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President's corner

Reverting to Type

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

When I agreed to go to the opening session of a leadership course my wife is taking, I didn't realize I'd be a guinea pig. The course is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Extension in Waupaca County. Its purpose is to develop an understanding of government on all levels and maybe even foster an interest in political activity. My wife, Suzanne, is active in several volunteer organizations and thought the course would help her be more effective in those roles and make her a better citizen.

A good portion of the opening session was devoted to self-testing and analysis of the 25 or so participants to determine their personalities and ultimately how to work with and cater to people with varied personalities in the workplace.

We started out by filling out a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory, in which we were to indicate our preferences when confronted with two situations or descriptions. Then, with an answer key, each of us determined whether we were extroverts or introverts and whether we reacted by sensing or intuiting, thinking or feeling and judging or perceiving.

There are no right or wrong answers, the instructor assured us. The test merely shows indications of personalities.

Well, it turned out I am apparently an introvert, although not 100%.

During a break, six of us were asked to wait

a few minutes before returning to the classroom. I was in a group of three who were ushered in first. We found three chairs arranged in front of the rest of the class, and the instructor, with no elaboration, asked us to describe our ideal weekend.

We sat there with our hands in our laps. I was stumped. Getting some projects done around the house? A visit with some friends? A weekend trip to a resort in Cancun, Mexico, lazing around the pool? Watching a couple of shows in Las Vegas? Fishing?

One of the three victims responded fairly quickly. He would be in the woods, he said, "getting the big buck." The other agreed. He would be "hunting deer and ducks."

I still had not made up my mind, and it was clearly my turn.

"Anywhere but in the woods," I offered, which elicited the expected laughs from the group, giving me another few seconds to think. And then it hit me. "I like to . . ." I began, and by then I had my ideal weekend scenario planted firmly in my mind. "I'm a stamp collector, so I would spend the whole weekend trying to get my whole collection organized and put together properly."

I noticed my wife smiled and wrote something on her pad of paper.

Each of us sat there uncomfortably for a few seconds before the facilitator thanked us and asked us to return to our seats.

When the other three guinea pigs came in, they went to the same seats and were given the same instructions. Each launched into a detailed description of a weekend filled with interaction and family fun.

Whereas we in the first group of three had been almost taciturn and stingy with our responses, taking only a couple of sentences each, the



The Stamp Collector, by Charles Spencelay.

second group was effusive and detailed.

They had been selected because they were extroverts. Those in the first group, including me, were introverts, and we had described private pastimes that we could do alone. To me, it was an impressive display of type-response on display.

I have written before about the fun I have had

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WFSC member club Christmas ads

Long-standing tradition of member clubs of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs has been to run special holiday ads. We will be resuming this tradition in the December issue, with two options for clubs.

Individual ads may be purchased at normal

ATFP rates and designed either by the club or the editor and placed in desired locations in the issue (the front page banner is already taken).

The second option is to be part of a larger ad with a \$10 sponsorship.

Either way, all copy needs to be received by

the editor prior to Nov. 15.

Information should be sent to: ATFP Christmas Ad, Editor Wayne Youngblood, P.O. Box 111, Scandinavia WI 54977-0111, or emailed to youngblood@tds.net.

Clubs are Trump

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

In many ways, stamp dealers can be considered the backbone of philately, and several clubs have found ways to incorporate dealer-members and supporters into their clubs.

The **Central Wisconsin Stamp Club**, for example, holds its first-Thursday meeting in Stevens Point at a dealer's shop, JADECO Hobbies and Stamps.

"We have a number of dealer members who usually can be counted on to bring some goodies to sell to our members each meeting and also regularly bring auction lots," the **Rockford (Ill.) Stamp Club** newsletter noted. "These dealer members help make our club thrive by keeping members interested in new material." Editor Tim Wait asked dealers to provide biographical information so he could include profiles in the monthly newsletter.

The **Milwaukee Philatelic Society** newsletter regularly runs color photos and business cards of dealers who frequently take tables at shows and bourses in the area.

"These are the ladies and gentlemen who

joined our club and support our shows by being regulars as dealers," a recent newsletter edition proclaimed. "They are very dedicated to the hobby of stamp collecting. They go beyond the call of duty by contributing items for our youth table and stamp bucks auctions. They also sell discounted stamps to use for postage. Thanks."

