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NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

By WFSC Pres. Greg Schmidt

## Our 1999 Convention/ Exhibition

WISCOPEX '99, the 68th convention and exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, was held May 8-9 in Wauwatosa, WI. Many thanks to the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society for hosting this year's event and to all who helped to make it a success. This includes exhibitors, judges (Jack Green, James Hale and Vern Witt), dealers, and visitors to the show.

Thank you to the 25 delegates/alternates who took time out from the show to attend the Annual Business Meeting and to all officers who accepted nominations for terms beginning January 1, 2000. Reports by current officers and committees can be found on pp. 5-7.

The meeting included special recognition of Dan Hammell, who was inducted into the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame; Charles Baldrige, recipient of the 1999 WFSC Dealer Recognition Award; and Vern Witt, who received a President's Award for handling Nominating Committee duties for the past two years.

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## Badger Stamp Club Wins WISCOPEX Club Award

The Badger Stamp Club (Madison) won the 1999 WISCOPEX Club Award by earning the most points for exhibits entered at the show. Although the award was initiated at WISCOPEX '99, some of you might remember it as the "Traveling Trophy" of years ago. The purpose of the award is to encourage WFSC clubs to promote exhibiting.

Points are credited to each club for which the exhibitor holds membership. The point system is as follows and applies to all exhibit classes: Champion of Champions - 5, Best of Show - 4, any 1st Place - 3, any 2nd Place - 2, any 3rd Place - 1.

Here's how it all shook out for WISCOPEX '99:

Badger Stamp Club - 29  
Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club - 15  
North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee - 12  
Milwaukee Philatelic Society - 9  
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society - 7  
Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society - 5  
Janesville Stamp Club - 3  
Polish-American Stamp Club - 3  
Wisconsin Postal History Society - 2  
Walworth County Stamp Club - 1

## Dan Hammell Joins Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame



Hammell (l.) honored at WISCOPEX '99 banquet.

On May 8, Dan Hammell, of Beloit, WI, was inducted into the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame. Hammell has abundantly shared his philatelic knowledge through exhibits and published articles. He is a member of three WFSC clubs for which he has devoted untiring service on numerous levels.

## WFSC Announcements

NEW WFSC OFFICERS FOR TERMS  
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000

Paul T. Schroeder will serve as the next WFSC president. Schroeder is a member of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society and has held the position of WFSC East Central Region VP since 1997.



Art Schmitz, member of the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society and the Polish American Stamp Club, will take over duties of Milwaukee Region VP. Schmitz is a WFSC certified judge.

Vern Witt, WFSC past-president, judge, and member of the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame will fill the position of WFSC East Central Region VP. Witt is a member of the Sheboygan Stamp Club.



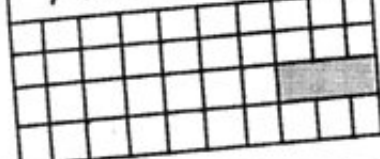
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## Baldrige Receives Dealer Recognition Award

Charles Baldrige, of Baldrige Worldwide Stamps, Florence, WI, was recognized at WISCOPEX '99 for his contributions to philately through support of the WFSC, donations toward youth stamp collecting, and superior reputation with his customers.



Plan to attend



# Show Calendar and Registry

List your show, bourse, auction or event

 **FREE** for WFSC member-club shows — classified rates for non-members and all other events

## July 30-August 1

**NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW '99**  
hosted by Waukesha County Philatelic Society  
Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee  
4747 So. Howell Ave., Milwaukee  
(Contact: Robert J. Mather, 556-W29562  
Roanoke Dr., Waukesha, WI 53189 —  
(414) 968-2392)

## September 11

**WALCOPEX '99**  
Walworth County Stamp Club  
YMCA Building, Wells St., Lake Geneva  
(Contact: WCSC, P.O. Box 272, Williams  
Bay, WI 53191)

## September 17-19

**MILCOPEX '99**  
Milwaukee Philatelic Society  
Wisconsin State Fair Park, Milwaukee/  
West Allis, I-94 & 84th St. (Gate 5)  
(Contact: MPS, P.O. Box 1980,  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1980)

## September 25

**WaUSApex '99**  
Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society  
VFW Hall, 388 River Dr., Wausau  
(Contact: WVPS, P.O. Box 71, Wausau,  
WI 54402-0071)

## October 2

**SHEPEX '99**  
Sheboygan Stamp Club  
Rehabilitation Center of Sheboygan, 1305  
St. Clair Ave., Sheboygan (Contact: SSC,  
P.O. Box 907, Sheboygan, WI 53082)

