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President's Message

By Gregg Greenwald

Come join us in Fond du Lac for the Wiscopex 2024, the 92nd annual convention and philatelic exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, to be held May 4th and 5th. The theme this year is "Wisconsin: America's Invention Land." The show will be held at a new venue this year, the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, again in centrally-located Fond du Lac. Check out Jim Stollenwerk's article in this issue on page 5 for a rundown of the activities that will take place during those two days. I look forward to seeing everyone at the show.



In other show news, Milcopex 2024 will be held during the summer this year on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th. MaryAnn Bowman has more details in her column on page 7. Milcopex is a World Series of Philately show and will be an opportunity for collectors to enhance their collections during the Wisconsin summer.

Finally, a special shout-out to our *ATFP* editor Joe Kowalski for his innovations to our quarterly

newsletter. As he notes in his article on this page, hyperlinks are now added to the online version of *ATFP* so readers may access outside sources with a simple mouse click or cellphone tap.

CALL FOR DELEGATES!
Local Presidents, every club should have a validated representative at the May 4 business meeting at Wiscopex. Your rep needs only bring a piece of paper to that effect or simply email **WFSC secretary Clarence Davis at davisclarence@gmail.com**.

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From the Editor

By Joe Kowalski

Starting with this issue I'm adding a feature to the online version which I hope will be useful and maybe even a little entertaining: hyperlinks.



Go to wfscstamps.org/ATFP/ and open this issue. Click or tap on almost any photograph, illustration or advertisement. It will take you to a website related to what you've selected.

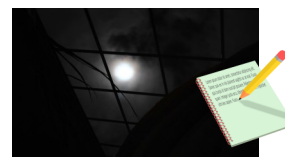
For example, clicking on a Fox River Stamps ad sends you to the homepage of that dealer's site.

Selecting an ad without a website might, in some cases, link you to information the seller recommends.

As you might expect, poking an email address underlined in blue will open your email program, with the address filled in.

On pages 6 and 8 alone there are 30 clickables to other destinations.

I first learned how to create hyperlinks many years ago. The idea to use them in this newsletter came to me suddenly. In the middle of the night. Of course.





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Federation News

Feb. 17, 2024

Executive Board Meeting

Called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Attending via Zoom: MaryAnn Bowman, Dave Carney, Clarence Davis, Gregg Greenwald, Joe Kowalski, Brian Liedtke, Bill Manka, John Paré, Greg Riesterer, Joe Spangler, Jim Stollenwerk, Dan Undersander, Karen Weigt and Zoom hosts Mary Park and Doug Henkle.

Treasurer's Report (Rees)

After expenses, 2022 net income was \$350.63; 2023's jump to \$3211.22 is temporary, due to early Wiscopex 2024 dealer payments.

OLD BUSINESS, OTHER REPORTS

Newsletter Printing Estimates

(Kowalski, Spangler, Liedtke)

Thanks to a visit from Spangler to our usual publisher, The Printing Place of Middleton has agreed to run the next issue at no extra charge, using a different process in order to prevent the problem of streaks in ads and photos.

Archivist/Historian Post (Davis)

Clarence announces his resignation from the position which has been rarely utilized.

Wiscopex Planning

(Stollenwerk et al)

- Final dealer count: 16
- 500 color reminder cards
- Publicity and press releases to two national magazines and many online websites.
- Exhibition judges will be Rob Henak and Brian Liedtke.
- Banquet speaker Wayne Youngblood's presentation will be on philatelic evangelist "Capt. Tim" Healy.

Single-Frame Exhibit Award

(Weigt, Paré)

The deadline to return exhibit entry forms and payments is April 23. The Ken Grant Single-Frame Award was announced.

Ad Manager (Liedtke)

Notices for 2024 are in progress.

Across the Fence Post (Kowalski)

Starting with the Quarter 2 issue, online versions will be enriched with clickable hyperlinks on its pictures, ads and graphics.

NEW BUSINESS

Future of Milcopex (Bowman)

No Milcopex in 2025. Shows are planned for 2026-2030.