Program ideas

American Topical Association Chapter 5 heard a presentation by member Judy Essig on her philatelic Red Hats exhibit. Her one-frame exhibit won the ATA's newly created Mary Ann Owens Novice Award at the national Topical Stamp Show in Irving, Texas, this year. It also won the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors novice award.

Serge Logan, editor of the **Kenosha Stamp & Cover Club** newsletter, extolled the virtue of an American Philatelic Society slide program on "Designing the State Birds and Flowers Issue of 1982." The show recounts the work done by the father-and-son team of Arthur and Allen Singer. "This is a story you want to see," Logan said.

What others are doing

The **Green Bay Philatelic Society** show, Baypex '08, will be held at the Midway Motor Lodge on Armed Forces Dr. in Green Bay, a new location.

GBPS newsletter Editor Cleve Delvaux urged members to make sure information on themselves was correct before a members directory went to press.

Hank Fox, a member of the **Rockford Stamp Club**, explained in the club newsletter that the \$2 Bobcat definitive stamp remains his favorite stamp because it reminds him of an experience while deer hunting in California. "I heard a rustling in the brush and was ready to shoot the deer I expected, when a big bobcat jumped out right in front of me, looked at me like, "What are you doing here?" and bounded away. Very pretty animal."

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

APS changes chapter qualifications

The board of directors of the American Philatelic Society adopted changes to rules governing free chapter memberships at its Oct. 23 meeting in Bellefonte, Pa.

Previously, a club had to have at least 12 members who were also APS members and comprise at least one-third of the total membership. Thus a club would either have to have 36 members or an extremely high percentage of APS members to begin to qualify for a free APS membership.

Under the new guidelines, clubs with fewer than 36 members may still qualify if at least five members are APS members and if they comprise at least one-third of the total membership. Thus, smaller clubs can qualify for free APS chapter membership.

Annual chapter membership forms must also be completed to maintain free membership.

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immersing myself in my collection. The couple of times I have been able to haul boxes and albums away and set myself up for marathon sorting and mounting - with time out for meals on my own schedule -- have been truly enjoyable.

Introverts probably will understand. Extroverts? Maybe not.

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Submission deadlines for editorial and advertising materials are for the 1st of the month preceding month of publication (i.e. Jan. 1 for Feb. issue).

All show calendar information, along with all other editorial matter and listings, should be sent to: Wayne L. Youngblood, Editor AFTP, P.O. Box 111, Scandinavia WI 54977-0111. (youngblood@tds.net) phone: 715-467-4416.

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Wisconsin connection found for recent Polar Lights stamps

by James E. Byrne
Northwoods Philatelic Society

If you have a collection of Wisconsin-related philatelic material, you might want to include in it a full pane of the 41¢ Polar Lights stamps issued on Oct. 1, 2007. The very striking panoramic photograph of the aurora borealis, which spans the top of the pane, was taken by LeRoy Zimmerman, a Wisconsin native.

Zimmerman was born in Oshkosh in 1940 and took up panoramic photography in 1967. In 1974 he moved to Alaska, where he now lives in Ester, an individualistic community which refuses to consider itself a suburb of Fairbanks, its larger neighbor. Being located north of the 64th Parallel and retaining some of the rural character reflecting its origins as a mining camp, Ester is a very good base from which Zimmerman can pursue his dual passion for the northern lights and panoramic photography. (Oshkosh, by comparison, is north of the 44th Parallel.)

The move by the United States Postal Service into the production of panes of 20 stamps with related design elements forming a frame around the stamps adds a dimension to collecting that many have ignored in the past. Topical and thematic collectors have long recognized the design components in the selvage of souvenir sheets, and some collectors have focused on the work of specific stamp designers or engravers. With small panes like the Polar Lights issue, the selvage art can add work by an additional designer, an additional thematic image that would have a place in a specialized collection, or even a different medium of art. On the northern lights pane, the borealis stamp is produced from a photograph by Fred Hirschmann of Wasilla, Alaska, and the australis stamp is from a photograph taken by Per-Andre Hoffmann of Manila, Philippines. Both are nicely framed by the selvage picture in a different, but related, photographic medium.