## October 23-24

**TOSAPEX '99**  
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So.  
92nd St. (Contact: WPS, P.O. Box 13102,  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213)

## November 6

**DANEPEX '99**  
Badger Stamp Club  
Madison Turners' Hall, 3001 So.  
Stoughton Rd., Madison (Contact: Karen  
Weigt, 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI  
53562 — (608) 836-1509)

## April 29-30

**WISCOPEX 2000**  
hosted by Badger Stamp Club  
Madison Turners' Hall, 3001 So.  
Stoughton Rd., Madison (Contact: Karen  
Weigt, 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI  
53562 — (608) 836-1509)



### TWO First Days at NTSS

- Gen. Wm. "Billy" Mitchell
- Rio Grande

Friday, July 30, 9:30 a.m. at show site



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of material



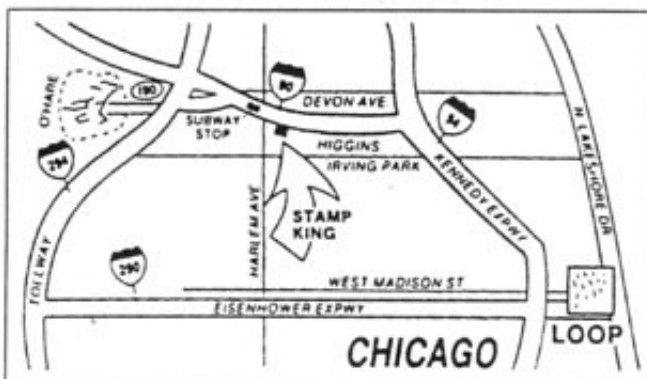
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### Upcoming Major 1999 Auctions

Aug. 26-29 — APS STAMPSHOW, Cleveland OH

Nov. 19-21 — CHICAGOPEX, Rosemont Convention  
Center, Rosemont, IL

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## President's Message

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Sincere congratulations are due to all recipients of this year's exhibit-related awards. Of particular mention are: Charles Shoemaker, Champion of Champions; Claude Giralte, Best of Show; Lisa Giss, Youth Grand; Sara Henak, who received the WFSC's first Special Topical Award; and the Badger Stamp Club which won our WISCOPEX Club Award. More exhibit winnings are listed on p. 7.

Future convention hosts are:

2000 — Badger Stamp Club (Madison)

2001 — Sheboygan Stamp Club and

Manitowoc Philatelic Society

As we generally schedule five years in advance, we need host clubs for conventions 2002 through 2004. Your club does not have to wait until the next Annual Business Meeting for approval to host a convention. Just submit a proposal to the WFSC Central Office and the Executive Board will handle the rest.

Best wishes to you and your families for a great summer. ■

## WFSC Announcements (cont'd)

### 1999-2000 SHOW/BOURSE/MEETING INFO FLIER

The flier will be updated and sent with the September issue of *Across the Fence Post*. If you want your show/bourse to appear on the list covering events through the summer of 2000, send details by no later than **August 15, 1999**, to: *ATFP* Editor Karen Weigt.

### CLUB MAILING LIST

An updated 1999 WFSC member-club mailing list is available for direct-mail club show/event publicity purposes. Request a copy from: WFSC Central Office and Secretary, Karen Weigt (address shown on this page, right column). Note: the list is for WFSC member-club use only.

(more announcements on p. 9)

## Club News



### MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to MPS, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in November 1999. MPS meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Zablocki County Park Pavillion, 3716 W. Howard Ave., Milwaukee.

### WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY SURVEYS INTEREST

The WPHS requests your input regarding collector interest in a proposed project to catalog covers showing auxiliary (and ancillary) marks from Wisconsin post offices. Such marks were generally rubber stamps and include but aren't limited to: "Returned" for any reason straight line or hand, "Postage Due," "Damaged in Handling," "No such office in state named," and "Unknown."

If you'd like to see a publication listing these markings, write to: Frank Moertl, Secy., WPHS, N95 W32259 County Line Rd., Hartland, WI 53029.

### POLISH AMERICAN STAMP CLUB HONORS POLISH FEST '99



In honor of POLISH FEST '99 (June 18-20) the PASC has produced a set of three multicolored postcards featuring Polish pianist Frederic Chopin. The special cancel notes the 150th anniversary of Chopin's death. To

order the set of three, send \$2.50 and a SASE to: Polish American Stamp Club, Box 1920, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Make checks payable to the Polish American Stamp Club.

