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# Across The Fence

Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Newsletter

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## Notes From Bill

The weekend of September 27-28 should be called "Stamp Collectors Weekend." Wisconsin collectors will have to choose from WaUSApex in Wausau and WISCOPEX in Milwaukee. Most collectors will have to decide which show to visit this year.

Sometimes this happens, but the important thing is to visit or participate in at least one of these great shows. If visiting, why not plan on taking the time to mix with fellow collectors from some other part of the state? Why not take in the banquet and rub elbows with outstanding collectors from Wisconsin's collecting community?

Another good way to participate in a show is to exhibit part of your collection. Every show needs exhibits to make it a success. Don't sit back and "Let George do it;" get started with your exhibit and get a prospectus from the show of your choice. I know of one lady who didn't think she had anything to exhibit, but with encouragement from her fellow collectors, she went ahead and came home with a silver. Your success could surprise you.

See you at the show! Bill

## WaUSApex News

In an unusual and innovative action, the Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society has announced that it will be offering cash prizes for the winning exhibits at WaUSApex this fall. The Wausau show will be judged by accredited judges. Complete details are available from Bob Ashe, %WVPS, P.O. Box 71, Wausau, WI 54401.

## Waukesha Celebrates Zip-day

Waukesha now has three zip codes: 53186, which is used for all of the addresses east of the Fox River, 53187, which is used for post office boxes only, and 53188, which is used for any address west of the Fox River. Our intention is to have a cancel for each of these "Zip Code dates" as well as a cachet for each.

The cachet for 5-31-86 will feature the Old Courthouse, which is an east side landmark. The cachet for 5-31-87 will depict the Waukesha Post Office. The 5-31-88 cachet will show a west side landmark--probably the glass-domed water plant on North Avenue.

The 1986 cachet with the zip code cancel and a stuffer with a history of the Old Courthouse, may be obtained by sending a #10 SASE together with \$1.00 for each cover desired to:

Zip Code Day Cancel  
% Robert Mather  
S56-W29562 Roanoke Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53188



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— ZIP CODE DAY —

— 5-31-86 —



### Newsletter Notes

The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, sponsor of WaUSApex (September 27-28, this Fall) has published a list of books and periodicals related to stamp collecting that the club has available for club members to use. It has also published a list of basic supplies that club members may purchase from the club for a nominal charge.

The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society will begin publishing short want lists and collecting interests of its members on a space available basis.

"The Valley Philatelist," under the able and excellent editorship of Don Wydeven, has begun a series of articles under the heading "OPS Biography" which features profiles of Outagamie Philatelic Society members. The April issue also features an article by Greg Schmidt that the Editor of ATF plans to reprint at a later date.

The Green Bay Philatelic Society has invited the Outagamie Philatelic Society, which does not meet during the summer, to share the Green Bay meetings during June, July, and August. The Green Bay club is looking forward to these joint meetings.

### TOSAPEX '86

The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society will present its 21st annual exhibition October 25-26 at the Mayfair Mall Shopping Center in Wauwatosa.

More than 600 pages of exhibits are planned, as is a bourse of 30 or more dealers.

The theme of the show will be Woodcarving-an American Folk Art. A cachet and cancellation representing this theme are being prepared. The covers will be franked with the Woodcarving Figures set being issued October 1st.

Bourse and other inquiries should be directed to general chairman Richard Mansfield, Box 13102, Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

### 1986 GOOD-FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The 92 M.P.S. Members and Guests who attended last month's Good-Fellowship Dinner at the Country Gardens had a wonderful evening - good food - good fellowship - and a lively Auction of over 110 lots.

