

Across the Fence Post

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President's Message

By Gregg Greenwald

The fall stamp collecting season is upon us! October is officially Stamp



Collecting Month and it is time to pull the stamp albums out and catch up with the collecting duties you put off for the summer.

However, if you were like me, there was plenty of philatelic activity going on over the summer. I was able to attend the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) held in Hartford, Connecticut, August 15-18. GASS is a collaboration of the American Philatelic Society (APS), the American Topical Association (ATA) and the

American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). In addition to attending my first APS Stamp Soiree, courtesy of stamp dealer Eric Jackson,

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From the Editor

By Joe Kowalski

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Federation News

Executive Meeting via Zoom August 3, 2024

Editor's notes only. For Secretary Davis' detailed minutes—up for approval at the November 16 Executive Board meeting—go to <https://www.wfscstamps.org/>.

Online were MaryAnn Bowman, Clarence Davis, Gregg Greenwald, Joe Kowalski, Karen Weigt, Brian Liedtke, Bill Lothary, Bill Manka, Jim Stollenwerk, Anna Trischan, and Zoom hosts Doug Henkle and his helpful wife Mary.

President Greenwald called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Treasurer's Report (Stollenwerk)

The current Federation balance is \$10,135.65.

Wiscopex 2025 Planning (Stollenwerk)

The Fond du Lac Stamp Club will host the next convention on May 3-4, 2025, at the same venue, the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. With dealer payments and silent auction proceeds, Wiscopex 2024 realized about \$1000 after expenses. A new exhibits chair is needed.

Committee, Appointee Reports Archivist (Emeritus)

Davis awaits the State Historical Society's reply regarding acceptance of the Federation's archives.

Advertising Manager (Liedtke)
Some dealers have not yet paid for their 2024 business card-size *Fence Post* ads. Manka will pursue. Liedtke seeks a replacement as ad manager.

***Across the Fence Post* Editor (Kowalski)**

The editor sought guidance on how detailed Business and Board meetings should be written in the newsletter. See italicized paragraph, above. Presidents are encouraged to submit club histories for the Connecting with Clubs feature.

The editor's quarterly stipend of \$24 was briefly discussed.

Editorial Committee

This committee consists of Bowman, Aimee Devine, Kowalski (chair), Liedtke and Darlene Waterstreet. A replacement for the late Ray Perry is sought.

Subscriptions (Liedtke)
The Federation will reimburse our gracious meeting hosts for their annual Zoom subscription. The WFSC \$57 website hosting

charge has also been paid.

Donation to APS

Acknowledgement of our \$100 donation to the American Philatelic Society in Ken Grant's name should appear in an upcoming issue of its magazine.

Potential New Club? (Liedtke)
An informal group of collectors meets in Stoughton. Might they be convinced to join the Federation?

Finance Committee (Liedtke)
Dave Carney, Stollenwerk (chair) and Al Vick make up this group.

2025 Stamp-o-Rama (Liedtke)
The September 27, 2025 rummage sale-style show is under consideration. The location will be St. Francis Lions Community Center. Tables for clubs and individuals are planned. It will be sponsored with funds from the Federation.

Auctions (Bowman)
There was a discussion of types of auctions with various types of profit splits.

Club Outreach (Trischan)
Anna and Keith Trischan continue their temporary "Road Show" visits to local clubs, selling various unsold lots.

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East Central VP (Bill Manka)

Fond du Lac had a nice July picnic. Sheboygan discussed the future of the U.S. Postal Service in particular and stamp collecting in general. The Kettle Moraine club is active.

Southwest VP (Lothary)

Also active are the Rockford, Madison and Janesville clubs.

Southeast VP (Trischan)

Milwaukee's Milcopex went well and with good attendance. July's meeting included an ice cream social. Wauwatosa prepared for Tosapex, July 27-28. ATA Chapter 5 and the Waukesha club cancelled its summer picnic due to low attendance in previous years.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Executive Board will meet again via Zoom on November 16 at 10 a.m. This one ended at 12:43 p.m.



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I attended two lectures regarding aspects of the current scourge of the United States Postal Service (USPS): counterfeit postage. The first hour consisted of a presentation by a member of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, detailing why it has been difficult to ebb the tide of counterfeit postage being used in the mails. That presentation was followed by Wisconsin's own Wayne Youngblood who presented the details associated with counterfeit postage. Both were well attended with extra chairs having to be brought in to accommodate the crowd!

