



**THE  
WISCONSIN  
IDEA!**

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*MOVING FORCE*  
that works for  
your club**

**WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF  
STAMP CLUBS — OVER 80 YEARS  
OF AFFILIATION**

**[www.WFSCstamps.org](http://www.WFSCstamps.org)**

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

**A NEWSLETTER** — Four times a year your club receives copies of *Across the Fence Post* for distribution to your membership. *ATFP* serves as a clearinghouse for WFSC member clubs to share activities and ideas. It lists a regional calendar of events of philatelic interest and provides publicity space for your special events to collectors throughout Wisconsin, as well as parts of Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa.

Your club members will appreciate the opportunity to read about regional philately and philatelists. Recognition of individual collectors serves as an impetus to get your membership on the move.

Your club officers will gain insight into the administrative aspects of maintaining a stamp club through the “Club Connections” column. It additionally offers a wide range of ideas for club educational programs and activities.

*ATFP*’s feature articles aid the individual collector in knowledge of philately. We also encourage new authors.

*ATFP* keeps members informed of services offered by the Federation, including reports of national happenings when deemed significant for its readers.

*ATFP* offers intermittent mail-bid auctions for members to add to their collections, as well as two free classified ads per year to buy or sell.

**CLUB PROGRAMS** — The WFSC’s “Club Resources” page on our website is designed to provide stamp club meeting program activities. New postings appear several times a year to fill that empty slot on your

club meeting educational program calendar. The Federation’s YouTube Channel also offers video presentations for individual and club program use.

**REGIONAL VPs** — Regional VPs are officers responsible for clubs within their districts. They are available for consultation concerning organized philately. If needed, they are usually prepared to present a program of interest or provide you with a contact for obtaining a speaker(s). They are interested in maintaining communication between member clubs and the administration of the Federation by listening to your suggestions of how we can be of better service and relating what we have to offer.

**A RESERVE OF WILLING HELPERS** — Individuals, basically from the Executive Board and WFSC committee members, who are interested and willing to work hand in hand with member clubs and their individual membership in ensuring the success of a special event or activity.

The WFSC maintains a list of dealers (mostly from Wisconsin) with contact information. This resource serves as an aid in finding dealers for your local club shows and for individual contacts to add to your members’ collections.

**HELP FOR YOUR YOUTH** — The WFSC has a nationally known VP for youth who is available to share experiences and ideas about working with youth, both on an individual basis and by providing a multitude of sources for literature and activities geared toward youth philately. The WFSC also has a “Youth Resources” page on its website. Check it often for new postings.

**PUBLICITY** — Clubs can obtain publicity through special WFSC promotions and

activities. The WFSC is always interested in promoting organized philately, its events, and placing a unaffiliated collector in a club within his/her area. At least twice a year the WFSC staffs a society table at a major philatelic event for the purpose of providing information about your club and distributing your club publicity material and show fliers. At every possible opportunity we distribute our flier listing member clubs, prompting inquiries which bring that potential new member to your club meeting.

Our website at [www.WFSCstamps.org](http://www.WFSCstamps.org) lists your club meeting information and generates several inquiries each year from individuals searching for a place to learn about our hobby. Furthermore, we offer each member club its own page on our site.

In addition, the WFSC promotes your club and shows through its Show/Bourse/Club Meeting Information flier, which is updated several times a year. It serves your membership by providing a comprehensive listing of a full calendar year of upcoming shows and bourses throughout the region. The flier is also available at the WFSC website.

**GIFTS AND PRIZES** — The WFSC often offers a special gift at events where we are participating with a society table. When possible, the WFSC also offers door prizes at the annual state show.

**JUDGES** — The WFSC offers a judging apprenticeship program to certify knowledgeable individuals available to judge at your local exhibition.

**INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT YOUR SHOWS** — Our statewide Stamp Show Calendar will ensure that you have an exclusive calendar date (no unapproved conflict with other area shows) and potential

show-goers will not be tempted to spend the weekend elsewhere. The WFSC furthermore will promote your show with an eblast announcement.

