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APRIL MEETING – Happy Easter

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

WHEN: April 19, 2012 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: Open 7:00 pm, Business Meeting 7:30 pm, Program to Follow

PROGRAM: Slide Show: Dave Burrows on “Soaking Stamps” and Silent Auction

Reminder: We need volunteer members to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. April's volunteer is Clete Delvaux.

March Meeting

Visitors: Not really a visitor, but Darlene Waterstreet attended her first meeting at least in quite a while. Nice to see you Darlene, hope you can make it back soon.

Old Business

Baypex '12: Preparations for Baypex '12 were finalized at the meeting. More on the big event later in the newsletter.

Frames/Exhibits: Dave Devroy is leading this project and asks that everyone bring an inventory of what they have in the way of frames to the next meeting. Please remember to do this folks, so we know what we have. Thanks.

Federation Meeting Delegate: Clete asked for a volunteer to serve as our delegate to the Federation meeting at Wiscopex '12 in Madison on April 15. No one responded at the meeting, please give this some thought if you plan to attend the show. If you are willing to be a delegate, let me know and I'll get you your credentials.

New Business

Questions: There were a couple of good questions asked during the meeting. I thought this was kind of neat in that it gave folks a chance to learn something about the hobby and it gave others a chance to share their knowledge. The first question was: Do Scott Catalogue numbers change? Yes, they do sometimes change and you can find the changes with the new numbers in the next issue of the catalogue.

The second question was: how many stamps should be collected in a plate block? For flat plate printing the answer is 6. The plate number is in the middle of sheet so the stamps with the plate number attached in the selvage along with a pair on either side is collected. For rotary press printed stamps the plate number is in the corner, therefore a block of 4 is collected. Finally we have the floating number period, for these stamps the number varied depending on how many numbers were printed. A block 2 stamps deep and as long as the string of numbers plus one is collected. Thanks to both those asking the questions and those providing the answers.

March Program

A silent auction was conducted with the usual spirited bidding. These are fun and a good way to pick up some new material at a reasonable price. Everybody wins – those selling get a little revenue, those buying add something to their collection, and the club makes a little money on the club lots.

April Program

The program for April will be a silent auction.

From the Archives

Club Historian, Pat Hull, wrote this feature – thanks Pat. Our club was established in March of 1931, eighty-one years ago. No one was tapping thoughts out on a wireless keyboard for posterity. Some of us were very young in 1931 and others of us were not born. I would guess if you were alive you were not

at one of the first meetings held originally on the first and third Fridays at the Neville Public Museum. Somewhere between then and 1933 the meetings were moved to the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Stamp collecting in the 30's was made popular FDR, but that is for another day. The second newspaper article to show up in the binder is actually quite interesting. Jan. 24, 1933 congressman elect James Hughes from De Pere spoke to the GBPS at the Monday night meeting held in the Kellogg Public Library. The topic of discussion was what we now know as US Scott 739 and 755 the landing of Nicolet on the shores of Green Bay. *Farley and "special" government officials (FDR) pulled 739 into the quagmire of the "Farley's" and the imperf 755 was born.* "Mr. Hughes who was recently elected to the 8th congressional district" as it states in the Press Gazette spoke to 40 or 50 people about his promoting of the stamp to be issued in 1934 to celebrate the 300th anniversary. Hughes talked about the early US History and the many prominent men that were from the area. Following Hughes, Postmaster John S. Farrell talked about the work that had been done thus far by the steering committee he was a member of and he was in fact moving toward securing the printing of the stamp. The meeting was presided over by O. A. Olsen the second president of "The Society," and Robert Kralovec a prominent member. The Nicolet Tercentenary stamp will have new meaning to me as I have a little retrospect on our "Society Meeting" of the past. This is kind of fun! More next month.... Pat Hull.



Ray's Ramblings

Wow, nice job Pat, I'm afraid my job may be in jeopardy. Thanks again.

I would be remiss if I didn't comment on Baypex. It was a resounding success. The dealers again commented on how much they like the location. There were collectors there throughout the day and most of the dealers reported good results. I will be looking to reserve the facility for next year, maybe before the April meeting. Thanks to everyone that helped out setting up, taking down, moving dealers in and out, publicity, etc. One neat note was that 2 sisters from Brussels, WI attended the show. They collected 15 to 20 years ago and have had their collections stored in the bedroom closet since then. They saw one of our posters up in the Brussels Post Office and decided to attend the show. It looked like they had a wonderful time. I hope that they attend one of our meetings in the near future.

Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

Apr 15 Wiscopec '12, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI

Apr 28 Outapex '12, location to be announced.

May 5-6 Maypex '12, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 S. 92nd St., West Allis, WI

Program Schedule

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

April	Show and Tell, Silent Auction
May	Election of Officers, Silent Auction
June	Joint Meeting with Appleton in Green Bay, Silent Auction (no business meeting)
July	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
August	Silent Auction (no business meeting)