

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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Ocotober MEETING – Happy Autumn Wishes!

WHERE: FESTIVAL FOODS on University Ave.

2430 University Ave., Green Bay, WI 54302

WHEN: October 21, 2021 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: Club Show and Tell, Silent Auction

Note: The new meeting location. We are here at least through December.

September Meeting

We barely had a quorum but managed to just make it. President Mark Schroeder called the meeting to order. There were no visitors or guests.

Committee Reports

Treasurer, Dave Carney reported that the annual report had been filed with the state.

Ray will confirm with St. Matthew that their multi-purpose center is reserved for next year's BAYPEX '22 on March 19th. I'm happy to report that the facility is reserved for that date along with time on Friday March 18th for set-up. Mark your calendars now as we can use all the help we can get.

Unfinished Business

Meeting Location: Ray was contacted by ADRC to let us know that they still don't anticipate any room for us before January 1 at the earliest. A general survey of the membership present indicated that they are happy with the current location. Ray will work with Festival Foods to extend our use of their

facility at 2430 University Ave., Green Bay. There is an elevator for those who prefer that method of getting upstairs. Festival requires that we not bring any food or beverage into the facility, but we are welcome to purchase food and beverage from Festival. Our meeting time will remain the same from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. So far this has worked out well.

Pulaski Youth Summer Camp: Richard Krainz has reported that the fall session will be delayed until after the first of the year. School officials felt this would be better timing to encourage greater participation.

New Business

Ray passed around thank you notes from Kirk Becker's family thanking us for his memorial gift which they put towards a roof top garden at St. Mary Hospital, and one from the American Philatelic Society thanking us for our donation to their "Mighty Buck Club."

Marcelo, Richard, and Ray gave glowing reports of their trips to the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, IL.

With Dave Burrows resignation as Vice President, President Mark Schroeder asked for a volunteer to fill out the rest of the term. Darryl Ruprecht volunteered and was appointed to finish the term. Thanks Darryl and thanks to Dave Burrows for his many contributions to our club over the years.

Ray will miss the October meeting, in his absence, Richard Krainz will pinch hit as Secretary. Thanks Richard.

We have several upcoming shows in the area, please make efforts to attend and support our local dealers. These shows are shown below.

Upcoming Shows
WISCOPEX – Ronald Reagan Elementary School, 4225 S. Calhoun Rd., New Berlin, WI, 10/9/21, 10 to 5.
CENWISPEX '21 – Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI, 10/16/21, 10 to 4.
Oshkosh Stamp Bourse – Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20 th Ave., Oshkosh, WI, 11/13/21, 9 to 3

September Program

We really didn't have a program in September. There wasn't even much of a silent auction. There was some good conversation and stamp talk which was fun.

October Program

We really didn't set up a program for October, but I'm sure folks have acquired a few philatelic treasures over the past year during the covid shutdown. How about if everyone brings one of those special treasures to the meeting and explain what it is and why it is special to you.

Upcoming Programs

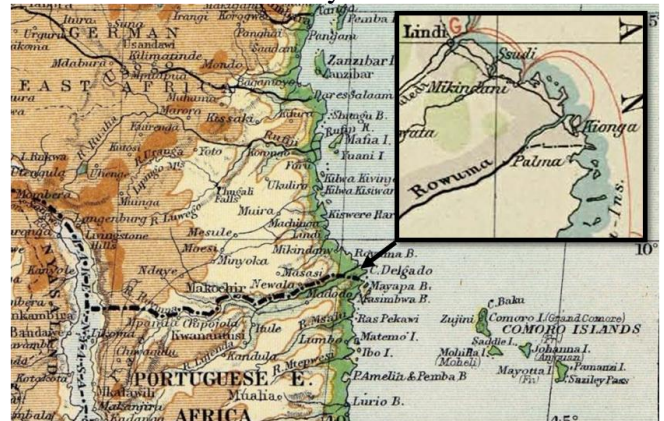
Looking ahead to November and trying to get ahead of the curve, let's do something for Thanksgiving in November. Everyone, bring a stamp showing something that they are particularly thankful for. Mount it on something suitable for passing around the club and be prepared to say a few words about the item(s) you are thankful for.