**VISIBILITY AND ADDED INCOME** — The WFSC has an active Publicity and Public Relations Committee that strives to sustain Federation activities and its member clubs in the state and national limelight. The WFSC newsletter, which contains your club news, is regularly mailed to the national philatelic press. The committee is always on the lookout for contacts with other organizations and agencies who are willing to publish Wisconsin philatelic literature and news, and we pass that information on to you.

The annual state show (WISCOPEX) draws great numbers of general public from the area, statewide collectors, and dealers. A host or nearby club has the opportunity to become well known throughout Wisconsin, and in its own community. A successfully run WISCOPEX can considerably increase your club treasury.

The WFSC's special events promote philately in the rural and urban communities. We invite participation from the nearest member clubs, thereby providing another opportunity for publicity and added income. Since these events normally do not include a bourse, the focus is shifted to exhibits, club-owned materials and other activities to attract the public and promote philately.

The WFSC keeps close tabs on Wisconsin-related subjects for future new issues, launching letter-writing campaigns for those with potential first-day sites in our state.

New activities are always on the horizon, and your membership and participation can make your name known!

**AWARDS** — For exhibiting, the WFSC offers the WFSC Husak Topical Award, the Essig Most Popular Exhibit Award, and participation certificates. To encourage exhibiting and a bit of club competition, it also offers the WISCOPEX Club Award.

Of special note is the WFSC-sponsored Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame, which honors a maximum of three individuals per year for special achievement in philately. In 1995, the WFSC instituted the annual Dealer Recognition Award as a tribute to this side of philately, too. The President's Award is presented at the discretion of the WFSC President. And, the District Representative's Award is available to our Regional VPs for honoring individuals excelling in local club participation.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** — Many educational opportunities are available through seminars and specialty group meetings at the annual WISCOPEX and other special WFSC-sponsored events. Our website is another source of a variety of educational opportunities.

**SOCIAL CONTACTS** — The annual banquet at WISCOPEX is the perfect opportunity to get together with other Wisconsin collectors. The annual convention provides an atmosphere for member club delegates to meet each other, participate in the decision-making process of the Federation, offer suggestions, exchange ideas, and get to know the officers.

The WFSC's Facebook account offers an opportunity for individuals to share philatelic experiences through social media. The Federation also accepts postings for show and other club event publicity.

**AND MORE** — Since the WFSC is your organization, we are always anxious to

consider your suggestions for added services and benefits.

## **OUR PURPOSE**

The specific objectives of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc., are to acquire and disseminate a knowledge of philately; encourage individuals and organizations to locate and preserve postal records and materials for future reference and research; promote and encourage the study of history, geography, and human cultures through philatelic knowledge and research; encourage, sponsor, and introduce the educational aspects of philately among young people; foster and help organize other stamp clubs in and near the state of Wisconsin; cultivate a feeling of mutual friendship and fraternity among philatelists; and assist the members of the WFSC in acquiring and disposing of stamps by gift, purchase or in any other legitimate way.

Our objectives are achieved by the sharing of ideas, pooling of talents and equipment, doing things that individual clubs alone cannot do; providing centralized services and a unified voice speaking on behalf of an identifiable constituency.

In short, we aim to further the hobby of stamp collecting in the Wisconsin area in every way possible, and to be of every assistance to member clubs. The WFSC serves as a home to its membership — a place where clubs can turn to and ask for help and support.

## **OUR HISTORY**

In early 1932, there were nine philatelic organizations existing in the state of Wisconsin. At a gathering in Fond du Lac on March 19, 1932, these nine clubs formed the Wisconsin Association of Philatelic Societies.

The all-state association changed its name on April 6, 1935, to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

Once launched, the organization prospered with ease. It grew from the original nine clubs to 28 by May of 1937, which at the time, was the largest federation in the entire nation. By the time of its 50th anniversary, the WFSC listed 40 clubs on the rolls.

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was the first successful organization of its kind in the country, and the "WISCONSIN IDEA" has been emulated in other states. The WFSC is composed of philatelic societies from throughout Wisconsin and border states, making it the combined voice and representative of these clubs and their individual members.

