

ACROSS THE FENCE



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gregg Greenwald
WFSC President

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR



Let's take a look at a couple of simple items that collectors can consider for their philatelic pursuits in the new year.

Attend a stamp show at a venue that you have not visited for some time. While there:

Visit with the stamp dealers – not only those that you know but also with the dealers that you are not familiar with. You never know whether they may have something of interest until you ask. In addition, very few dealers bring their entire stock to a show. They may have some items of interest that they did not bring and would be more than happy to give you more details after the show.

Make an effort to interact with other collectors. Remember that collectors are a friendly bunch and you never know when you may run across a fellow collector that shares similar philatelic pursuits.

Attend the seminars that are being presented during the show. The presenters work hard to make it a worthwhile endeavor and it should always be a goal to learn something new.

Clean out your closets! Start tackling those neglected shoeboxes and/or bankers boxes of material that you've been packing away for another time. There is likely to be material that can be expanded upon in the new year (and provide additional incentive to attend more shows this year!).

Look to join a specialized philatelic society. Members of such societies possess a vast amount of philatelic knowledge that they are more than willing to share.

Work on a short presentation for an upcoming club meeting covering what you enjoy collecting and why you collect it. It need not be high-tech or polished. Just be yourself and let your collecting passion speak for itself.

Finally, on another important topic for the new year, I want to give a shout-out to Joe Kowalski for taking over as editor of *Across the Fence Post*. It is a tall order to continue on the fantastic job that Karen Weigt has done over many years but I have confidence that Joe will be up to the task. □

by Karen Weigt
Interim Editor, *ATFP*

NEW EDITOR NEXT ISSUE!

Here's a giant THANK-YOU to Joe Kowalski for volunteering to take over as *ATFP* editor. I now retire a second time as *ATFP* interim editor, which once morphed into editor.

Joe is a member of the Fond du Lac Stamp Club and the Wisconsin Postal History Society. He is publicity chairman for WISCOPEX 2023. I'm sure he'll tell us more about himself in his first *ATFP* issue.

To contact Joe, send an email to ATFPjk@gmail.com.



DUES ARE DUE!

YOUR CLUB TREASURER OR WFSC REPRESENTATIVE HAS RECEIVED A NOTICE FOR WFSC 2023 DUES. PLEASE RESPOND BY FEBRUARY 28. THANK YOU!

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CLOSED ALBUM

Maurice Wozniak



Maurice Wozniak, of Waupaca, died on November 24, 2022. He was 82 years old.

Maurice was a member of the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club since the 1990s, where

he served as secretary and helped with the club's annual show. He was also a member of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, the American Philatelic Society and the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. His main interest was in U.S. and Barbados philately.

Maurice served as president of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs from 2005 to 2011. He went on to serve as northeast region VP from 2012 to 2018 and was inducted to the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame in 2009. He was general chairman of WISCOPEX 2004.

Maurice was a graduate of the UW-Madison journalism school. He spent 28 years in Milwaukee working as a reporter and editor for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. In 1966, he moved north for a job at Krause Publications, in Iola, Wisconsin. He worked as editor of *Stamp Collector* and *Stamp Wholesaler*

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CLOSED ALBUM

Mary Yahr



Mary Yahr, of West Bend, died on November 9, 2022, at age 65 and after many years of battling cancer.

Mary was a member of the Kettle Moraine Coin

and Stamp Club for which she served as secretary and newsletter editor. She is especially known for the many years she led the club's extraordinarily active Ben Franklin Club in West Bend. She was also a member of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society for which she served on the board of directors and on the MILCOPEX committee.

Mary was a graduate of the UW-Eau Claire. She worked as executive director of the West Bend Builders Association.

She was an extremely active volunteer and especially enjoyed working with youth. As part of her volunteer work at the West Bend Art Museum, she developed a series of Art Mom talks that she gave at local schools. She was also a 4-H leader and a Girl Scout troop leader. She served as a substitute aid with the West Bend School District.

Mary loved stamp collecting but she also loved traveling. □

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FEDERATION NEWS

FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 10, 2022, VIA ZOOM

Treasurer's report — Treasurer David Rees provided a written January 1 through December 9, 2022, profit and loss statement of WFSC funds. The checkbook balance is \$7515.23.