Our thanks go to Irene Orz for planning the dinner and making the arrangements with the Country Gardens for the delicious buffet. To Emil Dujanovic for obtaining and putting together the very nice door prizes that each guest received. To Roger Szymanski, Gaylord Yost and Duane Riel for keeping the vast Auction running smoothly and with humor, and to the recorders, Emil Dujanovic and Carl Skupski, who kept the records straight.

courtesy "The Milwaukee Philatelist"

### Avenue Changes Avenues

Avenue Stamps, 229 E. College Avenue, Appleton, has purchased the entire inventory and operation of Len's Coins and Stamps, 6801 University Avenue, Middleton (a Madison suburb). Transfer of ownership took place on May 7th.

Avenue Stamps of Appleton, owned and operated by Dennis Lemke since 1984, will be moving its primary operations to the new, Middleton location. Avenue Coin and Stamp in Appleton will continue to serve the philatelic needs of the Fox River communities, and Mr. Lemke plans to spend one day a week at the Appleton location to conduct philatelic business.

In celebration of the move, University Avenue Stamp and Coin is offering an introductory special with the coupon that appears on the back page of this paper.

Best wishes, Dennis.



## Joining With Juniors

by MaryAnn Bowman

During the upcoming summer months, many clubs abandon their regular meeting schedules. They do, however, usually hold board of director's meetings and other such planning events. If your club fits into this category, make sure your plans include time for planning programs to meet the needs of juniors. If you're in need of actual projects and activities, send for a 13 page "Helpful Hints" handbook that I have compiled. (Please include \$1.00 to offset postage costs.) However, the projects and activities you plan for will all be in vain if no juniors show up. How can you attract and maintain junior enthusiasm? That is the subject of this month's column.

John Hotchner (Stamp Collector, September 26, 1983) wrote some do's and don'ts concerning youth philately in local clubs. I'd like to share the ideas he has gleaned from other collectors. The listed items below are a listing of "things to do" and are directly quoted from his column.

1. Have an adult (or several) who likes children, preferably a volunteer, assigned to explain what the club is about to each visiting junior, and then be designated as a Big Brother/Sister to answer questions, guide projects, etc.
2. Begin your meetings at 7 P.M., not 8:30, particularly if you meet in the middle of the week. Juniors in school are unable to stay up late. Even if they can stay up long enough to enjoy the key parts of your meeting, they will normally have homework assignments that prevent doing so during the week.
3. Give a discount on dues for juniors - either a nominal amount or some percentage of adult dues.
4. Allocate five or ten minutes at each meeting for your juniors to show off their new acquisitions, ask help in identifying a stamp, bring up any problem for general suggestion. If they are bashful, ask each one to prepare to do one of those things in turn. Be helpful and appreciative of these contributions.
5. Give the gift of pride. Admire what the juniors have acquired or done with what they have.
6. Use philatelic door prizes and exhibit prizes to help develop the fun and sense of ownership. Give "at home" tasks (find out all you can about a given stamp, design a stamp on a particular subject, etc.) for which completion and return at the next meeting gets an automatic prize.
7. Have activities for junior members: stamp design contests, puzzles, crosswords, scavenger hunts, an auction of material priced at a dollar or below, etc.
8. Provide basic instruction in program form on how to develop philatelic interests. Many juniors drop out simply because they don't know what to do with their stamps once they've done the obvious things.
9. Offer periodic programs aimed at both the juniors and the older beginner. Matters like "condition and value", "buying from approval dealers," "how to use a stamp catalog," and many others would be of great help.
10. Bring your stamps to meetings to show off. You'll find no more appreciative audience than juniors. They are curious about value, how you got them, what they mean, etc.
11. Try to answer questions at the level of the junior's understanding. Teaching is a process of small steps, not a single overwhelming flash of light.
12. In answering questions, use the opportunity to show juniors how philatelic literature can be helpful to them. Not only will this introduce them to literature, but once they have a grasp of it, they can find answers to many of their own questions.

There is so much food for thought here that I am going to return to the subject in the next issue. If you have comments you would like to add, please write to MaryAnn Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187

## Back to Basics

### Tool of the Month: The Catalogue

When most American collectors speak of "The Catalogue," they're referring to Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue. This large work, in four volumes (five, if you include the U.S. Specialized volume), has become the most often consulted piece of philatelic literature I know of, as it lists and describes nearly every postage stamp that has ever been issued anywhere in the world.