Zoom Auction (Bowman)

Proposal that any profits of such a project would be split among WFSC, Milcopex and the auction winner's local club. Details pending.

Donations (Bowman)

Proposal to sell some high-value donated items, perhaps via classified ads in *ATFP*.

Other

The newly-formed Stoughton Stamp Club will be invited to join the Federation.

An appointment to the Hall of Fame Committee is needed to replace Dan Undersander.

Vice Presidents' Reports

East Central Region (Manka)

Visits to . . .

- The Sheboygan Stamp Club, which held elections for President Ron Kamprath; Vice-President, Ed Weiher; Secretary/Treasurer Bob Keppert; and Mixture Chair, Rich Stohl. Club and member auctions at each meeting.
- The Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club had show-and-tell presentations by members.
- The Fond du Lac Stamp Club's December Christmas party was held at a local restaurant. 2024 meeting activity schedules finalized.

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- The club voted to sponsor and host Wiscopex 2025.
- It has various activities and APS videos after every business meeting.



Northeast Region (Perry)

"I have not visited any clubs since my last report due to struggles with illness.

"This makes it impossible to continue in the role as WFSC NE Region VP and as Chair of the Editorial Committee.

"I have enjoyed my time in both roles, especially the Region VP role. It is fun getting around to other clubs' meetings but I just can't do it physically anymore. Best of luck in your search for replacements."

Central Region (No report)

Southeast Region (Anna Trischan)

Attended meetings at all four clubs since last report.

- ATA Chapter 5 December program was a very interesting Zoom presentation on gingerbread on stamps by Vera Felts.
- Several new officers for Milwaukee Philatelic Society, including Blayne Kirsch as president and Jim Stollenwerk as vice presi-

dent. December meeting was a restaurant dinner.

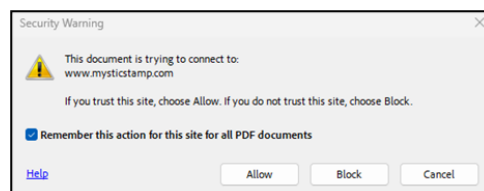
- The January meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- The Milcopex committee is actively planning for its June 14-15 show at the Brookfield Conference Center again this year. They will hold Stampfest at the St. Francis Lions Center in St. Francis on February 24-25 with 11 dealers.
- The Waukesha County Philatelic Society had an excellent show-and-tell on #10 covers with great participation by the attendees.
- The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society had a potluck Christmas party with club-provided subs and soda.
- The January meeting was cancelled due to weather. The bourse chairman of TOSAPEX reported that all tables have been sold and there's a waiting list of dealers.

Next Meeting (Greenwald)
August 3, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Adjournment (Greenwald)
The meeting ended at 10:50 a.m.

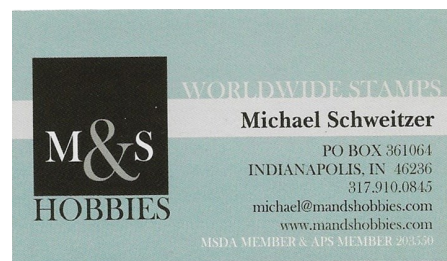


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. . .don't worry about it. Just select the "Allow" button. All links have been checked and verified.

— JK



A Wiscopex 2024 Welcome

By Jim Stollenwerk, Chairman



Hello again to all family and friends of WFSC. It's time for Wiscopex 2024, Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5.

Perhaps I've met you at one of the shows this year in Kenosha, Janesville, StampFest, Rockford or Green Bay. The Wiscopex 2024 committee welcomes your attendance. We have another great show planned. The show is now moved westward out to Highway 41 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Fond du Lac.

The show features 16 dealers from around the Midwest, an exhibition, including the new Ken Grant Single-Frame Award and a special show-themed exhibit class. I encourage, if you have exhibited in the past, to freshen up or slim down an existing exhibit and join us. Many classes are available. The Wisconsin Postal History Society will meet; the Madison Postcrossing group will have a what they call a meetup; and the Fond du Lac Post Office will establish its annual substation. The WFSC's silent auction will be set up for bids, for which we are now accepting philatelic donations.

