

ACROSS THE FENCE



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs

President's Message

By WFSC President Karen Weigt

Call for Convention 2017



Stamps, covers, dealers, exhibits, auctions, seminars, meetings, fellowship. Find it all at the WFSC's 86th convention and philatelic exhibition. We call it WISCOPEX, and the 2017 event, hosted by the

Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, will be held May 6-7, at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point, located at 1001 Amber Drive.

Plan to attend with the following in mind –

Bourse

With J.D. Manville serving as bourse chairman, we can expect a good selection of dealers with a plentiful variety of material to add to your collections. The U.S. Postal Service will be available with recent U.S. issues and our WISCOPEX '17 pictorial postmark honoring the Wisconsin Dairy Industry show theme. The show's cover is the third in the WFSC Wisconsin Heritage Series.

Annual Business Meeting

The WFSC's Annual Business Meeting convenes at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. The meeting includes brief officer, committee, and special project reports, plus officer elections and appointments. Delegates have the opportunity to offer comments that their clubs might have concerning the WFSC and its operations.

We furthermore will vote on the following bylaws amendment:

Under ARTICLE VIII, OFFICERS, Section 1, the word "seven" shall be changed to "five" to read:

The elected officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Vice-President Youth Division, and *five* Regional Vice-Presidents.

PURPOSE: To conform with a motion made and passed at the WFSC

Summer Executive Board meeting, July 16, 2016, to eliminate the positions of south central region VP and the second VP in the southeast region. The reason for the motion being to align the number of regional VPs with the number of regions.

Delegates will additionally vote on the nominations of two outstanding philatelists for induction into the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame. And, we'll welcome bids to host a future WISCOPEX.

We plan to keep the meeting time down to a maximum of 60 minutes.

Delegates

All WFSC clubs are urged to send a delegate and/or an alternate to the Annual Business Meeting. Your WFSC officers and appointees work hard to keep the WFSC operating. **Please show them the respect they deserve by ensuring your club is represented with a delegate.** Think about your presence, too, as a means of keeping your club's name upfront among your fellow collectors throughout the state.

Delegates should be prepared to check in at 12:45 p.m. or preregister at the WFSC table with written credentials. "Credentials" sounds very formal but is simply a statement signed by your club president designating you as the official representative of your home club. Members-at-large are encouraged to attend, but have no voting privileges.

Delegates from all clubs represented will receive a special gift and items to take back to their home clubs. See more about this on p. 4.

Silent donation auction – bring something!

Three silent donation auctions will be held throughout the two days of the show. Show admission and parking are free, which is generally not the case for other events. How about keeping that in mind as you scour your collections for an item to bring for the donation auction. A donation is not necessary, but certainly

appreciated. All proceeds from your donations go to the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club to help defray show expenses. The auction will also include items donated to the WFSC within the past year whereby the CWSC will keep 10 percent of the prices realized.

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Youth and beginning collectors and APS Stamps Teach drop-off

Youth and beginning collectors can enjoy free stamps and activities focused on a learning experience. The booth is also the drop-off site for your donations of loose on- and off-paper stamps for the American Philatelic Society's Stamps Teach program.

Exhibits

We're looking at some very classy exhibits for this year's event. We'll have three competitors for the Champion of Champions award, plus a good showing for the Open and non-competitive four- or eight-page exhibits.

Seminars

Take a look at the schedule of events on p. 8 for a fantastic list of seminars to entertain and inform you on a variety of philatelic topics.

Awards Banquet

This is where we highlight the exhibitors by presenting awards for their efforts in displaying their collections in accordance with exhibiting rules. We'll also honor the two newest members of the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame and present our 2017 WFSC Dealer Recognition Award.

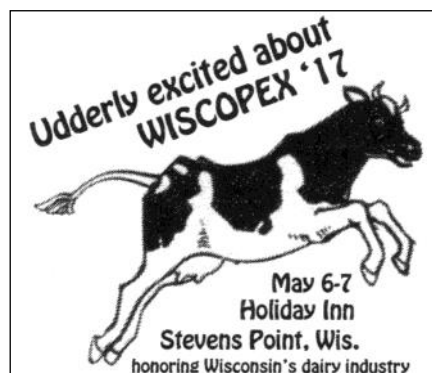
The banquet, however, is more than much deserved recognitions for those who have excelled in our hobby. It's about all WFSC members coming together to enjoy meeting their fellow philatelists.

