Book Department PAR7, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. When ordering from Krause, remit \$14.95 plus \$3.25 for shipping (Wisconsin residents add 5.5 percent sales tax). Charge-card customers can order by calling (800) 258-0929. ■

By Steve Langkau, former WFSC Historian

On Wisconsin



The Badger State celebrates its 150th anniversary of statehood this year. In conjunction with the occasion, this column regularly features a stamp (or other postal item) and story pertaining to the state of Wisconsin.

In 1926, the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs



sponsored a study of birds in the schools of the state. This resulted in the school children selecting the robin as the state bird. In 1949, the Legislature officially made the robin the state bird.

Some other state symbols are the sugar maple as the state tree, the wood violet as the state flower, the badger as the state animal, the white-tailed deer as the state wild animal, the dairy cow as the state domesticated animal, the honeybee as the state insect, granite as the state rock, the American water spaniel as the state dog and the galena as the state mineral. ■

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- WISCOPEX '98, Apr. 25-26, Appleton
- May Stamp Show, May 16-17, West Allis
- TRI-PEX '98, June 27-28, West Allis

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