We hope you'll sign up for the Awards Banquet and hear Wayne Youngblood talk about Captain Tim.

See above right for a tentative schedule.

Saturday May 4:*

10 a.m. Show and silent auction open
11 a.m. WFSC Business Meeting
1 p.m. Postcrossing meetup
1:30 p.m. "Coins and Stamps" talk
2 p.m. Exhibit critique
5 p.m. Bourse closes, Banquet Social; dinner follows

Sunday May 5:*

9 a.m. Wis. Postal Hist. Soc. meeting
10 a.m. Show and silent auction open
10:30 a.m. "Buying a Cover – What to Look For" talk
3 p.m. Show closes

***Consult the show program when you arrive on May 4 or 5, for any updated or additional information.**

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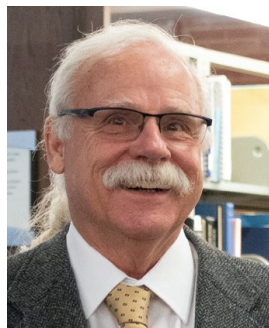
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CALL FOR WISCOPEX 2024 EXHIBITS — Entries due by April 23, 2024

Both experienced and novice exhibitors are invited to enter. In addition to the traditional exhibit divisions, Wiscopex 2024 will be accepting a special show-themed exhibit entry. That theme is . . . **Wisconsin: America's Invention Land**, in honor of the state's rich history of innovations and firsts. We hope to attract exhibits which showcase that history.

Invention-themed exhibits can be entered in any division. The Federation will even waive the \$10 entry fee for any Division V, Non-Competitive Two-, Four- or Eight-Page exhibit that follows the theme. Request a prospectus and exhibit entry form from Exhibits Manager John Paré, 405 Perimeter Rd., Mount Horeb, WI 53572, 608-852-7358, pare16@mhtc.net. These documents, which include rules and further information, are also available online near the bottom of this webpage: <https://www.wfscstamps.org/WISCOPEX/>.

New this year is the Ken Grant Wiscopex Best Single-Frame Award. It honors the memory of Kenneth B. Grant for outstanding service to philately in Wisconsin and nationally, and to provide a Best Single-Frame Award for the Wiscopex single-frame exhibit category. Request a prospectus and exhibit entry form from the Exhibits manager (see paragraph above).



Rhyme Time: Northern Wisconsin Post Offices

Fill in the boxes on the right with the Northern Wisconsin cities that rhyme with the phrases on the left. Slashes denote spaces. No peeking at the key on page 7!



1		The beer	_____ / _____
2		Clean hay	_____ / _____
3		Play bird	_____
4		Myron	_____
5		Brandin'	_____
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Contrary to the Events Calendar in the March issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly*, Wiscopex 2024 will be in Fond du Lac, not Waupun. Not the magazine's error.

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Milcopex Preview

By MaryAnn Bowman, WFSC VP Youth Division, Publicity and PR Chair

Milcopex, Wisconsin's premier stamp show, will be held June 14-15, 2024, at the Brookfield Conference Center, the same venue as last year. Located at 325 South Moorland Road in Brookfield, Wisconsin, the show offers free parking and free admission.

This year's theme is "Uniquely Wisconsin," with exhibits, presentations, and activities to complement the theme. Milcopex is also celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the American Topical Association (birthplace Milwaukee). As one of the show dates falls on June 14, Flag Day, visitors can expect to see an exhibit as well as attend a presentation related to U.S. flag stamps. Additionally, because the show falls on Father's Day weekend, fathers, grandfathers and uncles bringing a child to the show on Saturday, June 15, will receive special gifts for themselves as well as for the child. More details to follow on <https://milcopex.org>.

The show will also provide enriching philatelic experiences through educational programming. In addition to those programs offered during show hours, there will be three pre-presentations offered via Zoom on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the show. Talks will include "The History of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society," "Advertising Covers of

Milwaukee," and "So You Want to Become an Exhibitor."