Wisconsin's own Jay Bigalke, of Readfield, WI, will join us again for this year's WISCOPEX. We'll be honored with his banquet participation as keynote speaker.

See p. 9 for banquet ticket reservations due on May 1.

I look forward to seeing all of you at WISCOPEX '17 where you'll find even more show features to enhance your enjoyment.

See more about WISCOPEX 2017 on pages 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11.



All WISCOPEX attendees are encouraged to check in at the WFSC society table. Pick up a convention button and gift. Light up your home club on the display map and register for door prizes. Bring your club publicity fliers (club meeting information, show fliers, etc.)



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Federation Focus

By WFSC President Karen Weigt

The WFSC's 2017 Winter Executive Board meeting was held February 18 at the Voyageur Inn and Conference Center in Reedsburg, WI. Prior to the meeting, eleven attendees toured the hotel's facilities as a possible venue for WISCOPEX 2018. Major agenda items discussed and voted upon were as follows:

Treasurer's Report

WFSC Treasurer Al Vick presented the 2016 annual financial report indicating a total treasury balance of \$10,514.77. He commented that it was a good year with expenses being only about \$100 more than income. Costs for 12-page issues of *Across the Fence Post* may not be sustainable but all is okay for now. Al complimented *ATFP* Ad Manager John St. Onge for doing a great job in soliciting ads. Ads and proceeds from auctioning donated items is keeping *ATFP* going. Al requested that all clubs continue to keep track of how many copies of *ATFP* are being tossed. It might be that their monthly number of requested copies could be reduced, saving printing and mailing costs.

Attendees discussed the ethics and practicality of accepting donations of questionable and non-saleable philatelic items. It was agreed that the WFSC not judge what might be questionable philatelic material, and non-saleable items can always be given away.

Al has sorted items donated to the WFSC within the past year and prepared them as lots for the WISCOPEX 2017 silent auction.

WISCOPEX 2017

General Chairman Larry Glenzer and Exhibits Chairman John Gavinski reported on various aspects of the show. Karen Weigt gave John the WFSC's donation of the Champion of Champions award. The WFSC will also donate three Circus Press Sheet Souvenir Sheets for use as door prizes at the banquet. A nomination for the WFSC 2017 Dealer Recognition Award was accepted. WFSC promotional items and gifts for all show attendees and delegates at the Annual Business Meeting were discussed and agreed upon.

Across the Fence Post

Editor Ray Perry submitted a written report of plans for future issues and encouraged board members to either write an article or suggest someone who might write an article/column for *ATFP*. Ad Manager John St. Onge's written report included an example of his monthly ad schedule. He also reported that he has been using a new page layout application to develop ad artwork for some advertisers.

Hall of Fame Committee

Committee Chairman Robert J. Mather reported two nominations had been received for the 2017 Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame.

WISCOPEX 2018

It was agreed that the Voyageur Inn and Conference Center in Reedsburg, WI, would be a great venue for WISCOPEX 2018. The Baraboo Area Stamp Club will make a formal offer at the 2017 Annual Business Meeting to host the event at this location.

National Topical Stamp Show

The WFSC will staff a booth at NTSS to be held June 23-25 in Milwaukee. The WFSC will contact the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board in an attempt to get either a donation of their pads of adhesive notepads or a reduced price on them to be used as a handout promoting Wisconsin and the WFSC. It was suggested that the WFSC might offer leftover WISCOPEX show buttons as an alternative handout.

Federal Duck Stamp Competition at UW-Stevens Point

The Central Wisconsin Stamp Club will investigate possibilities for WFSC involvement in the September 15-16 competition.

Region VP Reports

East Central Region VP Don Kurki reminded his clubs about National Stamp Collecting Month by sending them door prizes for their October meetings. Southeast Region VP Art Schmitz reported on visits to clubs in his area, presentations to non-philatelic organizations about stamp collecting, and how he is often approached about inherited stamp collections.

Next Executive Board Meeting

It was decided to try to meet someplace in Fond du Lac, WI, on Saturday, June 17.

***** Convention Delegate Check-In Procedure *****

Attention! - Attention! - Attention! - Attention! - Attention! - Attention! - Attention!

Delegates! You are the VIPs of this event. We request that clubs inform WFSC Secretary Ken Grant of the names of your delegates at any time prior to the convention. (Ken Grant, E11960 Kessler Rd., Baraboo, WI 53913, Kenneth.grant@uwc.edu.)