Club membership reports will be generated with the dues notices to be mailed.

ATFP — The quarterly publication schedule will continue for 2023. Production and mailing dates will conform with WISCOPEX 2023 promotional information timing. The search for a new editor is ongoing. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee will review the complimentary copy list when it becomes available.

WISCOPEX 2023 — Show Chairman Jim Stollenwerk provided a detailed report on plans for the event and assignments for particular responsibilities were confirmed. Bourse Chairman Bill Manka reported that nine dealers have already paid for tables. The WFSC Dealer Recognition Award will be shelved for 2023.

WISCOPEX 2024 — The same WISCOPEX 2023 committee will serve for the 2024 event.

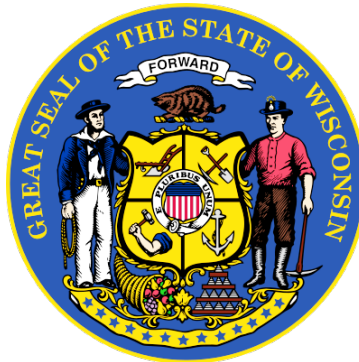
Stamp-O-Rama 2023 — Brian Liedtke reported that planning has been postponed.

Hall of Fame Reunion — The usual every-five-year event will be held at MILCOPEX 2023 in September.

Purchase Zoom License — Free 40-minute meetings are available with additional minutes upon request. The matter of the WFSC buying a license will be discussed further.

Region VP Reports — East Central VP Bill Manka, Southwest VP Bill Lothary, Southeast VP Anna Trischan, Central VP Chuck Rebek and Northeast VP Ray Perry submitted reports of their club's activities and status as viable organizations.

Next Meeting Date — The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023, via Zoom.



WISCOPEX 2023
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anniversary of Wisconsin
statehood

Save the
Dates!
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CALL FOR EXHIBITS

Both experienced and novice exhibitors are invited to enter exhibits at WISCOPEX 2023, May 6-7, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Consider participating in the non-competitive two-, four- and eight-page exhibit division. Its purpose is to promote philately to the public by making them aware of the wide range of collecting interests that can be used to tell a philatelic story. Its aim is to encourage beginning exhibitors to share their philatelic material and get a taste of this aspect of philately. Perhaps you could tie into the WISCOPEX 2023 theme: the 175th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood. As always, these exhibits are not judged.

Of course, we're also offering the traditional exhibit divisions that include Open (including Display), Single-frame, Youth, and Non-competitive. Frames are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Request a prospectus and exhibit entry form from Exhibits Chairman 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 at wfscstamps.org/WISCOPEX.

ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 29

Maurice Wozniak Closed Album
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magazines and the Minkus catalogs. He also has edited three editions of the *Warman's U.S. Stamps Field Guide*.

He has written articles for the *American Philatelist*, *Across the Fence Post* and a variety of general interest publications. Being a dedicated writer, Maurice was active in many journalism organizations.

Maurice spent 22 years in the U.S. Naval Reserves and retired as a commander. He served three years active duty and two stints as commanding offi-

cer of the Naval Reserve Public Affairs Company in Milwaukee.

Maurice was an ardent promoter of philately in Wisconsin and devoted to the hobby to the point of making it the focus of his career. □

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CLUB CONNECTIONS

It's a new year! Many clubs have a new slate of officers. Programs are being planned for the year. Collectors are looking forward to attending stamp shows. And philatelic resolutions are being made whether it is to organize your stamp holdings, put together an exhibit, donate your duplicates to a new or beginning collector, or preparing a program to give to your club. These winter months are a great time to undertake these projects. What will you be doing to enhance the enjoyment of the hobby for yourself and for others?

December found many clubs celebrating the holiday with a party for their members. Food and stamp bingo were popular activities with several clubs. **ATA Chapter 5**, the **Milwaukee** branch of the national American Topical Association, actually had two programs that might be considered Christmas-themed. In October, Vera Felts presented a program about her collection of gingerbread stamps and covers. In December, Aimee Devine presented a program based on the covers from the collection of Christine Sanders. The covers featured cachets and different techniques that were used to create and add interest to holiday mailings. Both of these PowerPoint programs were recorded and can be found on the WFSC YouTube channel which can be accessed right from the homepage of the Federation's website.