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was incorporated in 1985, as a not-for-profit organization. In 1991 it achieved Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) status, making it an official IRS charitable educational organization.

The WFSC is active on a national basis, having a life membership in the American Philatelic Society. It is also an American Topical Association chapter member.

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Your club can join the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs simply by filling in the attached Member Club Registration form and sending it together with your check for dues to:

David Rees, Treas., WFSC  
N4256 Evergreen Dr., Rio, WI 53960  
608-697-9519, wpscstamps@gmail.com

We base your dues on the total paid membership of your club as of December 1 of the preceding calendar year. The assessed rate is \$1.50 per adult club member: \$15 minimum, \$300 maximum. Dues are collected annually between December 1 and February 28 of the following year.

We also invite individuals to join the WFSC as a member-at-large. This is a special-purpose category of membership made available basically for out-of-state WISCOPEX exhibitors. Members-at-large are entitled to all the privileges of membership, including attendance and right of discussion at Federation meetings, but do not have the right to vote. The fee for such membership is \$10 per year.

Additionally, we welcome the membership of clubs located in cities that are near the Wisconsin state lines. Dues are the same as for an in-state club and members enjoy all the same privileges.

For further information, questions, or comments, contact:

Gregg Greenwald, Pres., WFSC  
715-384-4527, bluebird@tznet.com

You may also contact your particular Regional VP, who is:

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THE IDEA THAT WORKS!***



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# MEMBER CLUB REGISTRATION



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person appointed to function as official WFSC representative (if no one is listed, the WFSC will assume it is your club president):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club contact email address for publication on the WFSC website: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACROSS THE FENCE POST (WFSC NEWSLETTER)

Mailing address for club copies of *Across the Fence Post*: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies required: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEETING INFORMATION

Regular meeting day(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting location(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## CLUB OFFICERS

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Your Youth Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Newsletter Editor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IS YOUR CLUB AN APS CHAPTER? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

NUMBER OF PAID ADULT CLUB MEMBERS AS OF 12/1/: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT OF DUES CHECK ENCLOSED\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The amount payable is based on total adult (18 and older) paid membership as of December 1 of the preceding calendar year. The assessed rate is \$1.50 per adult club member: \$15 minimum, \$300 maximum. **DUES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WFSC**

**SEND TO: David Rees, N4256 Evergreen Dr., Rio, WI 53960**

**SHOW CALENDAR AND REGISTRY** - To avoid date conflicts, please list your club-sponsored show/bourse dates to the best of your ability. For a free listing in *Across the Fence Post*, reconfirm your event by providing details to Karen Weigt.\* (Opportunities for listing more than one event per year are shown below.)

Name of Event	Month and Usual Weekend
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**ADDITIONAL CLUB-SPONSORED EVENTS** - May be listed in *Across the Fence Post* by using classified ad rates for WFSC clubs: 5¢/word per listing per issue. Send listing information and payment to Brian Liedtke, *ATFP* Ad Mgr., 4625 S. Scot Dr., New Berlin, WI 53131 (admanager@wpscstamps.org). Checks payable to WFSC.

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NOTE: The WFSC annually issues a Show/Bourse/Club Meeting Info Flier. Copies of the flier are sent to local clubs with the fall issue of *Across the Fence Post*.

- All of your club-sponsored events will be listed free of charge within the flier.
- All of your club-sponsored events will be listed free of charge at the WFSC website.
- All of your club-sponsored events will receive additional publicity through a WFSC eblast announcement.

\*Karen Weigt, 608-609-6173, klweigt@gmail.com



## WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

### Member-at-Large Application Form

This special-purpose membership category is basically for out-of-state individuals and businesses and for those who are unable to attend WFSC member-club meetings.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES — \$10 per year (you'll be notified when your year's membership is about to expire).

Membership-at-Large includes:

- (1) a subscription to *Across the Fence Post* mailed to your home, and
- (2) all other privileges of membership, including attendance and right of discussion at WFSC meetings, but no right to vote.

Send this form and \$10 to: David Rees, WFSC Treasurer, N4256 Evergreen Dr., Rio, WI 53960