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Christopher Northwood  
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club  
Chippewa Valley Stamp Club  
Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club  
(Rhinelander)  
Wisconsin Valley Phil. Soc.

**EAST CENT. REGION VP**  
Paul T. Schroeder  
Fond du Lac Stamp Club  
Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club  
Oshkosh Phil. Soc.  
Ripon Phil. Soc.  
Sheboygan Stamp Club

**MILWAUKEE REGION VP**  
John Fagan  
Amer. Air Mail Soc. (Billy Mitchell Chptr.)  
Germany Phil. Soc.  
Italian American Stamp Club  
Milwaukee Phil. Soc.  
North Shore Phil. Soc. of Milw.  
Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club  
Polish American Stamp Club  
Wauwatosa Phil. Soc.

**NE REGION VP**  
Roger Oswald  
Chain-o-Lakes Stamp Club  
Green Bay Phil. Soc.  
Manitowoc Phil. Soc.  
Northwoods Phil. Soc. (Iron Mt.)  
Outagamie Phil. Soc.

**SE REGION VP**  
Raymond Wood  
Belle City Stamp Club  
Cooney Numismatists & Philatelists, Ltd.  
Kenosha Stamp & Cover Club  
Lake County Phil. Soc.  
Walworth County Stamp Club  
Waukesha County Phil. Soc.  
Wisconsin Postal History Soc.

**SW REGION VP**  
Valerie Cook  
Badger Stamp Club  
Baraboo Stamp Club  
Janesville Stamp Club

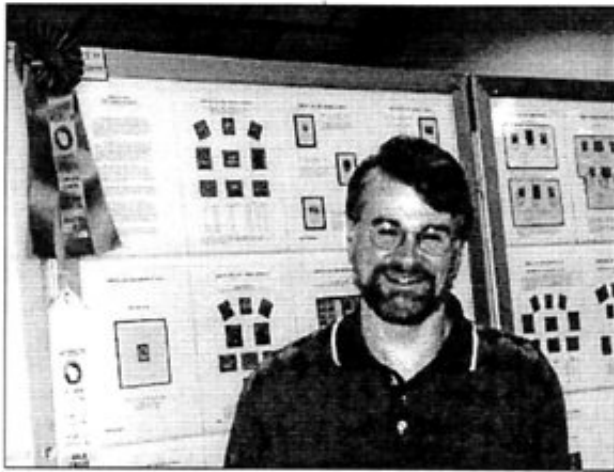


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# A View of WISCOPEX '99



Charles Shoemaker won the Champion of Champions Division for his exhibit "Greenland — The American Issue."



Activity at the youth table.



Exhibits Chairman Patricia Loehr (r.) congratulates Badger Stamp Club President Karen Weigt on BSC's winning of the 1999 WISCOPEX Club Award.



Sara Henak (r.) presented with the WFSC Special Topical Award for her exhibit "Puma Concolor."



Verna Shackleton, WFSC historian (l.); and Karen Weigt, WFSC secretary, at the WFSC table.



Milwaukee Post Office officials Dave Janda (l.) and Everett Ellwitz (r. sitting) talk to youth (and parents) from the Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club.



Claude Giralte, WISCOPEX '99 general chairman, won Best of Show for his exhibit "Swimming Pools and Water Sports."



Vern Witt (r.) receives a President's Award from WFSC President Greg Schmidt.

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting  
Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs  
68th Annual Convention, May 8, 1999**

The 68th Annual Business Meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was called to order by President Greg S. Schmidt at 1:00 p.m. at the Hart Park Recreational Building, Wauwatosa, WI. Verna Shackleton gave the invocation.

Secretary Karen Weigt read the roll call of member clubs and 20 responded, having previously presented their credentials. Total of 1999 membership represented (20 listed below); total not represented (12):

Badger Stamp Club  
Belle City Stamp Club  
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club  
Fond du Lac Stamp Club  
Italian American Stamp Club  
Janesville Stamp Club  
Kenosha Stamp and Cover Club  
Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club  
Milwaukee Philatelic Society  
North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee  
Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club  
Northwoods Philatelic Society (Iron Mt.)  
Oshkosh Philatelic Society  
Outagamie Philatelic Society  
Polish American Stamp Club  
Sheboygan Stamp Club  
Walworth County Stamp Club  
Waukesha County Philatelic Society  
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society  
Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society

#### MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Treasurer Deanna Juhnke announced that total club membership is 32, which represents 1,012 individual members. The WFSC also has 17 members-at-large.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

**President Greg S. Schmidt** stated that within the past year he attended all four Executive Board meetings and assisted various WFSC committees. He additionally continues to handle the production of BLUE BOOK update pages.

