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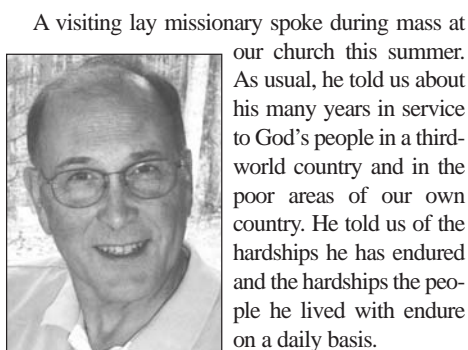
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President's Corner

Need Help? Volunteer

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC



A visiting lay missionary spoke during mass at our church this summer. As usual, he told us about his many years in service to God's people in a third-world country and in the poor areas of our own country. He told us of the hardships he has endured and the hardships the people he lived with endure on a daily basis. Missionaries impress me. Their lives would be much more comfortable, even serving the church, if they did it in the United States, encouraging people to love their neighbors and follow the commandments – and watching television with a cold one at night. I'm sure they have the skills to get a good job; that they choose to address the considerable needs, secular as well as religious, among poor people is inspiring.

Then he threw a curve.

"Do you feel depressed, on edge, concerned?" he asked. "What you should do is volunteer." The statement rang a bell with me for two reasons.

First, a former pastor at the church, in meetings for new parishioners, frequently told the story of how he had advanced from a low point in his life. He was an alcoholic, he said, and greatly in debt. He couldn't find his way, financially. And then a friend told him he had to contribute more.

"More?" the priest questioned. "How can I do more? I'm already in debt. I can't even afford my expenses. How can I do more?"

His friend insisted that he had to contribute more, and when he did, the priest said, his life improved. He began to control alcohol instead of the other way around. And he began to take control of his finances. I liked that he was not ashamed to tell that story on himself, and I have seen the same sort of principles in my own life.

Second, I find that I use the quiet time at mass to ruminate over the things that are on my mind. Sometimes, that includes the subject of the homily, and I'm sure the current pastor would like that to be the case at all times.

But sometimes I find myself considering the

state of stamp collecting in Wisconsin, for instance. From comments in many clubs' newsletters, as well as in my own experience, the search for volunteers is a challenge not unlike the search for valuable stamps on cover.

Club presidents wonder if they're going to be in the position forever; they wonder if other officer positions will be filled to keep the club running. Show chairmen worry that they won't find volunteers to shoulder the load of various needs to make the show run smoothly.

So here was this missionary addressing stamp collectors' needs – just volunteer.

You think your club programs stink? Volunteer to organize interesting and informational programs! Yes, you can do it, and your fellow club members will thank you for it. You wish you had exhibits at your club stamp show? Volunteer to run the exhibit section of the show. Yes, you can do it, perhaps not with the knowledge and skill of the people who organize exhibits at international stamp shows, but then your club show isn't in that category yet.

Perhaps you're not dissatisfied with the way your club secretary or treasurer is doing the job, but you'd like to give him or her a break for a year or two. Do it! You'll get help, if you need it, from the former officer, but maybe you'll do a fine job and free up someone else to volunteer for another position.

Not only will your fellow club members appreciate your efforts, but you'll feel better about yourself. And that's what this hobby is all about – enjoyment on many levels.

Smithsonian Specialist to Visit Wisconsin Club

Alex Haimann, a collection specialist and web project developer for the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum, is coming to Wisconsin the first week in October. He will spend three days giving presentations in schools. Several evening programs also are planned.

Haimann's school visits are planned so that each session relates to subjects the students are currently studying. He brings along carefully selected stamp materials that relate to the class studies. The Milwaukee Philatelic Society will welcome him as its guest for the Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, meeting. Adults will meet at 7 p.m. in Room G110 on the lower level of Mayfair Mall. (Park on the east side of the building, if possible under the covered area for easier access to the Garden Suite entrance.) A special youth presentation is planned for 6 p.m. the same evening.

All Wisconsin stamp club members are invited to attend and meet Alex, a young 23-year-old philatelist bringing in new ideas and finding innovative ways to get younger generations interested in stamp collecting. Please check either the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs website (www.wfscstamps.org) or the Milwaukee Philatelic Society website (www.milwaukeephilatelic.org) for updated information in case of a change in schedule.