To shorten the meeting check-in line at the show, please preregister at the WFSC society table where you can pick up your meeting folder and delegate nametag and ribbon.

Connecting with Clubs

By MaryAnn Bowman

In last month's column, I wrote about auctions and some of the different types and ways clubs handle various aspects of the auction process. One situation was recently the subject of the newsletter of the Badger Stamp Club (Madison). It contained a revision of their auction policy. It is quoted here as it appeared in print: *President Shoemaker related that there have been instances when unsold auction items left on the tables have disappeared without payment. After discussion, a motion was made that unsold lots be placed on a separate table in the back of the room. At the conclusion of the auction, everyone will remain seated for five minutes while only lot owners get up and go to the table to claim their unsold lots. MOTION PASSED*

Furthermore, the following auction rule will NO LONGER APPLY: "Any private transaction of no-bid lots listed on the auction tally for the day of said auction will be subject to the 5 percent commission to the club."

What Other Clubs are Doing

The February meeting of the Badger Stamp Club included a Member Bourse where members were invited to set up a table and buy and sell material like a stamp dealer. The bourse was limited to 12 tables.

The March meeting of the Waukesha County Philatelic Society, which meets twice a month, had two women, each from foreign countries give talks. A foreign exchange student from Faroe Island spoke about her country and a native of Africa talked of the plans to eradicate malaria. In both cases a club member followed up with sharing their philatelic material of the same topic - a nice compliment to the evening program. This is a great way to include non-collecting community members, learn more about a particular subject, and share the hobby.

Many clubs have an Alphabet Night where a letter of the alphabet is selected as the theme for a show-and-tell program. In fact, it has also been adopted for use as a mini-exhibit theme for both WISCOPEX and MILCOPEX with this year's alphabet letter being "R." The Milwaukee Philatelic Society is shaking things up with having a year date - 1967 - as their theme for an evening program. 1967 was 50 years ago and it corresponds to the 50th anniversary of Milcopex. Looking back at the stamps that were issued that year and the events of that time through postage stamps is another way to involve members in sharing their material.

The ATA Chapter 5 did a "Something Old, Something New" show-and-tell program as a hold-over from the January meeting which was impacted by poor weather. The Club played the "Presidents Game" using a set of Fleetwood covers with the 1986 Presidential series of stamps at their February meeting. Members used information from the stamp, cachet, and informative text on the reverse. Each member selected one cover and wrote three clues with each clue getting successively easier. Two teams competed against each other to try and guess the President being described. At the conclusion of the activity members then arranged themselves in order of when the presidents they represented were in office. The covers were then auctioned off.

In February, the Green Bay Philatelic Society held their annual "Way Out Topical Night." It was followed by a silent auction. By the time you read this, they will have completed their annual Baypex show.

The Northwoods Philatelic Society held their bi-annual Stamp Camp for Kids. I hope to hear the results of their endeavor in a future newsletter. One of their members, Milt Wirth, gave a mini-program on some of the unique stamps he acquired from Europe. These included stamps made from glass and from codfish.

There is an exhibit online titled "That's a Postage Stamp?" created by Tom Fortunato. It is 16 illustrative pages of paper stamps such as die cut shapes, 3-D, holograms, and glow-in-the-dark stamps as well as stamps where beads, crystals, scratch-off, scents, and other things have been added. Another section deals with non-paper stamps such as those made from metals, foils, and textiles as well as stamps that might be classified as audio/visual such as stamps that are records or stamps that have motion to them.

If your club has internet access at your meeting location, you might want to head over to his website. As you click on each individual page, it enlarges to show greater detail. The address: <http://www.frontiernet.net/~stamptmf/exhibits/thatsapostagestamp/index.html>

I have a small grouping of just those types of stamps in a small file that I sometimes bring to shows where I am doing a youth area. When you get one of those children who think that stamp collecting is boring, I pull out the stamp made from a soccer ball or the lenticular stamp. Who can resist smelling the chocolate stamps? And there are more! It is just one "hook" in my bag of tricks.

Another Easy Program Idea

Back in 1982, Bill Olcheski wrote a book *100 Trivia Quizzes for Stamp Collectors* and was published by the American Philatelic Society. Originally \$4.95, the book shows up in collections and other places. There are 40 quizzes alone on US stamps as well as questions about philatelic abbreviations, first day covers, stamp colors, etc. There are additional questions related to specific countries. Carrying the book to a club meeting will give you many moments of spontaneous philatelic entertainment.