To collectors of Wisconsin-related material, one attraction of the Polar Lights issue is the panoramic work of native son LeRoy Zimmerman. For all collectors, however, the pane is an invi-

tation to look differently and more widely at what can be collected in an age when new issues are expanding collecting possibilities by modifying the format in which postage is printed and sold.

Will famous “Locket Invert” be broken out of its case?

It's no news at this point that the legendary so-called locket copy of the famous 24¢ inverted Jenny airmail failed to find a buyer in the May 18 Siegel Rarities of the World auction in New York City. The locket had received an \$80,000 bid but didn't meet the reserve. The stamp itself has a current catalog value of \$170,000 hinged, and \$200,000 mint never-hinged, as the stamp in the locket is believed to be.

The locket copy, in case you aren't familiar with the story, is a straight-edged, top-margin invert,

mounted back-to-back with a normal stamp inside a locket, which was a gift from Col. Edward H.R. Green to his wife Mabel Harlow, a former exotic dancer and prostitute. Green, of course, was the extremely quirky millionaire collector son of Hetty Green, who spent fortunes on his passion for stamps. This passion included the purchase of the entire pane of Jenny inverts for \$20,000 shortly after they were discovered.

The locket copy is significant for several reasons.

First, this is the first time the



stamp has ever been offered for sale in its more than 80-year history.

of Wisconsin stamp club information. In it, our **Fond du Lac club** was listed with an incorrect starting time. The Fond du Lac club meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. (not 7:00 P.M.).

Please make this change for the next publication of club information. Thank you.

— Donald Kroes
(member of **Fond du Lac club**)

Thank you for the correction!
— Wayne

Since the stamp was encased in the locket early on, it is probably one of the freshest and least tampered-with stamps from the pane.

Green is one of the most intriguing characters to have ever collected stamps. Since the locket copy is so closely identified with Green, it is, by its nature, one of the most significant position pieces from the pane and is readily identifiable.

Unfortunately, comments made to Scott Trepel of Siegel focus specifically on the stamp. Several individuals have even considered the idea of breaking the stamp out of the locket if it were to be purchased.

While it is easy to comment when one's money isn't on the line, the destruction of the locket would be a true loss. It is an icon of sorts that represents an important and colorful chapter in the lore of our hobby. Such an action would be akin to cutting a rare painting from its original frame to mount in something a little more modern.

Let's hope the ultimate buyer has the common sense to preserve this incredible item for what it represents to the hobby.

Letters to the editor:

The **Janesville Stamp Club** Annual Exhibition and Bourse will be held on Feb. 10, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Express Convention Center; 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville WI 53545. It is located just off I-90 at the Hwy 14 East exit. The contact person is Gary Wentworth (608-756-1380) or email at wnstamps@aol.com.

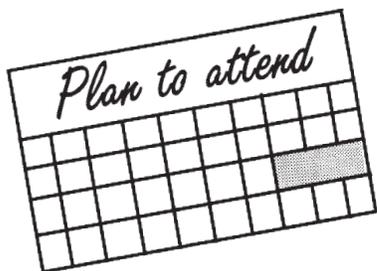
Also, the Janesville Stamp Club held its annual banquet at Sophias Restaurant in Beloit on Aug. 16th.

Good food and a great time was enjoyed by all attendees! Election of club officers will be at the Sept. meeting held at the Job Service building in Janesville on the third Thursday at 7:00P.M. All stamp collectors are invited to come and join our friendly group.

— Valorie Cook
via email

I always enjoy receiving *Across the Fence Post*. Thank you for the good efforts of you and your staff.

Last month there was an insert



Show Calendar and Registry

List your show, bourse, auction or other event here!

Calendar listings are free for one WFSC member-club event per year. Classified advertising rates apply for all non-members and other events appearing in this section.