2009-10 Show/Bourse/Club Meeting Info Flier

The 2009-10 show/bourse/meeting flier has been updated and is included with this issue of *Across the Fence Post*. The events calendar will also be published on the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Web site (wfscstamps.org). This is a very important listing to enable collectors to find shows and meetings in the areas they either live or visit. Additions to this listing may be sent directly to the editor (youngblood@tds.net) for inclusion in the calendar that appears in each issue.

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Clubs are Trump

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

A southeastern Wisconsin club noted that a collector from Racine, looking for a new club to join, came to a meeting. The Racine club, to which he belonged, folded two years ago, and the Kenosha club ceased operation this past spring.

We hope he was well received, as all potential new members should be.

An article about the importance of stamp club retention efforts in the journal of the **Texas Philatelic Association** drew on information found in a "Why Customers Quit" survey mentioned in a presentation by the Upper Peninsula Region of the Michigan University Extension Service. The highest percentage of quits? Sixty-eight percent said bad customer experience, which might relate to indifference by other stamp club members.

The article from Texas suggested ways to avoid the appearance of indifference: Take the roll at every meeting. Make a call to find out what happened when a member misses two meetings, and respond to his concerns. Visitors should be assigned a "buddy" for at least his or her initial visit and maybe a telephone call before the next meeting. Make a potential new member feel at home with your club.

Program ideas

Instead of a regular meeting, members of the **American Topical Association Chapter 5** had a tour of the Mitchell Park horticultural domes, with the help of a member. **The Milwaukee**

Philatelic Society participated in Migratory Bird Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo, met many adults and youth interested in stamps and sold \$50 worth of cacheted envelopes. At another ATA chapter meeting, a member spoke on Contract Air Mail Route No. 9, and others brought airmail covers to show. At another show-and-tell, members were asked to discuss stamps and covers from their collection that relate to Washington, D.C.

The **Waukesha County Philatelic Society** continued its postal history theme with a program on factors in the calculation of postage rates – from colonial America to the present.

What others are doing

Pete Smith of Mazomanie, a **Badger Stamp Club** (Madison) past president in the 1990s, agreed to take the reins again for another term. Other officers were re-elected: Bert Hart, vice president; Karen Weigt, secretary; and Curt Shawkey, treasurer. Chuck Shoemaker, outgoing president, and Bob Voss were elected board members. The **BSC's** 50th anniversary will be celebrated Oct. 3.

Ellsworth Semler automatically moved from vice president to president of the **Northwoods Philatelic Society**, Iron Mountain, Mich. Michele Basal accepted the nomination of vice president with the understanding that it carried a promotion the second year. Continuing in their positions were Jim Stearns, secretary and Mark Pleyte, treasurer. At a meeting of the **NPS**, WFSC Regional Vice President Al Marcus talked about the success of a youth

stamp collecting effort at the Appleton School District. The club's bulletin editor, Jim Stearns, observed that NPS has a successful youth program at the Wausaukee school and commented, "It would be important to look for similar opportunities to bring stamp clubs into the school systems rather than waiting for the kids to show up at our meetings."

The **Wauwatosa Philatelic Society** agreed that church facilities for its annual auction were excellent, but attendance was "somewhat disappointing."

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First YPLF Fellows introduced at StampShow 2009

From the APS

The American Philatelic Society proudly announces the successful launch of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship's inaugural year. On Saturday Aug. 8, 2009, the YPLF's first three Fellows — James Chenevert, Melissa Stanton and Jimmy Tian — were officially introduced during the APS General Membership Meeting at the 2009 StampShow in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The YPLF's purpose is to seek out and engage the most enthusiastic young stamp collectors. Each Fellow chooses a particular track (Dealer, Author, or Exhibitor) in which he/she will complete a number of projects related to their track of choice. Throughout the course of the year, the YPLF brings each Fellow to two annual APS stamp shows, the winter APS AmeriStamp Expo, the Smithsonian National Postal Museum and the American Philatelic Center. Aside from experiencing these exciting shows and centers of American philately, the Fellows work with a number of volunteer adult mentors to successfully finish the various projects within the Fellowship tracks.