The Scott catalogues are not alone, however. Many countries have their own specialized catalogues, some of which have gained international recognition. The Gibbons catalogues, produced in Great Britain, the Michel catalogues of Germany, and Yvert of France come readily to mind.

Which catalogue a collector uses is not really very critical. What does matter is that the collector know how to use at least one catalogue well. Why? Hard to say, but to my mind, the collector who knows how to use a stamp catalogue is in danger of becoming a philatelist. A philatelist, in this case, being a collector who not only knows how to collect and properly handle stamps but who also knows something about the stamps he or she collects.

If you have questions such as: "Where does this stamp come from?", "What kind of paper is this stamp printed on?", "Was this stamp issued without gum?", "What does this overprint mean?", and so on, a catalogue can be a good place to begin to find the answers. Most local libraries have at least one copy of the Scott catalogues. If not, your local library can probably find a copy for you to use. Perhaps another collector in your club or area would loan you a copy of his or her catalogue for a time.

If you don't have a catalogue and have never really used one, hunt one up. I think you'll be pleased with the depth it can add to the hobby of philately.

## SPARKPLUG AWARD

The annual Sparkplug Award will be awarded at our banquet. This award is given to an Outagamie Philatelic Society member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Society over the past year. It's a tough choice this year since many members have made substantial contributions of time and energy above and beyond the call of duty. Join us at the banquet to help honor this year's recipient of the Sparkplug Award.

courtesy "The Valley Philatelist"

The Editor has learned that Greg Schmidt, Vice-President of OPS, was this year's recipient of the OPS Sparkplug Award.

The award was presented at the OPS Spring Banquet by President Joe Beck and specifically cited Greg's work as general chairman for OUTAPEX '86.

Congratulations, Greg.

## CLOSED ALBUM

I am sorry to report the recent death of long time Outagamie Philatelic Society member Russell L. Hunt of Kaukauna. Russell passed away on Sunday, April 27, 1986. Our condolences to his son and fellow OPS member Bill Hunt.

courtesy Don Wydeven, "The Valley Philatelist"



Stamp Show Calendar  
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December 14: Green Bay Christmas Stamp & Coin Show, Wm. B. Robinson. Downtown Holiday Inn, Green Bay.

February 8, 1987: CENWISPEX '87, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids.

March 6-8: MILCOPEX, Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Bruce Hall, MECCA, Milwaukee.

August 29-30: WISCOPEX '87, Fond du Lac Stamp Club. Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac.

ATF Classifieds

WANTED: Workers for WFSC tables at Belmont (July 3rd) and Mineral Point (July 3-4). No experience necessary. Come and join the First Day fun. Contact Karen Weigt, 221 S. Owne Dr., Madison, WI 53705.

WANTED: Kuwait's first booklet: Scott 140a-144a, set of five panes, unexploded preferred. Offering twice catalog. Gordon Lindner, 337 Abrams, Green Bay, WI 54302.

OLD COVERS WANTED for my collection. Wisconsin covers especially, from stampless to 1930's. I also want other U.S. covers, single items or accumulations. William B. Robinson, 1641 Bruce Lane, Green Bay, WI 54303.

SUPER VARIETY! Are you receiving your free illustrated public auction and "Stamp Hunter" mail sale catalogs of U.S. and foreign singles, covers, and collections? 1095 lots sold last year! General of specialist collectors: send us your want list. William B. Robinson, 1641 Bruce Lane, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303.

PHILATELIC TRIVIA

Was the contest too hard? The month of March saw only two entries and they both had incorrect answers. See the April issue for correct answers. We'll try to make the questions a little easier.