Wiscopex '17 Club Delegates Gift

Each WFSC club is encouraged to send both a delegate and alternate delegate to the annual business meeting. Every attempt is made to keep the meeting brief so that you can get back to the show. This year, I am providing a special gift to the delegate and their club. The delegate will receive a philatelic tote bag (which he/she may keep for themselves). Inside each bag will be a philatelic item that can be used by the club in any way such as an auction item, door prize, or other incentive. There will also be an activity that you can use as a club program. I hope to be able to personally give you your club bag and to talk to you about the needs of your club and how I can help you. **Delegates must be pre-registered to be considered for the gift bag.**



Topical and Thematic Collecting: Societies

By James E. Byrne, Northwoods Philatelic Society

Everything goes better with the right resources. You can play a round of golf with one club, but unless you are satisfied to score Methuselah's age, you will happier playing with a full set of drivers and irons and an \$800 putter specially designed to fit just you.



Stamp collecting can also be more fun with the proper resources, the catalogues, albums, tools, dealers, and societies or clubs. Those of us who meet here *Across the Fence Post* do so because we already value clubs, but we may not be taking full advantage of the opportunities out there, especially the topical societies. If you collect lighthouses on stamps, where do you turn for information specifically about your topic? If you pursue more than one topic, where do you look for broad topical coverage?

Fortunately, topical collectors have the American Topical Association (<http://www.americantopicalassn.org/>) as an essential resource. When I joined ATA twenty-five years ago, my topical collecting moved to a new level, and as a continuing member my interests have never waned. The feature articles in *Topical Time*, one of the best periodicals serving the hobby, continue to open my eyes to collecting possibilities and to offer interesting articles about stamps and related subjects. Although I don't collect Christopher Columbus on stamps, an article on the stamps related to his exploits can be a good armchair adventure, and the author's perspective on that topic can guide me to look a bit differently at some of the material in my collection. Occasionally, an article will move me to action. One about the Good Samaritan, for example, became the basis for my small collection on the biblical parable.

The ATA has many resources in addition to *Topical Time*. The checklist service in itself is worth the cost of membership. The over 600 checklists give the country, catalogue number, date, and a brief description for big (birds) or small (candy) topics and special categories within larger topics (porcupines within the animal category). These reasonably priced lists help fund the society and save you all of the labor of making your own list. Less labor, more fun and a much more comprehensive collection.

The ATA also has an annual show with top dealers and outstanding exhibits. Mark your calendars now for 23-25 June 2017 and plan to be at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in Milwaukee for this year's show. One of the special features of the show will be a tribute to Mary Ann Owens, a Wisconsinite and WFSC Hall of Fame member in the Class of 1977 who was one of the pioneers in establishing topical collecting and getting recognition of it by organized philately as an accepted collecting and exhibiting category. The tribute will include a special showing of some of her award-winning material now in the collection of the American Philatelic Society.

Like so many great things in this world, the ATA was born in Wisconsin. Teenager Jerome D. "Jerry" Husak, WFSC Hall of Fame Class of 1976, solved the problem of finding other topical stamp collectors with whom to share interests by starting the ATA in 1949. Initially using the family home at 3306 North 50th Street in Milwaukee as the society office, Jerry guided the ATA to a place of prominence in philately and built the foundation on which he and others like Owens were able to change minds and eliminate prejudices to make topical and thematic collecting what it is today. Under his leadership, ATA began publishing handbooks and organizing study groups. It is truly amazing what a young man from Milwaukee was able to do in expanding a hobby into a movement.

The study groups affiliated with the ATA are another important resource for topical collectors. Whether you are interested in archeology or wine, you may be able to find a study group listed on the ATA Website or by making a simple search online. Type the



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name of your topical interest with the phrase “on stamps” and see what Google can find.



Some of these study units will be meeting at the Milwaukee ATA show in June. Wine on Stamps Study Unit (www.wine-on-stamps.org), for example, is scheduled to be there. This small group identifies its focus as the “study of stamps and other philatelic material concerning wine, grapes, wine making and consumption” and publishes a quarterly in color. The study of wine consumption will be confined to an adjourned session at the Milwaukee show.

Other groups are quite large. Scouts on Stamps Society International (<http://sossi.org>) is one of the oldest topical societies and has a Website loaded with resources. Harry Thorsen, Jr., began organizing SOSSI in 1948 and published the first topical catalogue of Scouts on stamps in 1949. Chapters meet in various parts of the country, and the annual meeting is held at a different major show each year. Because of its international membership, its journal frequently has articles or correspondence from Canada and Europe.