James Chenevert, originally from Georgia, is 13 years old and currently resides with his family in Bangalore, India. James has selected the Exhibitor Track as his focus



Shown above are the 2009-10 Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship Fellows at StampShow 2009 in Pittsburgh, Pa. From left, James Chenevert, Jimmy Tian and Melissa Stanton.

for the upcoming year.

In late February 2009, the United States Stamp Society decided to sponsor a YPLF Fellow for the 2009–10 year. Due to this generous support, Melissa Stanton has been selected as the 2009–10 USSS Fellow. Melissa is 15 and currently lives in Pennsylvania. For her year in the Fellowship, Melissa has chosen to participate in the Author Track.

Fifteen year-old Jimmy Tian resides in Michigan and has chosen to tackle the challenges of the Dealer Track for the upcoming year.

“It has been quite a whirlwind over the past several weeks preparing James, Melissa and Jimmy for the start of the Fellowship year,” stated Gretchen Moody, director of education for the APS and the primary coordinator of the YPLF. “Their enthusiasm is contagious and I am thankful for the strong support of their families.”

In the planning and fund-raising stages since Alex Haimann's Tiffany Dinner speech at the APS AmeriStamp show in January 2008, the YPLF has emerged as one of the most promising youth-

oriented programs in organized philately. Over the course of the 18 months of preparation, dozens of individuals, local stamp clubs and national philatelic societies from across the United States answered the unique call to support this dynamic youth program.

“These three Fellows and the ones that will follow them are the future leaders of this hobby. The manner in which so many current adult leaders, collectors, exhibitors, writers and dealers throughout the philatelic world have embraced this program and welcomed these three YPLF Fellows foreshadows a very bright future for organized philately in the United States,” proclaimed Alex Haimann, founder of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship.

In addition to the launch of the YPLF's inaugural year, the APS is pleased to announce that the board of the United States Philatelic Classics Society at the APS StampShow voted to sponsor a YPLF Fellow for the 2010–11 year. Other ways to support the YPLF are available at www.stampfellowship.org. If you are aware of enthusiastic young collectors who may be interested in the YPLF, contact Gretchen Moody, APS Director of Education. Moody may be reached at: gretchen@stamps.org.

WFSC to offer program for youth at museum

By Maurice D. Wozniak

Volunteers are needed for a day-long stamp collecting promotion planned by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs at the Fox Cities Children's Museum, 100 W. College Ave., Appleton, Oct. 10.

Various activities will be offered to interest children and their parents in stamp collecting, and adults will guide them.

I am also looking at having a group on the first floor close to the welcome center handing out information, goodie bags and other things.

Members of stamp collecting clubs in Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac are especially encouraged to take part and promote their clubs and any additional youth activities. Collectors from other clubs also will be needed. Please contact Maurice Wozniak or MaryAnn Bowman to volunteer.

Tentative plans call for activity stations in a glass-walled classroom often used for special displays. The museum will provide signs inside and outside the building, as well as public announcements throughout the day and newspaper publicity.

On Saturdays the museum is a popular destination for families, and attendance is expected to be good. The museum organizer envisions that visitors will be able to “stroll through and visit with the various clubs and their tables. I want people to take their time, ask questions, learn and be excited about collecting stamps!”

**Bring
a friend
to
your next
stamp
club
meeting
or activity.**

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friend
and club
will
thank
you!**

WHO'S WHO

IN THE HALL OF FAME

The Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame was established to recognize prominent Wisconsin philatelists for contributions to the hobby in the state of Wisconsin and beyond.

This series of short columns will familiarize *Across the Fence Post* readers with some of the individuals who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since 1976, as well as some of the interesting details about them.

Which individual most closely matches the following statements? The correct answer appears elsewhere in this issue of *ATFP*:

This month's HOF member has been a WFSC officer since 1995 – first as VP, then president, and currently serves as Northeast Region VP, where he has joined just about every club in his region. At one time, he worked for TV stations: one in Milwaukee for two years and a station in Wausau for three and one-half years.

- (a) Paul T. Schroeder
- (b) Mike Lenard
- (c) Al Marcus
- (d) Henry J. Schmidt

Milcopex 2009 is coming soon! Make your plans to attend now... This year's theme is "Thanks for the Memory"

By MaryAnn Bowman

Milcopex 2009, hosted by the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, will be held Sept. 25-27 in Bergstrom Hall at Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Pkwy, Milwaukee, Wis. Milcopex is the largest annual stamp show in the state.