**Vice President Al Marcus** said he served as general chairman for WISCOPEX '98, which was a huge success. Attendance was high and it created much goodwill among the stamp collecting community. He thanked members of the *Outagamie Philatelic Society* for their support in hosting the event.

Al reported that he enjoyed working with the Committee on Exhibitions this past year. The committee developed the new WFSC Special Topical and WISCOPEX Club awards. Al also designed a cachet for the WFSC's planned

first-day cover featuring the upcoming Green Bay Packers and Super Bowl stamps.

**Karen Weigt, Secretary**, reported that she performed all the usual duties associated with her position. She attended all Executive Board meetings, served on three WFSC committees and fulfilled responsibilities for three other appointments. She thanked clubs for sending her copies of their newsletters, which are used as a source of information for "The Club Co-op" column published in *Across the Fence Post*. She said a benefit of her position is the opportunity to meet many stamp collectors and enjoy the fellowship that exists among WFSC officers.

**Treasurer Deanna Juhnke** reviewed the 1998 WFSC financial report distributed to each delegate. A summary of figures are:

|                      | 1/1/98    | 12/31/98  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Checking and Savings |           |           |
| (CDs) on Hand        | \$6453.21 | \$7169.00 |

Deanna explained that \$5000 is being held in CDs to pay for production costs of *Wisconsin on Stamps*. As usual, ads do not cover expenses associated with producing *Across the Fence Post*, but dues and first-day cover sales help support it. Total value of WFSC inventory (sale and non-sale items) is \$929.10.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MaryAnn Bowman, Vice President, Youth Division**, stated that Wisconsin has several dedicated volunteers who spend a great deal of time preparing activities that attract youth and keep them interested in stamp collecting. The result of some of these efforts is 20 youth exhibits entered in this year's WISCOPEX.

MaryAnn continues to write the "Joining With Juniors" column for *Across the Fence Post*. The column provides ideas for clubs to incorporate into their own youth programs. She also regularly submits youth activity sheets that are published in the American Philatelic Society's *Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter*. She furthermore recently accepted the appointment of youth director for the American Topical Association. She, therefore, writes a column for ATA's *Topical Time* and will provide activities for the youth area at National Topical Stamp Show, which will be held in Milwaukee this summer.

MaryAnn offered youth-related assistance to clubs and thanked all those who have donated philatelic material in support of youth philately.

There was no report from **Roger Oswald, Northeast Region VP**.

**Paul T. Schroeder, East Central Region VP**, reported that none of the clubs in his area has contacted him regarding WFSC-related issues or problems, and he missed only one Executive Board meeting this past year.

There was no report from **Christopher Northwood, Central Region VP**.

**John Fagan, Milwaukee Region VP**, reported he will not run for another term of office, but there is another individual who is interested in filling his position. If elected, the new Milwaukee Region VP will also take over distribution of *Across the Fence Post* beginning with the September issue. The transition will begin with an orientation session that will take place with the July-August issue. There are no supplies on hand to be turned over to the new distributor. John concluded by stating that he will miss working with the WFSC Executive Board.

**Raymond Wood, Southeast Region VP**, reported that he attended almost all *Kenosha Stamp and Cover Club* and *Belle City Stamp Club* meetings. He received most copies of the *Lake County Philatelic Society's* newsletter. While the *Belle City* club had a year of good programs, it seems it was not enough to stimulate an increase in membership. The *Kenosha* club again had a financially successful stamp show in February. But like so many clubs, even though its membership has remained healthy, it has not gained many new members. The *Kenosha* club also repeated its participation in the Optimists Youth Against Drugs "Just Say No" program by passing out packets of stamps to all youths.

Delegates from the *Walworth County Stamp Club* and the *Waukesha County Philatelic Society* stated that the Southeast Region VP has never contacted their groups. President Schmidt urged all regional VPs to contact every club in their regions at least once a year. Clubs can also take the initiative to get in touch with their regional VPs; names, addresses and phone numbers are included in each year's WFSC dues notices. Names are also published in every issue of *Across the Fence Post*.