2007-2008 WFSC show schedule*

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

November 17

Oshkosh Stamp Bourse
Oshkosh Philatelic Society
 Elk's Club, 175 Fernau St., Oshkosh, WI,
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus —920-725-0798
 maram@tds.net

March 8-9, 2008

ROCKFORD '08
Rockford Stamp Club
 Forest Hills Lodge, 9500 Forest Hills Rd.,
 Rockford, IL
Contact: Tim Wait, 1718 Northrock Ct.,
 Rockford, IL 61103
 (815)-670-5869, t.wait@insightBB.com

June 21, 2008

26th Annual Show and Bourse
Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club
 James Williams Middle School, 915
 Acacia Ln., Rhinelander, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Larry Marten, 3295 Hancock
 Lake Rd., Harshaw, WI 54529
 (715)-282-5636, lfmarten@yahoo.com
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June 28-29, 2008

TRI-PEX Stamp Fair
ATA Chapter 5
and North Shore Phil. Society
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So.
 92nd St., West Allis
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Feb. 10, 2008

Janesville Annual Exhibition and Bourse
Janesville Stamp Club
 Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl.,
 Janesville
Contact: Gary Wentworth
 (608)-756-1380, wnstamps@aol.com

March 15, 2008

BAYPEX '08
Green Bay Philatelic Society
 Best Western Midway Hotel, 780 Armed
 Forces Dr. (formerly known as Packer
 Dr.), Green Bay, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Ray D. Perry
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Israel Post refuses personalized stamp

Israel Post's security department recently filed a complaint with the police against a young man from Haifa who had asked the national postal service to issue a personalized stamp of himself wearing a Nazi insignia.



Photo: Israel Post

The postal company's "My Stamp" service allows customers to order personalized stamps, similar to those in the United States and other countries. Customers interested in the service may send their pictures via e-mail.

But the man against whom the postal service complained sent a picture of himself dressed in black, wearing a swastika armband on his left arm. He also had a Hitler-style moustache. The secu-

rity department made the complaint at the Tel Aviv District Police Headquarters.

Israel Post's president and CEO, Avi Hochman, said that as a son of Holocaust survivors he was shocked to see the picture, and he ordered the service's security unit to investigate the case and involve police right away.

Hochman added that the man's request to print the stamp was refused because it did not meet the postal service's conditions for personalized stamps of "upholding the dignity of the State of Israel and of the Jewish tradition." Personalized stamps are regarded as official documents of the State of Israel.

Nominations sought for Wis. Philatelic Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame. The deadline is Dec. 31, 2007. Required nominee qualifications are: 1) Contributions of purely local club nature shall not be the sole reason for selection to the Hall of Fame; and 2) A deceased philatelist may not be nominated or considered for selection until at least three years after his/her death. Send your nomination(s), together with a statement identifying the nominee, a short philatelic biography and the reasons why that person should be selected for the WPHF to: Chairman, WPHF Committee Arthur Schmitz, 3615 N. 47th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216. Questions can be answered by e-mail pescador@exec.com.

Only WFSC member clubs may submit nominations, and each nomination must be seconded by two other member clubs. The nominating club is responsible for making arrangements with the seconding clubs to provide those seconds. The nomination and seconds should be sent to the chairman in one mailing.

Feb. 17, 2008

CENWISPEX '08
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club
 JADECO Stamp and Hobby
 North Point Mall, 200 Division St.
Contact: J.D. Manville, P.O. Box 845,
 Stevens Point, WI 54481
 (715)-341-5555, jadeco@charter.net

April 12, 2008

Wiscopex '08
hosted by the Outagamie Philatelic Society
 Fox Valley Lutheran High School
 5300 N. Meade St., Appleton, WI
 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus —
 920-725-0798, or Verna Shackleton
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March 1-2, 2008

STAMPFEST '08
Milwaukee Philatelic Society
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
 1435 So. 92nd St., West Allis
Contact: Carol Schutta, 10250 W.
 Sharon Ln., #5, Milwaukee, WI 53225 -
 (414)-464-6994,
 www.MilwaukeePhilatelic.org

April 20, 2008

DANEPEX '08
Badger Stamp Club
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington
 Ave. (across from East Towne Mall)
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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 Madison, WI 53714
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May 10, 2008

Sheboygan Stamp and Coin Show
Sheboygan Stamp Club
 Municipal Building, 375 Buffalo St.,
 Sheboygan Falls
Contact: Barbara Stohl, P.O. Box 907,
 Sheboygan, WI 53082 (920)-458-4883

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Stevens Point Stamp Bourses
Nov. 10 and Dec. 8
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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