[Journalists, Authors & Poets on Stamps \(JAPOS\)](#) is based in Wisconsin and its publication is edited by another WFSC Hall of Fame member, Clete Delvaux, Class of 2016. The literary interests of its members are varied, and the number of stamps depicting writers is large enough to encourage specialization by style or ethnicity.

Specialized groups exist for a number of topics, both as affiliates or independent of the American Topical Association. Online searches for study units and a visit to the ATA Website will yield contact information. Membership in a group will help you enjoy topical collecting much more by expanding your resources and increase your fun in philately. Get active today.

Study Units and Affiliates of the American Topical Association

Americana	International/Worldwide
Archaeology	Stamp Collectors
Armenian Philately	Journalists, Authors and Poets
Astronomy	Judaica
Bicycles	Lighthouses
Biology	Malaria
Books, Printing, and Graphics	Masonry (fraternal)
Captain Cook	Mathematics
CartoPhilately	Medicine
Cats	Music
Chemistry & Physics	Napoleonic Age
Chess	Penguins
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EFOs	Railroads
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Europa	Scouts
Fire Service	Ships
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Halloween	Stamps on Stamps
	United Nations
	Windmills
	Wine

For details about each unit or affiliate, check out the ATA Website:

(<http://www.americantopicalassn.org/studyunits.shtml>).

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is a chapter of ATA as are the following WFSC member clubs: [ATA Chapter 5 - Milwaukee](#), [Milwaukee Philatelic Society](#), [Waukesha County Philatelic Society](#). Chapter status might be an option for your club.



It's April, WISCOPEX '17 is just Around the Corner!

By Ray Perry



As I'm sure you have noticed by all the related articles in this month's edition of *ATFP*, WISCOPEX '17 is not far off. The annual show will be held on May 6 and 7 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, WI. Please look through all the related articles for show schedules, seminars, gifts, tips for delegate sign in, and signing up for the annual banquet. Please be sure to join in the fun.

In addition to all the WISCOPEX related articles, be sure to check out the Federation Focus on page 3. This article summarizes the recent Executive Board meeting. It will keep you up to date on Federation activities.

Then check out MaryAnn Bowman's Connecting with Clubs column on page 4. MaryAnn summarizes club activities from around the Federation, shares another idea for a club program, and explains how club delegates to the annual meeting at WISCOPEX can earn a free gift. Don't miss out.

Our Topical and Thematic author, Jim Byrne, talks about various Topical Societies on pages 5 and 6. Thanks Jim, for another interesting and informative article.

Note the DANEPEX '17 cover offer to the right of this column. It is a nicely done cover that fits into an airmail or Lindbergh topical collection along with a show cover collection.

Greg Greenwald of the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club wrote this month's Feature Article on Puerto Rican Revenues. Fitting for our April issue of *ATFP* don't you think? Not only that, but Greg has agreed to write a couple of articles per year on revenue stamps.

I mentioned some of the WISCOPEX activities featured in this month's issue in the opening paragraph, but I want to highlight a couple of them here before closing.

- See page 2 for how to obtain your show button.
- See page 3 for delegate check-in procedures.
- See page 4 for how to obtain a free delegate gift.
- See page 8 for your WISCOPEX Show Schedule.
- See page 9 for your Awards Banquet Registration Form.

DANEPEX '17 Cover Available

The Badger Stamp Club is offering its DANEPEX '17 (Sunday, April 9) cover that commemorates the 90th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic flight from New York to Paris. The cachet features an image of Lindbergh with silhouettes of the Spirit of St. Louis. The cover is franked with the U.S. 13¢ Spirit of St. Louis stamp and a 37¢ flag issue.

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That's about all the room I have this month, but before I go, I want to encourage you to attend not only WISCOPEX, but all the local shows as well. Please support all these shows so they remain viable in the future. See you all at WISCOPEX.



***** WISCOPEX '17 - Schedule of Events *****

Saturday, May 6, 2017

A.M.

- 7:30 Set up
10:00 Show opens
Art Schmitz presenting "Dead Countries"
11:00 Dan Underlander presenting "Columbian Envelopes"
Noon Art Schmitz presenting "Philatelic Adventures"

P.M.

