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President's Message

By Gregg Greenwald

Summer is here and I'm sure that many of you are enjoying the many opportunities that the season provides. The USPS is busy as well, providing an abundance of new stamp issues related to the country's Semiquincentennial. Be sure to visit the USPS website <https://store.usps.com/store/home> as well as the new Stamps Forever website <https://www.stampsforever.com/> to keep up with all USPS news.



In show news, you'll find a recap of Wiscopex 2026 held in Fond du Lac inside this issue. My special thanks to everyone who lent a hand to make it a fantastic show. To those who are recovering from the Boston 2026 World Exposition, I hope that you had an unforgettable experience attending the once-a-decade show. Finally, like clockwork, make your plans to attend the many area shows scheduled for this fall.

Next, our esteemed editor Joe Kowalski has tried to curry favor with me by planting a Puerto Rico revenue stamp in the upper-right corner of this page. While Puerto Rico has used U.S. postage stamps since the end of the Military Postal



Service in 1900, they have used their own revenue stamps since the end of Spanish rule. Joe has shown an example of a U.S. cigarette stamp from 1898 hand-stamped "PORTO RICO" for use on exported cigarettes from Puerto Rico and sold within the U.S. Thanks, Joe!

Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the Federation's latest addition. The Midwest Stamp Dealers Association (MSDA) is the Federation's newest "club" and boasts 62 members. I'm sure that many of

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you are familiar with at least a number of the dealer-members. I certainly look forward to working with the group.





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Federation News

Executive Meeting via Zoom

March 14, 2026

Editor's notes only. For Secretary Davis' detailed minutes, visit <https://www.wfscstamps.org/AnnualMeeting/>.

Online were MaryAnn Bowman, Clarence Davis, Gregg Greenwald, Joe Kowalski, Karen Weigt, Brian Liedtke, Bill Lothary, Bill Manka, Jim Stollenwerk and Dan Under-sander.

President Greenwald called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

(Stollenwerk)

The current Federation balance is \$12,519.32. Expenses of \$705.56 since December 4 included \$613 for printing, packaging and mailing this newsletter. Income of \$1132 was from annual dues and *ATFP* advertising. The Manitowoc club is defunct.

Ad Manager (Liedtke/Manka)

Seven dealers have paid for 2026. M&S and RHO will not advertise this year due to retirements.

Across the Fence Post Editor

(Kowalski)

Because of scheduling changes, the Quarter 2 issue was 12 pages long. Quarter 3's Wiscopex-rich issue might have 20 pages.

Wiscopex 2026 Updates

(Davis)

As of this meeting, the April 18-19, 2026 convention will have 13 dealers, three seminars and at least five exhibitors. The registration desk will be (wo)manned by Dixie Borchert, Barbara Davis and Karen Weigt. Door prizes have been enriched to five drawings of \$10 each. The host Fond du Lac club has unanimously voted Michael Mules for the Dealer Recognition award.

Facebook (Aimée Devine)

Show information is posted as it is received. [The page](#) has 95 followers.

WFSC Website (Greg Riesterer)

Quad City Stamp Club and group newsletters added, show calendar and links kept current.

Wiscopex 2027 and Beyond

Discussion: Future *possible* hosts include Rockford, Janesville and Stevens Point. Or ... combine Wiscopex with an existing show?

Regional Reports

East Central VP (Manka)

- Fond du Lac: March anniversary dinner with guest speaker Wayne Youngblood; Circuit Books.
- Kettle Moraine: Stamp and coin information after short business meetings; David Hunsicker will be club delegate at Wiscopex 2026.
- Sheboygan: After meetings, member auctions of 30 to 50 items; February pizza party; Robert Keppert is club delegate to Wiscopex.
- The Wisconsin Postal History Society's annual meeting will be Sunday morning at Wiscopex.

Southwest VP (Lothary)

- Madison Badger: Member Dave Dyer and bride Taya Kuklina were married at its February 7 meeting, officiated by member Bob Voss; programs on exhibiting.
- Coulee Region:* Club "going strong"; Christmas party at a Perkins restaurant. [*This new club is now assigned to the Central Region.]

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- Baraboo: “Great show,” with another one planned for August 8.
- Quad City: Average of 15 members meet.
- Rockford: March show and meetings twice a month.
- Janesville: “Best [February] show lately”; planning another for 2027.