Does your club send out mailed meeting notices? With the increase in postage costs, more and more clubs are exploring the option of using email to remind members of meetings. Perhaps I am "old-school" but I personally think that notices should be mailed — after all, you are a **STAMP** club member. Additionally, if possible, the use of current postage stamps should be practiced. Those are the ones that future collectors will have the hardest time finding. I

know and understand that many clubs use donated postage as a cost savings method, but when it comes right down to it, my preference would be mailings using the latest and greatest from the U.S. Postal Service for meeting notices.

Philatelic surprises are being included in newsletters of the **Waukesha County Philatelic Society** and **ATA Chapter 5**. What are these "gifts"? They are items that have been donated, primarily covers. An attempt is made to assemble covers that are related in some way so that each club member gets something on the same theme. Some examples: penny postal cards, first-day covers with a Christmas theme, covers from a particular decade, year, or month, covers on a topic (presidents, flowers, space, animals, etc.). It's a great way to get those donations into the hands of collectors!

The **Northwoods Philatelic Society** is planning their Kid's Camp, an opportunity to share the stamp hobby with special programming at the local library. And the **Green Bay Philatelic Society** is also supporting a member who has been teaching stamp collecting classes in a Pulaski school. The **Milwaukee Philatelic Society** participates in Holiday Folk Fair, a three-day event. Friday is typically the day that busloads of school children arrive to learn more about the cultures of the world. How has your club supported introducing youth to the hobby?

Have you enjoyed the puzzles created by Joe Kowalski that appear in *ATFP*? If so, you may find just as interesting and enjoyable the spiral-bound *Stamp Activity Book for All Ages*, created by Ardis Quick. Published in October 2021, it is a collection of approximately 100 stamp-themed activities with something suitable for all ages and levels of collector knowledge. Difficulty of activities ranges from several coloring pages for the very young

WANTED! The following clubs have not yet been featured in "Clubs At A Glance." (See page 6.) Please send the *ATFP* editor your club's contribution to this series. Deadline for the 2nd quarter issue is March 1.

Bay de Noc Stamp & Coin Club
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club
Chippewa Valley Stamp Club
Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club
Lakeland Stamp & Coin Club
Manitowoc Philatelic Society
Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Monroe Stamp & Postcard Club
Sheboygan Stamp Club
Tri-State Stamp Club
Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society

to more difficult logic puzzles. If you enjoy word "vids," mazes, criss-cross games, word scrambles, trivia questions or pictograms — all with a stamp theme — this is a resource that will keep you entertained for hours. There are a few craft ideas, stamp album pages, and even some humor bound within the pages. Answers can be found at the back of the book. For further information, contact ardisquick@gmail.com. □