**Valerie Cook, Southwest Region VP**, reported that she attended as many club meetings as possible and missed only one Executive Board meeting. With support of the *Janesville Stamp Club*, *Walworth Stamp Club*, and *Wisconsin Postal History Society*, she submitted a nomination for the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Deanna Juhnke, Chrmn., Finance Committee**, reported that in response to an inquiry, the committee developed a policy for clubs to pay dues for intermittent years of non-WFSC membership. The advantage is to be able to claim continuous membership. The policy was adopted by the WFSC Executive Board.

**Karen Weigt, member of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee**, reported the committee assisted in the production, publicity, and sales of two first-day covers and currently is involved with plans for at least three more.

The committee coordinated the WFSC society table at MILCOPEX '98 and WISCOPEX

'99, and will appear again at National Topical Stamp Show this summer. Staffers at the table respond to an amazing number of inquiries regarding WFSC member clubs and events. The committee's annual show/bourse/club meeting info flier also directs many lone collectors to WFSC member-club meetings and shows. Hundreds of these fliers are distributed each year throughout the state of Wisconsin. Web surfers also can find WFSC member-club information on the WFSC's Internet site, which the committee monitors to ensure it is kept up to date.

The committee initiated the purchase of a new public relations gift which serves to promote local stamp clubs. The gift is for those who wear the WFSC logo button to WISCOPEX. It will be distributed to everyone who approaches the WFSC table at National Topical Stamp Show, thereby serving as a nationwide reminder of Wisconsin's enthusiasm for organized philately.

The committee's annual cover exchange program also exposes the WFSC to collectors on a nationwide basis.

The annual WFSC Club Trivia Contest hopefully promotes attendance and participation at local club meetings.

The committee responds to referrals from the Postal Service and this year assisted the Manitowish Waters Postmaster by providing her with information on how to stage a second-day ceremony.

The committee is always seeking ways and means to further enhance the WFSC's publicity and public relations and suggestions are welcome. The committee furthermore desperately needs more members to help with all its endeavors. Please volunteer.

**Vern Witt**, member of the **Judging Committee**, stated the WISCOPEX '99 Exhibits Chairman fulfilled her obligations of obtaining judges and supplying them with a list of exhibits and awards.

The *Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society* delegate pointed out that it is additionally the exhibits chairman's duty to automatically acknowledge receipt of exhibit entry forms and acceptance of exhibits entered.

**President Greg Schmidt** called for a volunteer to take over responsibilities of the **Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee**.

**Robert Mather**, **Chrmn., Committee on Exhibitions**, reported the committee worked out details for two new annual WISCOPEX awards, both of which will be debuted at WISCOPEX '99. The WFSC Special Topical Award was created to encourage topical and thematic exhibits. The purpose of the WISCOPEX Club Award is to encourage WFSC member-clubs to promote exhibiting.

**Karen Weigt**, **Chrmn., Bylaws Committee**, reported that a new policy will be published

in the next updated version of the WFSC Standing Rules. The policy describes a means by which clubs with interrupted WFSC membership may be reinstated with continuous membership.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

**Karen Weigt**, **Newsletter Editor**, thanked the WFSC membership for contributing articles for publication in *Across the Fence Post*. She encouraged anyone who wants to submit an article to simply send it to her. Guidelines for submissions are very loose. She also always welcomes comments relative to the newsletter.

There was a comment about the heavy cancels that are applied to stamps franking newsletter mailings. Distributor John Fagan responded that he has no control over this matter. Complaints, however, can be filed with the post office.

There was no report from **Advertising Managers Jim and Renee Seiler**.

**Karen Weigt**, **Chrmn., Newsletter Committee**, reported that the committee met last June to coordinate feature articles for newsletter issues September 1998 through July-August 1999. The committee also recommended relaxing a policy about not publishing event cover mail-order information within a news story. It is now up to the discretion of the editor.

**Verna Shackleton**, **WFSC Historian**, reported that she has added another binder to the WFSC Special Projects history category.

**Greg Schmidt**, **BLUE BOOK Coordinator**, referred delegates to their registration packets which include BLUE BOOK update pages.

**Karen Weigt**, **American Philatelic Society Representative**, reported that 27 WFSC member clubs hold APS chapter or affiliate membership. Consequently, the WFSC receives an annual credit from the APS that can be used for purchasing APS publications that are passed on to the WFSC membership in the form of gifts or prizes. The WFSC's current credit balance is \$32. All clubs were urged to obtain APS chapter membership to take advantage of the many benefits. APS slide programs are very popular, chapter clubs receive a quarterly newsletter, and a more recent benefit is a free Web page through delphi.com. Clubs were also encouraged to vote in this year's APS elections. The WFSC Executive Board voted to second various nominations, which were listed in the April issue of *Across the Fence Post*.