The show theme for 2009 is "Thanks for the Memory." In addition to several competitive exhibits related to the theme, local club members were invited to put together a four-page mini-exhibit on a memory.

The three show covers, one for each day of the show, also are representative of memories. The cachet features designs from the United States Celebrate the Century series representing memories from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. This year's Bob Hope stamp will be used and the pictorial cancel depicts the first few bars of the musical melody "Thanks for the Memory." Full-color cachets may be ordered from John Fagan, W140 N7470 Lilly Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The awards banquet will continue the theme. Three attendees will share their memories and winning essays will be shared. A philatelic version of the song "Thanks for the Memory" (also a contest winner) will be sung at the banquet.

Eliot Landau will discuss his award-winning philatelic exhibit *Lincoln, Slavery and the Civil War* on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. The exhibit itself will be on display at the show as well. The exhibit combines stamps, mail and other visual artifacts, including actual shackles worn by a slave child. This and other material tell the story of Lincoln's presidency, the Civil War and black history.

"Stamps in your Attic" is returning. The public is invited to bring in postage stamps, old envelopes, postcards and related items to find out their approximate value. The service is free and is part of Milcopex. Items can be brought to the show on Sunday, Sept. 27, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"Stamp Collecting 101" will be

presented by Rob Henak at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25. The program is aimed at those adults who may be new to the hobby and would like to learn some of the basics.

Saturday programs include the meeting of the Wisconsin Postal History Society at 9 a.m.; "How to Exhibit Traditionally," by Eliot Landau at 11 a.m.; and a 12 noon meeting of the Chicagoland First-Day Cover Society. Afternoon programs include the AAPE Open Forum on Exhibiting at 3 p.m., and the Judge's Critique at 4 p.m.

A beginner/youth area with activities and free stamps for kids, as well as information about the stamp collecting hobby will be available for beginners of all ages. Also planned is a Friday morning youth basics class for pre-registered groups. On Saturday, visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to explore different techniques to design and create their own first-day covers for the Winter Holiday issue.

Milcopex will include more than

125 16-page frames for exhibitors. As an APS World Series of Philately show, the grand-award winner is eligible for the annual Champion of Champions competition at Stampshow 2010.

A dealer bourse and the U.S. Postal Service will have stamps for sale. Several societies will have a presence at the show and offer programs and/or meetings for their members.

The awards will be presented at the banquet to be held at Alioto's Restaurant Saturday evening.

Show hours are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Further information is available and can be found on the web site www.MilwaukeePhilatelic.org.

Although the address for Mount Mary College is given as being located on Menominee River Parkway, turn south on Burleigh Street and enter the parking lot on the west side of N. 92nd Street between Chambers and Locust Streets.

Albrecht receives Carter Volunteer Recognition Award

Wisconsin collector Kurt Albrecht is one of nine nationwide honored this year for local promotion and service to the hobby. For this service he was awarded the prestigious Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for local promotion and service to the hobby.

In a salute to the backbone of organized philately – *the Volunteer* – the American Philatelic Society felt it important to recognize the hard-working individuals who have contributed their time, talents and energies to benefit both the hobby of stamp collecting and the Society.

According to Dictionary.com: "A volunteer is a person who willingly offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking and without pay." Volunteers nationwide are the main ingredient in the recipe for a healthy future for the hobby.

The Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition

Awards were named to honor APS President Nick Carter (1936–2008), whose own dedication to the hobby and enthusiasm for all its facets were legendary.

This year's awards were presented Aug. 8 at the General Membership Meeting at StampShow 2009 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Each recipient has received or will receive a pin, certificate of appreciation and many thanks for a job well done. The volunteer awardees were selected from nominations made by members. There are four award categories, including: National Promotion/Service (maximum of five recipients per year); Local Promotion/Service (maximum of 10 recipients per year); Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist (Age 25–40, one recipient per year); and Outstanding Young Philatelist (Age 15–24, one recipient per year).