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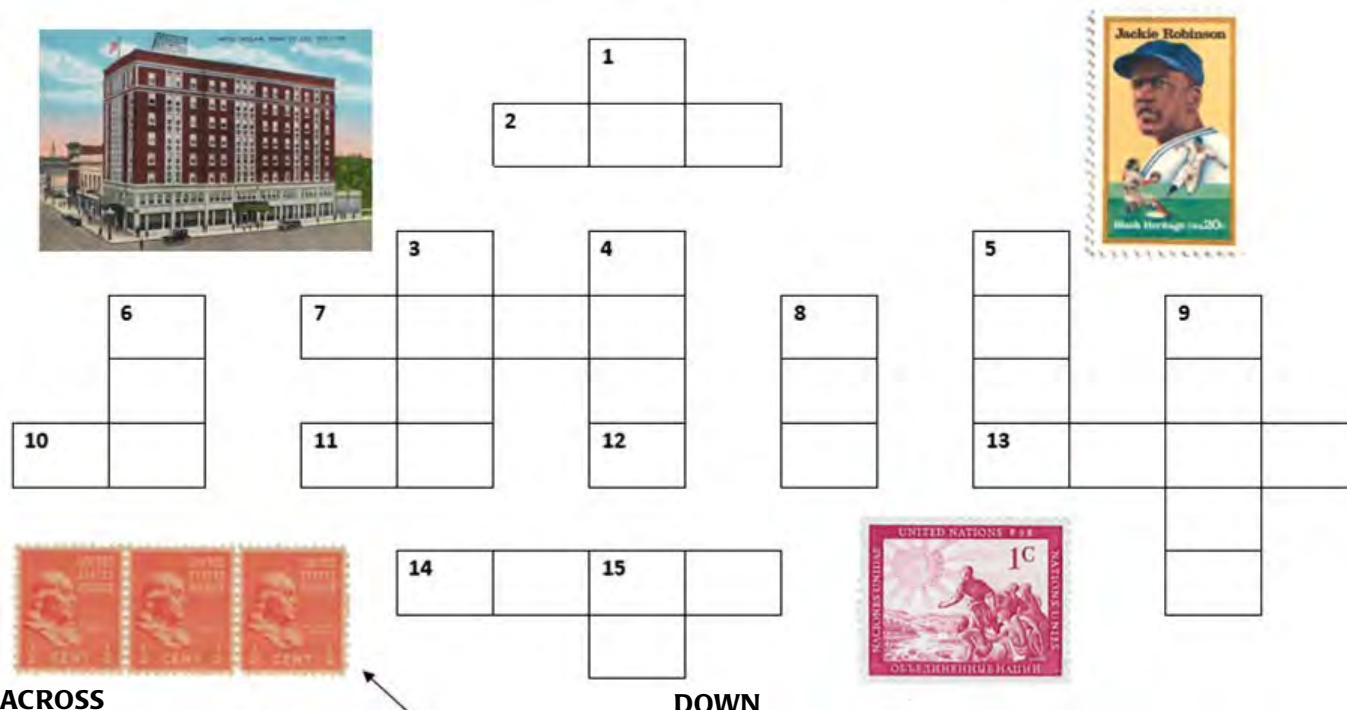
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13. U.S. Priority Express stamp in pennies
14. Year of the first U.S. postage stamp

DOWN

1. Dec. 2022 price of a one-ounce U.S. stamp
3. Year of first United Nations stamp
4. Year of the very first adhesive postage stamp
5. Year of final U.S. air mail stamp
6. Usual number of commemoratives on a sheet
8. Value of Coolidge Prexie in pennies
9. ZIP of WISCOPEX 2020, 2022 and 2023 site
15. Uniform number missing from Jackie Robinson stamp

ANSWERS TO CHAIN PUZZLE 2 – U.S. COMMEMORATIVES

from October-November-December 2022, *ATFP*, p. 6

- 1893 issue: Historical figure on first U.S. commems
 2018: First female U.S. astronaut (two words)
 1983: First _____ Mail stamp cost \$9.35.
 2022: Folk singer Pete
 2013: Birmingham bus passenger Parks
 2020: Palmer with a golf army
 2021: R2D2, C3PO and other *Star Wars* robots
 1907: John _____, Jamestown Colony leader
 1994: Wild Bill of the Wild West
 1997: Frankenstein's Monster actor Boris
 1898: Agricultural scene in 2¢ Trans-Mississippi stamp
 1961: Peaceful Indian rabblouser Mahatma
 1945: Famous WWII flag-raising island (two words)
 2006: Child abduction cellphone notification (two words)
 1956: Wild bird stamp issued in Fond du Lac
 2021: Quotable N.Y. Yankee catcher (two words)

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CLUBS AT A GLANCE

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

2023 marks the 65th anniversary of the Janesville Stamp Club. Founded on October 2, 1958, meetings were held at the local Y.M.C.A. Twenty-three charter members elected Ben Hess as the first president. Meetings took place twice a month with a junior club, for those under the age of 18, meeting an hour earlier.

The club held its first exhibition on May 1, 1960. Figure 1 is an image of that 1960 show cover. Just five years later, the club hosted the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs 34th annual convention and exhibition May 15-16, 1965. (See Figures 2-4.)

In 1967, the club won the WFSC's Traveling Trophy for the third consecutive year. Members earned a total of 171 points. Madison Stamp Club came in second with 124.6 points and Badger Stamp Club came in third with 40 points.