**MaryAnn Bowman**, **Cover Exchange Program Coordinator**, reported that the program is offered each year in conjunction with October National Stamp Collecting Month. Participants throughout the country submit 10 covers and a large SASE. In exchange, eight different covers are sent back with the extra two covers going to the WFSC's youth program. The cover exchange program will be conducted again during October 1999.

**Karen Weigt**, **Editor**, *Wisconsin on Stamps*, reported that she has dissected what had already been done on the publication and compiled a set of guidelines and chapter outlines, which were approved by the Executive Board. It was concluded that there have been enough books written about Wisconsin, so *Wisconsin on Stamps* will be published in album format. Progress has been slow since last summer. This is because of other commitments that have to be met September through mid-April. Work on the project will pick up again this summer with an anticipated release date of WISCOPEX 2000.

**OLD BUSINESS** — None

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Bids for Future Conventions** — Reconfirmed bids were: *Badger Stamp Club* for 2000 and *Sheboygan Stamp Club* and *Manitowoc Philatelic Society* for 2001. There were no bids for 2002, 2003, and 2004.

**WFSC-sponsored WISCOPEX 2000** — President Schmidt called for a motion to allow the WFSC the option to sponsor its own annual convention and exhibition (WISCOPEX) in 2000. Passing the motion allows the *Badger Stamp Club* legal use of the WFSC's Wisconsin State Sales Tax Exemption Number for WISCOPEX 2000 expenses. The motion (bolded above) was made. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### AWARDS

**Hall of Fame Class of 1999** — Frank Moertl, **Chrmn.**, Hall of Fame Committee, proposed nominee Daniel G. Hammell for the Class of 1999. A motion was made to accept the nominee. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**WFSC Dealer Recognition Award** — President Schmidt announced that the 1999 recipient is Charles Baldrige of Baldrige Worldwide Stamps, Florence, WI. The award presentation will take place at the evening banquet.

**1999 Club Trivia Contest Prize** — MaryAnn Bowman announced the winner of the twelfth annual contest was the *Chippewa Valley Stamp Club*. The club will receive an autographed copy of the American Topical Association book titled "Adventures in Topical Stamp Collecting."

**President's Awards** — President Schmidt presented an award to Vern Witt for handling Nominating Committee duties for the past two years.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**President** — Paul T. Schroeder was elected without opposition. Paul shall serve for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2000.

**Vice President** — Allan C. Marcus was re-elected without opposition. Al shall serve for another two-year term beginning January 1, 2000.

**Vice President, Youth Division** — MaryAnn Bowman was re-elected without opposition. MaryAnn shall serve for another one-year term beginning January 1, 2000.

**Regional Vice Presidents** — The following shall serve for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2000:

(newly elected without opposition)

East Central Region — Vern Witt

Milwaukee Region — Art Schmitz

(re-elected without opposition)

Northeast Region — Roger Oswald

Central Region — Christopher Northwood

Southeast Region — Raymond Wood

Southwest Region — Valerie Cook

#### APPOINTMENTS

Because WISCOPEX '99 Chrmn. Claude Giralte was already on the Standing Committee on Exhibitions, the committee shall not change retaining Chrmn. Robert J. Mather, Claude Giralte and Al Marcus.

Automatic appointments to the Nominating Committee are Chrmn. Wm. Grosnick Sr., Jerry D. Weasner and Greg Schmidt.

Frank Moertl was appointed to serve another three-year term on the Hall of Fame Committee with Chrmn. Jim Maher and Perry Harris.

Karen Weigt was appointed Newsletter Editor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Fagan, chief hinge licker of the Footloose Filatelists of America (Wisconsin Pane), reported a treasury balance of \$194.61. The Footloose Filatelists' sole purpose is to provide awards and gifts for WISCOPEX youth exhibits.

#### CLOSED ALBUMS

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the following WFSC members deceased in the past year: Bill Allen, Loizanne Bennett, Doris Brand, Kay Fraraca, David Hintgsen, Robert Kuhlmann, Thomas Reddin, Tom Sabitano, and Mary Ports.