The second annual Volunteer Recognition Award recipients include:

National Promotion/Service

Lloyd deVries – Paramus, N.J.
Jack Harwood – Sarasota, Fla.
Jerry Kasper – Clovis, Calif.
Jay Stotts – Houston, Texas
Robert Zeigler – Indianapolis, Ind.

Local Promotion/Service

Kurt Albrecht – Waukesha, Wis.
George Athens – Venice, Fla.

James G. Boyles – Lancaster, Pa
Tom Current – Portland, Ore.
Karl E. Deibel – San Marcos, Calif.
Stan Fairchild – Fairview Park, Ohio
Deb Nicoll – Indianapolis, Ind.
Otto Thamasett – Springfield, Va.
Charles A. Wood – Ferndale, Mi.

Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist

Daniel Piazza – Washington, D.C.

Outstanding Young Philatelist

Alex Haimann – Bloomfield Hills, Mi.

Kurt has been a pillar of support for philatelic activities in the Milwaukee area for many years. He currently serves as treasurer for the Milwaukee Philatelic Society and is a past Southeast Region Vice President for the WFSC. He has handled the jury, awards and has exhibited for many Milcopex shows. He also works to make the hobby attractive in many ways, including sharing his noncompetitive five-frame exhibit, *May the Force Be With You*. Kurt was a volunteer for APS StampShow 1997 in Milwaukee, and APS StampShow 2001 in Chicago. He also was recognized by Milwaukee area clubs as a Distinguished Philatelist in 2001 for his many years of service, which continue.

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Advertisements on stamps. This is a concept that has never really worked, even though it has been tried in several forms. The theory is that advertising may be placed on the gum side of a stamp to get a commercial message to postal users. In fact, the concept was tried on the ½-pence Great Britain stamps of 1887 and the 1-pence stamps of 1881. The backs were overprinted "Pear's Soap," over the gum, but their postal use was never allowed. These do exist in collector hands and are highly prized.

Other advertising stamps are known from New Zealand. Some stamp dealers of the early 20th century printed messages on stamps to serve as business cards. These ads were usually placed on the back sides of then-common stamps or obsolete postal stationery.

Some would contend that modern U.S. stamp issues, such as the 44c Simpsons and various Warner Brothers and Disney stamps constitute advertisements. This thought may well have some merit, although as yet the USPS does not directly financially benefit from such issues other than increased stamp retention sales.

Advertising postmarks. The idea of including advertisements in postmarks is almost as old as stamps themselves, but the actual practice has been much slower in catching on in practice.

However, it is this concept that allowed slogan cancels, which are used all over the world, to flourish. In 1963, the British Post Office launched a program where resorts could promote their benefits in postal cancellations for a fee. Many resorts took advantage of the program, and numerous examples of these resort cancels still exist. During the early 1990s, the British Post Office began using jet-sprayed advertising postmarks to promote everything from Kit-Kat candy bars to movies and theatrical productions. The program appears to have been successful for advertisers and the BPO, as there were many more advertising postmarks that have appeared since

Despite this apparent success, the USPS still has not resorted to the practice, although with its desperate need for revenue the postal giant may eventually succumb to the lure of commerce.

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Your 2-cents-worth

One-day show is not the way to go!

When most stamp collecting societies are going from a two-day show, the Wisconsin Federation is taking two steps backward and going to a single-day exhibit.

With a one-day show, there just aren't enough hours to visit with dealers, attend meetings, have lunch and visit with friends. Besides, I do miss the nice banquet dinner and awards presentation. Many banquets also had a guest speaker. This is an annual get-together. I don't think a pizza party cuts it.

When Oshkosh hosts the show in 2010, I hope it will be a two-day event with a banquet.

Let's bring back the good old days!

— Paul Zientek
Cudahy, WI

Paul, first, please accept my apology for not having run your thoughtful letter sooner. You do make some very good points, but there is much to consider when planning a show.

First and foremost, if a show committee does not have enough volunteers to accomplish the job, then activities have to be cut back accordingly. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, there is a huge shortage of volunteers within the WFSC, and those who do in many cases are slowing down a bit. For more on this, please see our President's Message on Page 1.

Finances also play a big part in planning a show. While most local or regional shows do not need to make a profit, they can't afford to lose money, either. The national trend is actually to cut back show length to two, rather than three days. Very few shows have expanded in recent years, as you suggest. In part this is due to dealer preference. Dealers frequently load up and move out early on Sundays, citing a lack of business and a need to cut back on expenses.