Speaking of counterfeit postage, another highlight of my summer was doing a presentation on—you guessed it—counterfeit postage, to Pulaski's PACE summer school program that has fellow WFSC Hall of Famer Richard Krainz as an advisor. PACE (Pulaski Area Community Education) includes a program for kids to work on their stamp collections over the



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If you are helping your local post office to identify counterfeit postage, I would like to hear from you! We can compare insights into the problem plaguing the USPS.

Not-so-Spooky Halloween Costumes

Actual children's costumes sold on the USPS website: Mailbox, \$38.99; Mail Carrier, \$24.95; Postal Truck, \$29.99; and even one for a dog, \$17.99.



Silent Donation Auction of United States Stamps to benefit the WFSC

Rules and Regulations: You must be over the age of 18 to participate. Mail and email bids only. Lots are sold at one bidding increment over next highest bid. Bidding increments are 25¢ up to \$4.75. 50¢ up to \$9.50. \$1 for \$10 and up. **Auction closes December 31, 2024.**

Scott catalog numbers and values are used throughout. Standard auction abbreviations apply. All lots have a minimum bid (MB). Tie bids go to the earliest postmark or email date.

Winners of lots will be notified by email and payment must be remitted to the WFSC before lots are sent. First Class postage costs will be covered by the WFSC, but insurance or other special services will be at the expense of the winner(s) of the lots.

Send your bids to MaryAnn Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187 or email her at maryann15b@mac.com. Your bid sheet must have your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address as well as the lot numbers and your bids.

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| 2. #294-95 Used, fine Cat. \$4 MB \$1 | 35. #695 MNH Block of 4, Fine Cat. \$25 MB \$5 |
| 3. #295 MH, Fine Cat. \$15 MB \$3 | 36. #697 MNH, VF Cat. \$7.25 MB \$1.50 |
| 4. #319 MH, Fine Cat. \$6 MB \$1.25 | 37. #711 MNH Block of 4, Fine Cat. \$18 MB \$3.50 |
| 5. #408 MVLH Block of 4, VF Cat. \$4.20 MB \$1 | 38. #712 MNH Plate Block, Fine Cat. \$12 MB \$2.50 |
| 6. #441 MNH Coil Pair, VF Cat. \$5.75 MB \$1.25 | 39. #713 MNH, Block of 4, Fine Cat. \$16 MB \$3 |
| 7. #496 MH Coil Pair, Fine Cat. \$8 MB \$1.75 | 40. #715 MH, Plate Single, Fine Cat. \$9 MB \$2 |
| 8. #530 MNH Block of 4, Fine/Avg. Cat. \$18 MB \$3.50 | 41. #715 MH, Fine Cat. \$9 MB \$2 |
| 9. #559-568 (not 560, 564, 565) MH,
Fine Cat. \$78.50 MB \$16 | 42. #719 MNH, Block of 4, Fine Ca. \$12 MB \$2.25 |
| 10. #503 MNH Block of 4, Fine Cat. \$5.50 MB \$1.25 | 43. #847 MVLH, Coil Pair Cat. \$22 MB \$4.50 |
| 11. #597-600 MNH, Fine Cat. \$13.60 MB \$2.75 | 44. #1279 Plate Block MNH Cat. \$3.50 MB \$0.75 |
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| 16. #611 Used, Fine Cat. \$4 MB \$1 | 49. #2541 Used Plate single, Light cancel Cat. \$6 MB \$1.25 |
| 17. #614-615 MNH F/VF Cat. \$11.25 MB \$2.25 | 50. #2542 Used Plate Single, Light cancel Cat. \$15 MB \$3 |
| 18. #614 (F) & 615 plate single (Avg) MH,
Cat. \$6.05 MB \$1.25 | 51. #2842 Used, Light cancel Cat. \$16 MB \$3 |
| 19. #617 (MVLH) & 618 (MNH), Fine
Cat. \$8.50 MB \$1.75 | 52. #3648 Used, Light cancel Cat. \$10 MB \$2 |
| 20. #617 (Avg) & 618 (V/VF) MNH
Cat. \$10.25 MB \$2 | 53. C17 & C19 MNH, Fine Cat. \$7.25 MB \$1.50 |
| 21. #618 VLH, VF Cat. \$3.50 MB \$0.75 | 54. J79 MNH Block of 4, Fine Cat. \$7.20 MB \$1.50 |
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| 23. #620 MNH, Fine Cat. \$6 MB \$1.25 | 56. JQ5 Used Fine, Light cancel Cat. \$4.50 MB \$1 |
| 24. #621 MH, Fine Cat. \$9 MB \$1.75 | 57. QE11-4 MH, Fine Cat. \$31 MB \$6.25 |
| 25. #622 MH, Fine Cat. \$9 MB \$1.75 | 58. U652 Mint Cut Square \$12.50 MB \$2.50 |
| 26. #622-23 MH, Fine Cat. \$18 MB \$3.75 | 59. U658 Mint Cut Square \$10 MB \$2 |
| 27. #628 MNH, VF Cat. \$8.50 MB \$1.75 | 60. Iowa Waterfowl Stamp #11, Signed Cat. \$2.50 MB \$1 |
| 28. #639 MNH, VF Block of 4 Cat. \$13 MB \$2.50 | 61. MD Waterfowl Stamp #5 Signed Cat. \$2.50 MB \$1 |
| 29. #641 MNH Block of 4, Fine Cat. \$12 MB \$2.50 | 62. MD Waterfowl Stamp #9 Signed Selvedge text
Cat. \$2.50 MB \$1.25 |
| 30. #647 MNH, Fine Cat. \$7.25 MB \$1.50 | 63. MD Waterfowl Stamp #27 Signed, Selvedge text
Cat. \$2.50 MB \$1.25 |
| 31. #648 MVLH Fine Cat. \$11 MB \$2.25 | |
| 32. #647 (NH) & 648 (VLH) Cat. \$18 MB \$3.75 | |
| 33. #649-50 MNH, Fine Cat. \$8.75 MB \$1.75 | |