#### CLOSING

A motion was made to thank the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society for hosting the 2000 WFSC convention and exhibition.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



## WISCOPEX '99 Exhibit Awards

### Champion of Champions

**Gold - Greenland - The American Issue**, by Charles Shoemaker

• 1999 Champion of Champions

**Gold - Philately and Color, An Overview**, by Patricia Loehr

**Gold - The Five-Cent Revenue Stamps 1862-71**, by Lawrence Gottlieb

### Open Division

**Gold - Swimming Pools and Water Sports**, by Claude Giralte

• WISCOPEX Best of Show

• ATA First Place (Gold)

• APS Certificate of Award

**Silver - Mountain Climbing Around the World**, by Robert Gould

• ATA Second Place (Silver)

**Silver - Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial**, by Robert Henak

• Wisconsin Postal History Society Award

**Bronze - Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Stamp**, by Daniel Hammell

**Bronze - World Usage of the United States Postal Card**, by William Grosnick Sr.

### Single-frame Division

**Gold - "Illegal" Owls**, by Fred Ziemann

• ATA Single Frame Merit Award

**Silver - The Type II Confederate Stamp**, by Gary Zink

**Silver - The 1983 U.S. Olympic Speedskating Postal Card and Our Wisconsin Olympic Speedskaters - Bonnie Blair and Dan Jansen**, by Mary Ellen Daniel

**Bronze - Everything Canceled But the Kitchen Sink**, by Mary Ellen Daniel

• Most Popular Adult Exhibit

**Bronze - The Adventures of Willy & Joe - U.S. Mail Pilots Extraordinaire**, by Fred Ziemann

### Youth Division

**Gold - Types of Birds**, by Lisa Giss

• WISCOPEX Best Youth Exhibit

• Footloose Filatelists Youth Grand

• ATA Youth Award

• Junior Philatelists of America Blue Ribbon

**Gold - Puma Concolor**, by Sara Henak

• WFSC Special Topical Award

**Gold - Horses Around the World**, by Danielle Henak

**Silver - Holidays**, by Tessa Yahr

• Most Popular Youth Exhibit

**Silver - Exploring Space**, by Becca Yahr

**Silver - The First Fifty Years of Airplanes**, by Julie Giss

**Silver - Christian Religious Art**, by Monica Schultz

**Silver - O! Canada**, by Janelle Hankerson

**Bronze - Bears and What They Eat**, by Brigid Schultz

**Bronze - American Authors Born in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries**, by Margaret Elvekrog

**Bronze - Flowers, Flowers and More Flowers**, by Timothy Milligan

**Bronze - Let's Fly**, by Kristen Maziarka

**Bronze - Birds of a Feather**, by Michael Maziarka

**Bronze - Dogs**, by Mishan Muckerheide

**Bronze - Buffalo and Their Relatives**, by Nicole Buehler

**Bronze - Outdoor Wisconsin Hobbies**, by Drew Benzer

**Certificate - Let's Go Pick Some Flowers**, by Kelly Maziarka

**Certificate - See You at the Movies**, by Jeana LeTona

**Certificate - Love Comes Many Ways**, by Sara Milligan

**Certificate - American Symbols**, by Mitchell Milligan

### CLOSED ALBUM — RUTH FISHER

Ruth Fisher, a member of the Green Bay Philatelic Society, died on March 21. Ruth was club secretary from approximately 1979 through 1990. She was an ardent collector of Mr. ZIP blocks. Known as a caring person, Ruth was the club's one-person Sunshine Committee.

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## Chippewa Valley Stamp Club Wins 1999 WFSC Club Trivia Contest

Congratulations to the Chippewa Valley Stamp Club! The 12-member club answered every question correctly and found appropriate stamps with topics relating to each answer. The CVSC was awarded an autographed copy of the 2nd edition of "Adventures in Topical Stamp Collecting."

The CVSC, which joined the WFSC in 1995, meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Parks and Recreational Building, 4173 114th St., Chippewa Falls, WI.