Unfortunately, this becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, as fewer collectors are likely to make the effort to come to a show on the last day if they know there are fewer dealers available.

So, in setting a show length, a show committee must be able to find ways to attract dealers (who pay many of the costs), while offering as much as possible to please and attract collectors — a difficult balance to achieve at best!

Having said all this, I, too, find that a one-day show doesn't provide enough time for the "essentials," and hope that Wiscopex will find a way to back to a two-day show in the future. I think it makes sense on many levels, in terms of attracting both dealers and collectors

— Wayne



WFSC officers in action

The officers of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs got together at the annual meeting of the organization at Wiscopex 2009, held March 14, 2009, in Rockford, Ill.

In a rare photo op, the four were caught together. From left (clockwise) is Vice President Jim Stollenwerk, Treasurer Chuck Green, President Maurice Wozniak and Secretary Judy Essig.

Photo by Tom Johnston

MPS creates Circus cachet

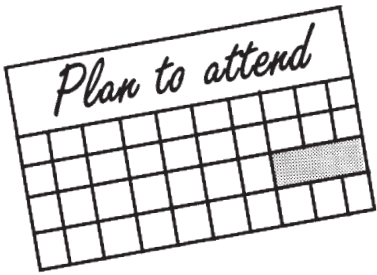
The Great 2009 Circus Parade



Milwaukee Philatelic Society

To celebrate the Great Circus Parade of 2009, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society created a special cachet for the event. The cachet shows the Bell Wagon.

Because members were not able to access the grounds prior to the parade, only a single cachet was created, dated July 12, 2009. The special pictorial cancel shows an exuberant girl standing atop a circus horse. Covers are available for \$2 each (plus #10 stamped, addressed envelope), from Carol Schutta, MPS Secretary, 10250 W. Sharon Lane #5, Milwaukee WI 53225-4647



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2009 WFSC show schedule*

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

Sept. 25-27, 2009

**Milwaukee – Milcopex '09
 Milwaukee Philatelic Society**
 Bergstrom Hall, Mount Mary College,
 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway
Contact: Robert Henak
 MPS, P.O. Box 170832
 Milwaukee, WI 54317
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 henak8010@sbcglobal.net,
 www.MilwaukeePhilatelic.org

Oct. 24-25, 2009

**Tosapex '09
 West Allis – Wauwatosa Philatelic
 Society**
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
 1435 So. 92nd St.,
 Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10-4
Contact: John Fagan (262) 251-0617,
 faganfalls@aol.com

Nov. 21, 2009

**Oshkosh – Oshkosh Stamp Bourse
 Oshkosh Philatelic Society**
 Elk's Club, 175 Fernau St.
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus –920-725-0798,
 allan.marym@hotmail.com

**Other major
 non-WFSC shows
 near Wisconsin
 (below):**

Oct. 3, 2009

**Monroe Stamp and Postcard Show
 Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club**
 Monroe Public Library, 925 16th Ave.,
 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Earl Button, 1214 Second St.,
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Nov. 7, 2009

**Plover – Cenwispex '09 (fall)
 Central Wisconsin Stamp Club**
 Plover Village Hall, 2400 Post Rd.
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: J.D. Manville, P.O. Box 845,
 Stevens Point, WI 54481
 (715) 498-1111

April 10, 2010

**Oshkosh
 Wiscopex '10
 (Annual Convention and Exhibition of the
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 Hosted by the Oshkosh Philatelic Society
 Christian Schools, 3450 Vinland Rd.,
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus (920) 725-0798,
 allan.marym@hotmail.com

Nov. 20-22, 2009 Arlington Heights, IL

**Chicagopex '09
 Chicago Philatelic Society,**
 Sheraton Chicago Northwest
 3400 West Euclid Av
 Arlington Heights, IL 60005
 10:00am-6:00pm Friday and Saturday,
 10:00am-4:00pm Sunday
Contact: Kevin Doyle
 5815 Lenox Rd
 Lisle, IL 60532-3138
 doyle-stamps@att.net

Oct. 10, 2009

**Wausau – WaUSApex '09
 Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society**
 Wausau Labor Temple
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