1. What is the name of the series of stamps honoring Magsaysay, Ghandi, Paderewski, Garibaldi, and others?
2. The se-tenant space achievement pair of commemoratives issued in 1971 show the landing craft on the moon of one stamp and the astronauts riding in what on the other?
3. What is the main feature of the design of the 1973 "Love" stamp?
4. The Captain Cook commemorative se-tenant pair issued in 1978 show an Hawaiian seascape on one stamp and what on the other?
5. What was the denomination of the "A" stamp?

Submit your answers in letter or postcard. Be sure your entry includes your name, club affiliation, and whether you are an adult or junior member. All entries must be received by the last day of the month. Three philatelic prizes will be awarded from a drawing made of correct answers. A future ATF will give the correct answers and name the winners. The prize will be sent to the club president or representative for presentation at a regular club meeting. Send entries to Gene Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187.

Answers to the April contest: 1) Washington, 2) a light bulb, 3) Mother's Day, 4) ten, and 5) 1948.

There were quite a few entries in the Philatelic Trivia contest during April. Roland Luchsinger, Bob Meyer, and Ed O'Brien were the winners of the April contest.

Publication problems were responsible for the omission of the quiz from the May issue of ATF.

# Stamp Show Calendar

July 3: WFSC Territorial Exhibition, WFSC. Territorial Capitol Station, Belmont Community Center, Belmont. 8 am-5 pm. The event of the season!

July 3-4: WFSC First Day Celebration. WFSC table, Mineral Point. Please see enclosed flyer.

September 20-21: WALCOPEX '86, Walworth County Stamp Club. YMCA, 203 S. Wells, Lake Geneva.

September 21: Green Bay Fall Stamp & Coin Show, William B. Robinson. Downtown Holiday Inn, Green Bay.

September 27-28: WAUSAPEX '86, Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society. Howard Johnson's, Wausau. Please see ad below.

September 27-28: WISCOPEX '86 with Stampfest '86, WFSC and Milwaukee Philatelic Society. MECCA, Milwaukee.

October 11: GBPS Fall Bourse, Green Bay Philatelic Society. Green Bay Plaza Mall, Mason and Military, Green Bay. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

October 18: Public Auction at Downtown Holiday Inn, Green Bay. Wm. B. Robinson, 1641 Bruce Lane, Green Bay, WI 54303.

October 25-26: TOSAPEX '86, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, Inc. Mayfair Mall Shopping Center, Wauwatosa.

November 1-2: Mad-Pex IV, Lois Heft, WFSC member-at-large. Forum Building, Dane County Fairgrounds.

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# LIFE AFTER AMERIPEX?

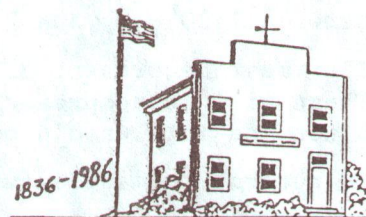
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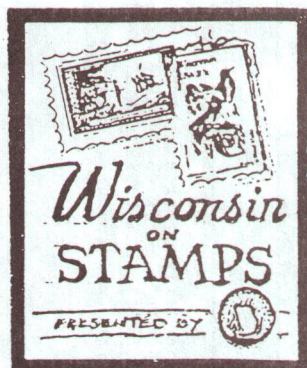
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Advance orders also accepted for the 150th Anniversary of Wisconsin Territory postal card with WFSC cachet and "dual" cancel consisting of FIRST DAY OF ISSUE and PICTORIAL POSTMARK. Single 22¢ U.S. Presidents (to be issued at AMERIPEX) used for pictorial cancel. Make sure you get this one! Send \$1.50 and SASE to: Maryann Bowman, P. O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187.

All checks payable to: WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS.

\*Due to planned construction on Hwy. 151, recommended detour route from Mineral Point: South on 23, then West (right) on G, straight into Belmont. Turn right at the second stop sign onto City 18-151, 2 1/2 blocks to Community Building on right-hand side. GOOD ROADS.



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