Here are the contest questions with the correct answers:

1. What movie won the 1939 Academy Award for best picture? *"Gone with the Wind"*
2. What mammal can fly? *bat*
3. Name the only father-son presidential pair.  
*John and John Quincy Adams*
4. You have heard of a gaggle of geese and a school of fish. Complete this phrase to name a collective group of some animal: An army of \_\_\_\_\_, *ants*

5. Whose motto is "Be Prepared?" *Boy Scouts*
6. What is the only two-toed bird? *ostrich*
7. What animal has the heaviest brain of all living animals? *sperm whale*
8. Who killed Hemingway? *Hemingway*
9. Who composed the Brandenburg Concertos? *Johann Sebastian Bach*
10. Who wrote "The Origin of Species?"  
*Charles Darwin*
11. Who is Bram Stoker's vampire?  
*Dracula*
12. Who was the supreme god in ancient Greek religion? *Zeus*
13. What breed of dog was closely guarded for centuries by an imperial court? *Pekingese*
14. Name one of two mammals that lay eggs.  
*echidna and platypus*
15. What reddish metal slowly forms a greenish surface film in moist air? *copper*
16. What was the first automobile regularly made for sale? *Duryea*
17. Who was the first American to fly in space? *Alan Shepard*
18. What Australian animal is believed to be a link between mammals and reptiles? *platypus*
19. Who wrote the famous words "To be or not to be, that is the question?" *Shakespeare*
20. What large yellow flowers produce seeds that are good to eat? *sunflowers* ■

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## A Review of The 1999 Comprehensive Catalogue of United States Stamp Booklets



*The 1999 Comprehensive Catalogue of United States Stamp Booklets*, by Robert Furman, is a 190-page softbound price guide featuring chronological listings of complete booklets as well as booklet panes starting with the

first booklets of 1900 through the issues of 1998. Self-adhesive convertible booklets are included as well as airmail booklets and panes. Other back-of-the-book items such as insurance booklets are not included.

Booklets are identified through a new Krause-Minkus "B" system of booklet numbering along with the Bureau Issues Association's cover checklist numbers. An entire chapter is devoted to inside and back cover illustrations. Front cover illustrations accompany the individual listings.

Complete booklets and booklet panes are priced in grades of VF-XF and F-VF, as well as used, where prices for used panes are known. Grade along with other useful definitions are included in the "How To Use This Catalog" section. It is highly recommended reading. Plate and web positions are also priced, some with very high premiums.

The content of the catalog is excellent. The full range of booklets, pane positions, plate layouts and varieties are listed. Also included are provisional booklets such as the Wheaton Provisionals not found in Scott. Detailed pricing of modern varieties is also welcome.

I did, however, find a few problems with the catalog. The primary fault is the numerous production problems. Column condition headings are inconsistent. At times, "F-VF VF-XF" is used and at other times "VF-XF F-VF" is used. Other condition headings include "NH" where the next listing will not. I also found several listings where some prices were omitted or shifted into the wrong columns.

Illustrations are hit and miss. Some are excellent while others on the same page are deplorable.

The catalog touts the inclusion of the booklets assembled by Minnesota Diversified Industries (MDI) the last few years. While the catalog claims to have the booklets "extensively described and priced," a quick perusal of one of my favorite specialties found the opposite to be

true. The booklets are not listed in chronological order and many of the premium positions are not accurately priced. I also found the descriptions lacking. Additional illustrations of these booklets is required for casual collectors. The catalog includes none.

Another shortcoming is the lack of an index by stamp or booklet issue. Unless the collector knows the issue date of, for example, the Seattle Provisional booklets, they will be hard pressed to find the listing.

Despite all of the shortcomings, I found the catalog to be quite useful. It is lightweight and easy to carry. The price listings help to identify premium items. It is also nice to have all of the booklet listings in one convenient place. Solve the myriad of production problems, include a useful index, give needed attention to the MDI booklets and you've got a winner.

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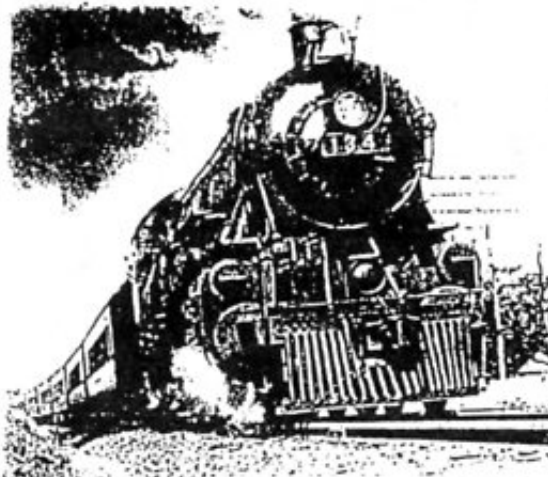
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- Art Arntsen, of the Badger Stamp Club, for auditing the 1998 WFSC financial records.
- Rollie Juhnke, who again served as our photographer for WISCOPEX and assistance at the WFSC society table.
- All of the following for donations in support of the youth program:
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