- 12:30 Silent Auction closes
1:00 WFSC annual meeting (2 hours)
3:00 Jay Bigalke presenting "Happenings with the APS"
4:00 Judges critique
4:30 Silent Auction closes
5:00 Show closes
5:30 Social and cocktail hour
6:30 Awards Banquet with Jay Bigalke as the keynote speaker

Sunday, May 7, 2017

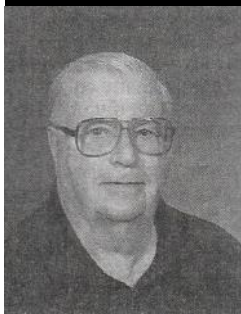
A.M.

- 9:00 Wisconsin Postal History Society meeting
10:00 Show opens
Maurice Wozniak presenting "How a Small Wisconsin Church Changed Christmas Stamp Policy"
11:00 Ken Grant presenting "Wisconsin Cinderella Stamps"
Noon Maurice Wozniak presenting "George Washington Slept Here"

P.M.

- 1:00 Colin Fraser presenting "British Central Africa"
Silent Auction closes
2:00 Gregg Greenwald presenting "A Study of the Series 1940 Revenue Overprints" (2 hours)
4:00 Show closes

Closed Album: Don Thurwatcher



A long standing member of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Don Thurwatcher died on December 30, 2016. He was born in 1930. He had the lowest club membership number, 119, of any active club member. For health reasons he was not active the last few years. He operated Don's Stamp Shop from 1950 to 1997 in downtown Oshkosh. Don also held membership in the American Philatelic Society and the former Society of Philatelic Americans. Don was active in many other organizations including the Boy Scouts where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and as a past Scoutmaster.

His son, Jeff is a member of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce. Don will be missed by his many friends in the Oshkosh club.

Did You Know?

According to the American Philatelic Society sometime before 1883 advertising for various products appeared on the back of U.S. 3-cent stamps.

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Feature Article: Puerto Rican Revenues Return to Their Roots

By Greg Greenwald of Central Wisconsin Stamp Club

While residents of Puerto Rico use the same postage stamps as those in the United States, the same is not true for revenue stamps. Puerto Rico uses their own revenue stamps, with the early stamps printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C. They resembled those in use by the United States.

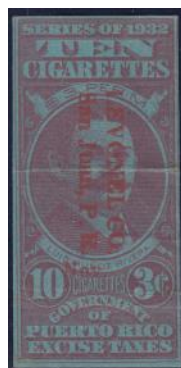
Prior to 1932, the revenue stamps of Puerto Rico were inscribed or overprinted with the anglicized "PORTO RICO." However, starting in 1932, the inscriptions were modified back to their Spanish roots and began appearing as "PUERTO RICO."

Let's look at some examples where the name on the revenue stamp was modified but the rest of the design remained anglicized. Revenue stamps were printed entirely in Spanish around 1952.

Cigarette Stamps, used to pay the per-pack tax. Compare the inscription at the bottom of the series of 1932 stamp with that of its predecessor from the series of 1925.



1925



1932

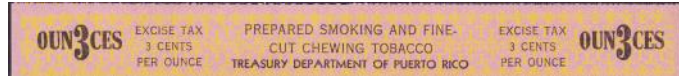
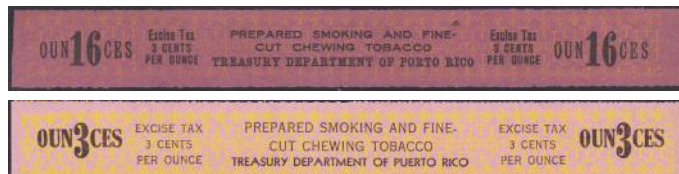
Documentary Stamps, used to pay the tax on various documents. Compare the inscription at the top of the stamps.



Proprietary Stamps, used to pay the tax on various classifications of goods purchased in department stores. Compare the inscription at the center of the stamps.



Tobacco Stamps, used to pay the per-ounce tax. Compare the overprint in the center of the stamps.



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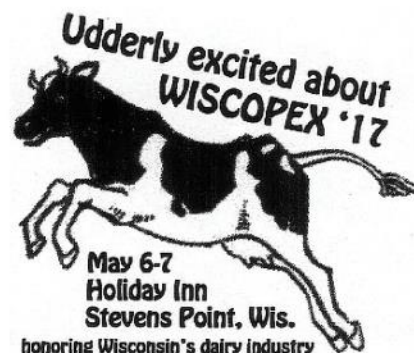
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