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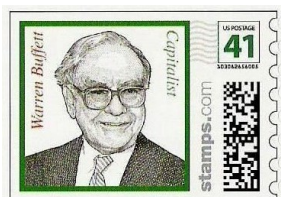
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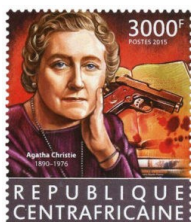
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Topical Topic: Stamp Collectors on Stamps, A to F



Top row: Medical researcher Dr. Virginia Apgar, actor Yul Brynner, investor Warren Buffett, opera singer Enrico Caruso and actor-director Charlie Chaplin. Bottom row: mystery writer Agatha Christie, oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, aviator Amelia Earhart, Queen Elizabeth II, King Farouk I and President Gerald R. Ford.



Connecting with Clubs

By MaryAnn Bowman, WFSC VP Youth Division, Publicity and Public Relations Chair

ATA #5 Challenge Offers Cash Prizes

In celebration of 75 years of organized topical collecting, ATA #5 (Milwaukee Chapter), is challenging the philatelic community to create one-page non-competitive exhibits related to any aspect of Wisconsin.

You won't need to send the actual completed page—just a scan. The page will appear on the Milcopex website.

Complete instructions, a starter list of ideas, and an application can be found on the website: www.Milcopex.org. Deadline for entering is December 31, 2024. The activity is open to the collecting public.

Cash prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded in a random drawing to take place in January. The intent is to encourage participation without the skills and structure

required for competitive exhibits. These fun-page displays will help to tell the story of our state, be educational and showcase the wide range of philatelic material that can be used to tell Wisconsin's story. There are no limits to the number of single page exhibits that can be submitted, but no person can receive more than one cash prize.

The American Topical Association was founded by Milwaukee's Jerry Husak. He and his wife Sally called Wisconsin home for many years. It is in their honor that we are offering this opportunity as a way to recognize the impact that topical collecting has made in philately.

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Philata-Fact Update: As noted in the newsletter last year, 103 countries had already issued 145 stamps honoring pandemic healthcare workers, but none from the United States Postal Service.

USPS has, pardon the pun, remedied that situation with this commemorative Forever stamp. A First-Day ceremony in conjunction with the Health and Human Services Department was scheduled to take place in Washington, DC on October 1. The clever "Thank You" design by Bryan Duefrene will be printed in panes of 20, available for \$14.60 or 73¢ per single stamp.



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- Postcard stamp, 56¢

For the complete list of new mailing and shipping rates, go to usps.com/business/prices.htm.



Unsold Lots For Sale on Trischans' Club Tour

Anna and Keith Trischan are beginning their "road tour" of clubs, offering unsold items. First stop: Fond du Lac. Anna explains . . .

"We will be bringing material on a Buy It Now basis. The proceeds of the sales will go to the WFSC, with just a few going to the Fond du Lac club, which hosted Wiscopex 2024. There will be no Milcopex lots.

"Payment is by cash or check. Items include stamps, catalogs, collections, covers, and supplies including albums. Interested clubs should contact us at keith.t@earthlink.net.