By the mid-1970s the club had grown to 123 members and was hosting two-day shows with 60 frames and 15 dealers.

Today, the club has about 20 members who meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Cargill United Methodist Church. The business meeting is followed by an auction and a program given by one of the members.

The club's next show will be February 11, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be 10 dealers, a silent auction, and a philatelic mystery box raffle. A special 65th anniversary cachet is planned. Please stop by and see us! □

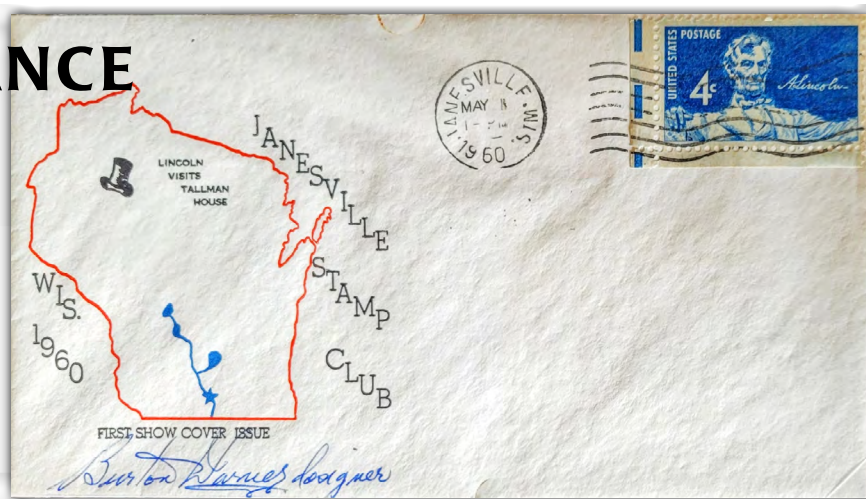


Figure 1 – Cover from Janesville Stamp Club's first exhibition on May 1, 1960, signed by club member and cachet artist Burton Warner. The 2023 65th anniversary cover will mimic the 1960 show cachet with a Celebrate stamp.



Figures 2-4 – The WFSC 34th convention and exhibition in 1965 offered two cacheted covers and a 5 in. by 4.25 in. souvenir card. Top cover honors the Civil War Iron Brigade. Bottom black-edged mourning cover commemorates the 100th anniversary of President Lincoln's assassination.

Notes From a Magpie

Requiem for a Stamp Collector



As a philatelic magpie, I collect both stamps and covers. But my interest goes well beyond that. I also collect collectors. I find my fellow philatelists to be a fascinating breed. By and large they are repositories of little known information of all sorts, and better yet, are almost always more than eager to freely share what they know.

Over the years I have been honored to interact with many of these fascinating folks, and have never left a philatelic event without carrying away with me more knowledge than I brought to it. And often what I have carried away have been friendships that will never be forgotten.

I remember Roy Gensch, long gone now, but my ultimate resource regarding all philatelic things German. And Harry Gratz, whose family fled the Nazis and who spent the war years in an expatriate colony in Shanghai. I can still hear his voice ringing out across the dealers' room at CHICAGOPEX, "Have I got something for you!" But my (and Ann's) favorite of all was Harold Brooks, an ex-commando who ultimately settled in Australia and became one of the best friends that we never even met. This article is for him.

My wife, Ann, grew up in British Malaya (now Malaysia), in the town of Ipoh, located about 125 miles north of the capital, Kuala Lumpur. Her family relocated to Costa Rica during World War II, since Ipoh was occupied, along with the rest of Malaya, by the Japanese. Her family returned to Malaya in 1948 when Ann was four years old, and resided there, except for quadrennial family furloughs, until she returned to the United States for college.

During the war, the British invited anyone who was willing to fight the Jap-

anese to join their cause. This included the communists.

At the end of the war, the British attempted to restore things to pre-war status. The communists asked for a "place at the table" in determining the future of their country and were turned away. They faded back into the jungle and thus began the Malayan Emergency, an insurgency that lasted past the formal declaration of independence until well into the 1960s. And thus begins the saga of Harold Brooks, British commando, citizen of the world, and, of course, philatelist.