Southeast VP (Anna Trischan)

- Milwaukee: Successful Stampfest on February 28 with almost 200 attendees; major auction taking place in April.
- Wauwatosa: Jim Cormany announced that 2026 will be his last year as president.
- ATA Chapter 5: Enjoyed two Aimée Devine presentations on U.S. presidents.
- Waukesha: Regular Mystery Message game, with the winner getting the item in its quiz; show & tell on Black History Month as its February meeting.

Northeast VP (Dave Carney)

- Oshkosh: Major February donation; John Anderson succeeds Mike Pynenberg as club president; \$500 donation to Father Carr’s Place 2B; November 14 stamp bourse set.
- Green Bay: Working on details for March 21 show.
- Northwoods: Unable to attend meeting due to inclement weather.

Next Meeting & Adjournment (Greenwald)

Next Executive Board Zoom meeting will be on June 18 at 7 p.m. Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Vice President Brian Liedtke, Treasurer Jim Stollenwerk, President Gregg Greenwald and Secretary Clarence Davis present the WFSC Annual Meeting at Wiscopex.

94th WFSC CONVENTION

2026 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Editor’s notes only. For Secretary Davis’ detailed minutes—up for approval at the next Annual meeting— go to <https://www.wfscstamps.org/AnnualMeeting/>

Call to Order (Greenwald) 9:00 a.m.

Invocation (Liedtke)

The vice president also thanked Northwestern Mutual for its continued financial support of our Federation.

Roll Call of Clubs (Davis) 13-club quorum.

May 3, 2025 Minutes Approved

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President (Gregg Greenwald)

As president of WFSC, I chaired the Executive Committee meetings, made appointments where necessary; answered numerous inquiries from collectors/collectors’ heirs regarding best practices for their collections; worked closely with Exec Committee..

Secretary (Clarence Davis)

Developed agendas and recorded minutes for Federation meetings. Handled some correspondence as requested. Relied heavily on officers and many members for information.

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Treasurer (Stollenwerk)

As Treasurer, I have maintained the financial management of the club since taking office July 1, 2024. Quarterly reports have been submitted as needed for the Board meetings. *[Below are highlights of Jim's detailed report, available in the Secretary's minutes when they become available.]*

- Only financial instrument is a checking account at Associated Bank.
- Current checking balance is \$12,147.71, which balances with the bank statement.
- May 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026: revenues \$5,337.69; expenses \$4,446.71; 711 members.
- Reserves: Honorarium \$450, CAF donation \$500, Northwestern Mutual donation \$894
- Cash available: \$7,133.00
- Bus trip to GASS: 36 prepaid, 32 riders
- Stamp-o-Rama: 16 "pseudo dealers"
- Club roster: 25, including the new Quad City Stamp Club; six at-large members
- Manitowoc club suspended, then terminated for non-payment of dues
- I have found new homes for a number of used U.S. and foreign albums as well as stamp mixtures to several individuals and groups. Your donations have been appreciated.

Regional Reports

Northeast Region VP (David Carney)

The November Oshkosh bourse was a success, but the Northwoods and Bay de Noc shows were snowed in. Green Bay's show was successful; they might not have one in 2027; Stollenwerk complimented the club's newsletter.

East Central Region VP (Manka)

The Fond du Lac Stamp Club meets the third Wednesday of most months. We will be looking for a new meeting place in the near future. Discussion, update and finalizing of Wiscopex 2026 was presented. The annual club anniversary party was held at Sunset on the Water in March. Wayne Youngblood was guest speaker and spoke on "Stamps That Glow." It was a very informative presentation. The Kettle Moraine club meets on the

first Thursday of the month at the library. After a short business meeting, club members share information about stamps and coins. The Sheboygan Stamp Club continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. After a short business meeting, a club and member auction is held, with lots ranging from 30 to 50 items. Ronald Kamprath will be the club delegate to the annual WFSC meeting at the Wiscopex 2026 convention. The Wisconsin Postal History Society will have its annual meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Wiscopex convention.

Central Region VP (Mike Sagstetter)

No written report available.