In December we'll have our Christmas party. Of course, we'll have our usual Christmas party. Remember we need to purchase our treats from Festival. What would you think of the club sponsoring the purchase of a cake, or cookies, or brownies for the party. Maybe Festival even has punch that they make for such occasions. We need somebody to start looking into this. Any volunteers?

Ray's Ramblings

Since I will not be at this month's meeting, I thought I would use this space to show and explain my "cool" acquisitions over the past year. I have been looking for this set ever since I found that if I could acquire it, I would have the entire country complete. Yes, the stamp issuing entity of Kionga only issued one set of four stamps.

Before we get into the stamps, one must wonder where in the world is Kionga. It is located along the east coast of Africa in the northeast corner of what was Portuguese East Africa and is now Mozambique. The map below found on the internet shows exactly where it is located.



Map showing location of Kionga in northeast Portuguese East Africa.

The territory of Kionga was occupied by Portuguese troops during World War I. It was allotted to Portugal in the Treaty of Versailles. Eventually it became part of Mozambique. The set of four stamps is pictured at the top of the next page.



Kionga Scott 1 and 2.



Kionga Scott 3 and 4.

So, how did I end up acquiring this set of stamps? Several times in Bill Robinson's last seven or eight auctions he had a set for sale, but they always went well above what I thought was reasonable (close to catalogue value). I kept looking for a good buy recognizing that might be a bit more than I had planned on, but it is after all a complete country. During the pandemic I started bidding on and winning a few lots from Golden Valley Stamp Auctions, but I never saw the Kionga set offered there until just recently. Then they had two sets, one hinged and the other used. I bid on both, but was unsuccessful on both. I talked to our resident foreign stamp expert (Mark Schroeder) about MNH, H, or used stamps of Kionga. Mark called back a short time later and said he had found a nice hinged set with good centering for what I had come to learn was a reasonable price (about 2/3 of catalogue including the shipping). I jumped at the chance to acquire a complete country for my collection.

Now for a bit about the stamps. Thanks to a note from good friend and fellow GBPS club

member, Jim Byrne, I learned that the process actually involved three steps. The first was to print the stamps without a country name. The second step was to print the value in black in the upper right corner and the country name in black, in the originally blank spot below the figurehead. In this case that was Lourenço Marques.



Map showing Lourenço Marques in SE Africa in the southern part of Portuguese E. Africa.



Lourenço Marques stamp prior to being overprinted for Kionga.

This stamp was then overprinted “Republica” in red locally in Lourenco Marques making it Scott #149. Lourenco Marques 149 was then overprinted with the original value being blotted out, a new denomination in the upper right corner, and the new country name “Kionga” in the lower right portion of the stamp. Shown below is an enlarged image of Kionga Scott 1, the 1/2 centavo value.



Note the stages of printing – stamp, black value and country name, red Republica, and red value blot/new value/Kionga.

Pretty cool issue, what have you found playing with your collection over the past year and a half? Bring it to the meeting and show the rest of us.

Okay, there is room for one more set of stamps that I acquired during the pandemic. That would be U.S. Scott C1 to C6 in mint hinged condition. I have admired these stamps for a long time and had a complete set used, but I wanted to get an unused set. These stamps were issued in two groups about five years apart. Three were issued in 1918 and three in 1923. Probably the most famous of this set is C3. It is a beautiful stamp featuring a Curtiss Jenny and has a famous error associated with it. This error was an inverted “Jenny.” A few years back,

USPS issued a stamp with a “Jenny” invert to celebrate the error of long ago.

This set of stamps pictured below were the first U.S. airmail stamps. Those stamps issued in 1918 were C1 to C3. They were issued to cover the airmail rate when the U.S. began moving mail through the air. Both sets of three of these stamps are pictured below.



U.S. C1 to C6

Aren’t they beautiful? I am a sucker for engraved stamps. To better view the detailed work of the engraver see the image of C3 below.



C6 blown up to better show the engraving work.

There is another interesting highlight to note. The location of the plane in the vignette varies. Note our example in the group image. See the white space between front of the plane and the red frame. Now look at the same point in the blown up stamp.

Remember to bring your findings to the meeting to show the rest of us.