"We can also bring along a tub of glassines with three to five common stamps inside each. These glassines can be sold for 5 cents apiece, with the money staying in the club. Our only involvement is bringing the tub along."

Corrections

In the previous issue's chart, "Domestic Postal Rate Comparisons," I used the wrong denomination for Ukrainian money. It should have been 15,00 UAH, not 15k.

Canada Post's current 30-gram rate is C\$1.15, equivalent to 84¢ U.S., not \$1.07. I had my arrows pointed the wrong way on one of those currency converter apps.

Thanks to M.M. for spotting them.

—Editor



From Fond du Lac Stamp Club President Clarence Davis:

"If no other club offers to host Wiscopex 2026, we will do so. The organizing team would remain the same, except that Davis will replace Paré on exhibits if necessary."

Kindly get your ads, articles, columns and other contributions to the editor by December 1st.



Classified Ad Benefit

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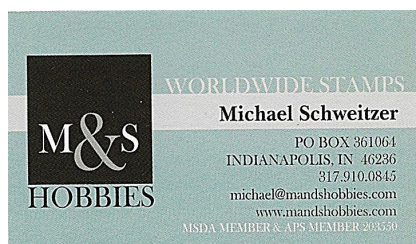
Nationally-known, Prairie du Sac-based philatelist, editor, storyteller, appraiser and dealer Wayne Youngblood received

the prestigious Charles J. Peterson Philatelic Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, Connecticut.



The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Hall of Fame's newest member is Richard Krainz.

Mr. Krainz, a member of the Green Bay Philatelic Society, is very active in getting students involved with stamps in the Pulaski Community School District.



Call for Hall of Fame Nominations

The WFSC recognizes up to three prominent Wisconsin philatelists per year for their contributions to the hobby. Nominations for 2024 candidates for the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame are due by December 31, 2024. Please note the following when submitting nominations:

- Contributions of a purely local club nature shall not be the sole reason for selection to the Hall of Fame.
- A deceased philatelist may not be nominated or considered until three years after his or her death. 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 together to the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. (See below.)
- A nomination should include a statement identifying the nominee, a short philatelic biography, and the reasons why that person should be selected for the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame.

Send the nomination and seconds to David Carney, 313 Red Cedar Pkwy., Kimberly, WI 54136, 920-750-3117, zeplins47@gmail.com.





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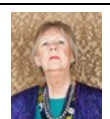
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Rhyme Time: Central Wisconsin Post Offices

Fill in the underlines on the right with names of Central Wisconsin post office cities that rhyme with the words or phrases on the left. Slashes denote spaces. Answers are on the [back page](#) of this issue.

1	The boss		_____ / _____
2	Slow bear		_____ / _____
3	Caw! Caw!		_____
4	Oh, Ma!		_____
5	Myron		_____
6	Posh Josh		_____
7	Tart? Ahh!		_____
8	Blond drew Jack		_____ / _____ / _____
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October 19, 2024

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The Elks Club
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November 9, 2024

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Stamp Show
Midwest Stamp Dealers
Association
First Christian Church
13022 Wilmot Road
(Highway C),
Kenosha, Wis.
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3
bourse only

November 22-24,

CHICAGOPEX 2024
Chicago Philatelic Society
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Boulevard,
Itasca, Ill.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
*bourse, exhibits,
seminars, meetings*

November 30, 2024

Supex '24
Suburban Collectors
Club
Holiday Inn
6201 Joliet Road
Countryside, Ill.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
*stamps, coins,
cards, ephemera*

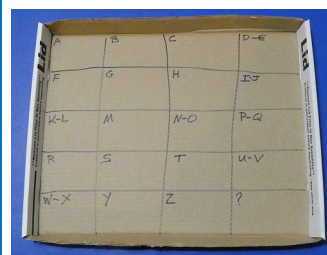
Quiz Key

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| 1. La Crosse | 2. Eau Claire | 3. Wausau | 4. Tomah | 5. Byron |
| 6. Oshkosh | 7. Sparta | 8. Fond du Lac | 9. Beaver Dam | 10. Viroqua |

A Sorting Solution

Having bought one of those tempting batches of stamps found in the classifieds—“100 World-wide, \$20 SCV, \$2.00!”—what's a good way to sort your new treasures?

I like to use the lid from a file storage box, sectioned off alphabetically like this:



You'll want to combine little-used letters such as U-V (unless you're a big collector of Uganda and Vancouver issues).



The two-inch sides help keep the stamps from getting bumped or blown off your work surface.

—JK