Collectors are encouraged to enter the one-page non-competitive exhibit. It offers the opportunity to showcase one or more philatelic items related to the show theme. Entries will appear on the Milcopex website and will be printed out and displayed in the exhibit frames. Further instructions on how to participate, as well as other show information, are available on the Milcopex website. Hope to see you at the show!

Give-Back Donation Auction

You can support your club, the Federation, and Milcopex with a successful bid on any of these four better philatelic items briefly described here:

> A nine-volume set of Scott International Albums

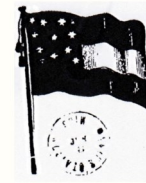
> Queen Elizabeth 1953 Coronation issue—the complete Omnibus set, in specialized binder

> Scott International Vol. 1 Classic Album—containing some high-value stamps

> Argentina Presentation Album for Buenos Aires 80 International show

More details, descriptions and photos are available at <https://wfscstamps.org/auction/>.

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Topical Topic: U.S. Flags (Another Wisconsin invention is . . . Flag Day!)



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- 3¢: "U.S. POSTAGE" (Francis Scott Key)
- 5¢: "U.S. POSTAGE" (White House)
- \$2.40: "USA" (Astronauts on the moon)
- 29¢: "USA" (Mount Rushmore)
- 18¢: "USA" (Purple mountain majesties)
- 4¢: "U.S. POSTAGE" (Flag and stars)
- 4¢: "JULY 4, 1959" (Flag)
- 42¢: "USA" (Flag over a landscape)
- 18¢: "USA" (Flag and mountains)
- 4¢: "U.S. POSTAGE" (Flag and stars)
- 22¢: "USA" (Flag and Capitol building)

Wiscopex 2024

Dates and Hours

May 4-5, 2024, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hotel Reservations

Mention "Wiscopex 2024 Stamp Show" when you call:

The Radisson Hotel at 920-923-1440 (\$129.00 per night) or

the nearby Comfort Inn at 920-921-4100, (\$119 .00 per night)

Questions? Call or email show chairman Jim Stollenwerk at 262-305-1483,

smallgasengine65@gmail.com.

Awards Banquet Reservations

For Saturday, May 4, Radisson Hotel banquet tickets, copy or cut out the form below.

This year's guest banquet speaker will be the nationally-published Wayne Youngblood.

Banquet reservations are due no later than April 17, 2024.

The social hour will begin at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m.

Pick up your tickets at the WFSC registration table.

Wiscopex 2024 Awards Banquet, 6 p.m., Saturday, May 4, Radisson Hotel

Please reserve _____ \$55 tickets for

Name(s) _____

Phone Number or Email _____

Choose an entrée which includes green salad, potato or rice, and cheesecake

_____ 8 oz. Filet Mignon with a demi-glace and sautéed mushrooms

_____ Two 4 oz. Baked Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast and Chef's seasoned potatoes

Contact Jim for special dietary needs 262-305-1483 or smallgasengine65@gmail.com

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Show Calendar

Check wfscstamps.org for updates. Send new show listings to Greg Riesterer, webmaster@wfscstamps.org, 608-520-0560.



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October 19, 2024

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June 14-15, 2024

Milcopex 2024
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325 South Moorland Road,
Brookfield, Wis.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(MaryAnn Bowman,
maryann15b@mac.com)



November 9, 2024

Oshkosh Stamp Bourse
Mother Theresa Center of
Father Carr's Place 2B,
1082 N. Koeller Street
Oshkosh, Wis.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Dave Carney,
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OTHER SHOWS

April 21, 2024

Milwaukee Postcard Show
New Berlin Entertainment Center
16000 West Cleveland Road
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Sunday 9-3 \$3 admission
(Joe Stransky, 608-877-0538,
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May 18-19, 2024

MSDA Spring Chicagoland Show
Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc.
Holiday Inn Chicago-
Elk Grove Village,
1000 Busse Road
Elk Grove Village, Ill.
Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-3

July 27-28, 2024

TOSAPEX 2024
St. Francis Lions Community Ctr.,
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Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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June 29-30, 2024

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May 4 & 5, 2024

92nd Convention Exhibition & Banquet

Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs

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Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3



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Wisconsin Postal History Society meeting

Postcrossing Meetup



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