We met Harold Brooks through eBay. We often sold our duplicates there, under Ann's account, Ipoh123. Harold wrote to ask if she had any tie to Ipoh, Malaysia, and when she explained how she did, a friendship was born. Soon we were exchanging stamps, and a little later, stories.

Harold was an amazing storyteller, and we never cared if his experiences were embellished just a bit. In fact, as the years passed by his tales were so convincing that I came to accept them as the literal truth. Harold was simply an amazing man, someone whom it was our good fortune to meet and get to know.

Our favorite of Harold's stories begins some years after the end of World War II. Harold was a soldier in the British Special Air Service (i.e., the Commandos) (Figure 1 – Harold's unit in Malaysia) and sent to the Ipoh area to help suppress the insurgency. Harold explained to us that soldiers were dropped into dangerous (black) areas by helicopter. There they hid in the jungle canopy for a few days until any furor caused by the arrival of a helicopter had died down. After a suitable period of time had elapsed, they descended to



Figure 1 – Harold Brooks' unit during Malayan Emergency. Photo from National Army Museum, *Malayan Scouts in the Jungle, 1955 (c)*, <https://collection.nam.ac.uk/detail.php?acc=2016-08-7-94>

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the ground and began their real task of locating insurgent groups and reporting this information back to their superiors.

One day, while checking a trail for recent use, Harold came across a badly wounded man covered with the leeches so abundant in the Malaysian jungle. Harold gave the man morphine, removed the leeches, and provided what other first aid he could before seeking more qualified medical care. Ipoh was the closest source of such care, but there were still choices to be made. Harold knew that if the man, who was obviously an insurgent (a bandit in British terms) was turned over to the police he would be killed.

Harold decided to take the wounded man to a convent in Ipoh, where he would receive medical care without regard for his politics. Harold said that when he picked up the insurgent, the man was so emaciated that he weighed less than Harold's knapsack. Then he set out on his mission of mercy.

Harold continued his story by noting that he then broke one of the cardinal rules of jungle warfare – he failed to pay attention to his surroundings. When he looked up, he was encircled by the insurgent's armed comrades. Fortunately after Harold explained the situation to the wounded man's compatriots, he was released unharmed to complete his mission of mercy.

But this isn't quite the end of the story. Harold never reported the incident because aiding the enemy was a court martial offence. But a few months later Harold was waiting at Changi Airport in Singapore for his flight home to England. A Chinese cleaner passed by his table, dropped a small package in front of Harold and disappeared into the crowd. The package was too small to contain anything dangerous, so Harold ultimately opened it. It contained a letter of thanks from the wounded man and a gold St. Christopher's medal, that Harold ultimately gave to his sister. Harold said he never



Figure 2 – Set of Gandhi stamps



Figure 3 – Kelmis Morisnet stamps

understood how the insurgents had kept track of him after an incident that had occurred several months earlier and hundreds of miles away.

Harold left the army, married (to a lady sometimes referred to in his correspondence as "Miss Bossy Boots"), emigrated to Australia, managed fire crews there, and raised a daughter. But aside from the women in his life, Harold's first love was always his stamps.

He not only built a worldwide collection ultimately consisting of over a hundred albums, but also collected vast

quantities of cheap pre-1900 Austrian stamps in a quest to have a cancel from every city and village in the Austro-Hungarian empire. Harold supplemented this never ending goal by writing up each location represented in his collection with regard to geographic location, history, and any other pertinent information on a separate page for each stamp.

Harold's collecting went far beyond his "Austrian adventure" however, if his duplicates were any indication. His emails often described the bargains he found on line, as this was his primary

means of expanding his collection. In addition to exercising her particular genius for locating unusual items for Harold on the internet, Ann also helped him out by purchasing Belgian train stamps to support Harold's effort to interest his grandson in philately. Young love intervened, however, and the collection reverted to Harold. In return for Ann's labor (and a few of her own duplicate British colonial items), Harold sent her a really magnificent set of the 1948 Gandhi stamps (see Figure 2).

As for me, Harold found something really unusual. At the border joining Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands lies a valley (Kelmis Moresnet) that contained the only European zinc mine outside of England. Everyone wanted this miniature province (900 acres), so it was declared neutral and belonged pretty much to itself until finally ceded to Belgium after World War I.

The zinc ran out in 1885 and the province attempted to support itself by opening a casino and later a distillery. These ventures failed. To raise funds an avid philatelist, a Doctor Molly, organized a local post system. Molly issued stamps, and may even have actually delivered a few pieces of mail. This service only existed in October of 1886 until it was closed down by the Belgian government. The stamps (see Figure 3) are attractive, quite rare, and not really worth a darn thing. I love them!

The final venture ascribed to this fascinating land is its attempt to make Esperanto into the world's standard language, but that is a story for another time.

And there you have it. The greatest value of our hobby lies not in our stamps, but in ourselves. After all, how often can you say that you have lifelong friends from half a planet away, friends that you have not met nor will ever meet, based on a mutual affinity for colorful (and all too often ruinously expensive) little scraps of paper?

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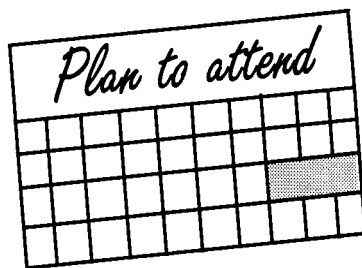
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Janesville Stamp Club
Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl, **Janesville, WI**
hours 9:30-4 (Aimee Devine 608-758-1354, spanishmoss72@sbcbglobal.net)
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February 25-26, 2023

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Milwaukee Philatelic Society
St. Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave., **St. Francis, WI**
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3 (Keith Trischan, 262-419-6310, keith.t@earthlink.net)
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March 11-12, 2023

ROCKFORD 1-2-4 Stamp Expo
Rockford Stamp Club
Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd. (Hwy. 173), **Rockford/Loves Park, IL**
Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4 (Tim Wait, 815-670-5869, t.wait@comcast.net)
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March 18, 2023

BAYPEX '23
Green Bay Philatelic Society
St. Matthew Catholic Church, Multipurpose Rm., 2575 S. Webster Ave. (parking in rear), **Green Bay, WI** — hours 9-4 (Mark Schroeder, 920-337-9616, markthetuba@gmail.com)
bourse, exhibits

May 6-7, 2023

WISCOPEX 2023
Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs 91st Convention and Exhibition
Hotel Retlaw, One North Main St, **Fond du Lac, WI**
(Jim Stollenwerk, smallgas-engine65@gmail.com)
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July 22, 2023

Lakeland Coin and Stamp Show
Lakeland Stamp and Coin Club
Woodruff Town Hall Community Center (about ½ mile east of Hwys. 51 and 47), **Woodruff, WI** — hours 9:30-2:30 (Chuck Rebek, 414-475-1809 or 715-588-3392)
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August 19-20, 2023

TOSAPEX '23
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society
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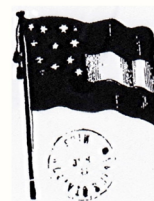
September 22-23, 2023

MILCOPEX 2023
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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
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Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-4
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March 31-April 1, 2023

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September 9-10, 2023

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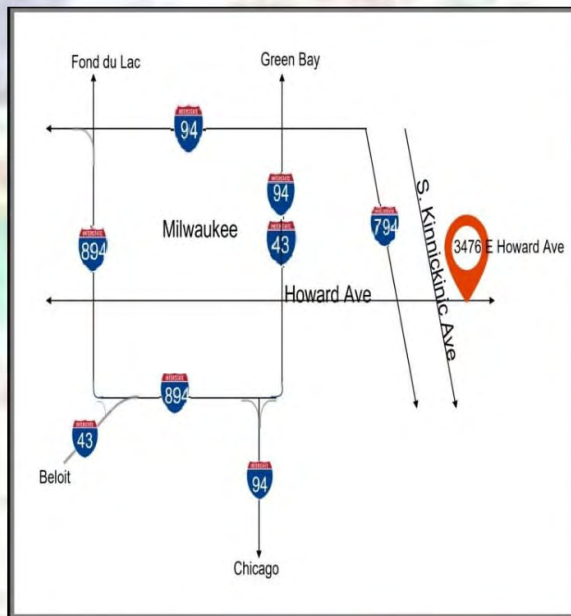
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