Southeast Region VP (Trischan)

I've attended a meeting of two of the four SE region clubs since my last report. President Blayne Kirsch gave a state-of-the-club message at the March MPS meeting. They are continuing with a series of pre-Milcopex Zoom presentations, the most recent featuring Rob Henak speaking on developing topical and thematic philately exhibits. The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society has decided against holding TOSAPEX this year, but is hoping to resume next year. Waukesha County Philatelic Society played the Mystery Message game at their last meeting and had a show & tell about famous women on stamps. ATA #5 has a show & tell at every meeting, randomly chosen from a list of topics submitted by members, with the March program being on airmail postal history. April's topic will be horses.

Southwest Region VP (Lothary)

Badger Club featured a wedding at its February 7 meeting. We were honored to share the president of the club Dave Dyer and his beautiful bride Taya in a wedding ceremony performed by Bob Voss. What a great surprise. Also at the Badger meetings, John Paré, Dan Undersander, Bob Voss, and Wayne

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Youngblood have been presenting a program on exhibiting. The Coulee Region Club has been going strong and had a Christmas party at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery. The Baraboo Club had a great show and are already planning another for August 8. I was lucky to meet Leen Intveld and his wife of the Quad City Club at the Janesville show; he said they have an average of 15 members attending their meetings and want to do another MSDA club sponsored show. Rockford Club has another show in March and they are having good auctions at their meetings twice a month. It is one of the best shows around. Finally, Janesville had its best show lately with lots of dealers and silent auctions. It already has plans for a show next February.

Reports of Standing Committees

(except Hall of Fame and Nominating committees)

Publicity and Public Relations (Bowman)

Promoting philately and supporting WFSC clubs and their members is the primary goal of this committee. Wisconsin has long been a hotbed for philately and is one of the more active states. Our members are active nationally as well as locally and regionally. This is a fact to be proud of and you can help to sustain this movement by becoming actively involved with the hobby. Here are some of the things currently being done by this committee. Club news is offered through a column I write for *Across the Fence Post*. If you are not reading about your club in *ATFP*, please have your leadership send information to me via email or snail mail.

Across the Fence Post is now being published in color to add to your reading pleasure. There are also picture links to additional information on the subject being written about. The Federation continues to send eBlasts to members informing them of news items, stamp shows and program offerings. Don't forget to check out the PowerPoint programs on the WFSC and Milcopex websites. Aimée Devine continues to add programming with two more recent presentations related to presidential trivia. She has a few others planned and are expected within the year. The WFSC had a successful Stamp-o-Rama. Due to its popularity, there are discussions regarding the possibility of having another one,

perhaps in another part of the state. Would your club be interested in hosting such an event? I am most proud that the WFSC was able to sponsor a bus trip to the Great American Stamp Show on Thursday, August 14, 2025. The bus left from two locations: Waldo and Brookfield. Due to donations, the individual cost to members was \$20, with the MSDA giving \$25 gift certificates to collectors taking the bus. Your ideas as to how better to promote the hobby and stamp collecting are welcomed.

Judging Committee (Henak)

No report.

Bylaws Committee (Doug Henkle)

No changes to the bylaws were proposed.

Reports of Special Committees, Projects and Other Appointees

Newsletter Editor (Kowalski)

The Quarter 2 issue of *Across the Fence Post* marks the first full year of its well-received paper version in color. The editor again thanks his meticulous proofreaders and welcomes new contributing writer Rich Regent.

Advertising Manager (Liedtke)

Thanked the 13 dealers who are advertisers, noting particularly half-page ads from Rasdale Auctions.

American Philatelic Society Rep (Al Vick)

The WFSC has been an APS Chapter since 1953. A WFSC Chapter Report and free dues application is submitted annually to the APS. Free Chapter dues are dependent on the number of officers and members appointed to specific roles in the WFSC who are APS members. For many years we have met the requirement and received free dues. For the last few years, I have not received the paperwork from the APS to submit. I am assuming that since we continually meet the requirement, they no longer ask for us to report. I receive an extra *American Philatelist* monthly which I take to our local library. A nice result has been the formation of a stamp club at the Stoughton Senior Center. At the Senior Center's request, I made two presentations there and the result was several senior

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center members were interested in forming a local stamp club. It's worked out well for the past several years. We are provided a free meeting room and have interesting members. If you're in the Stoughton area on the second Tuesday around 1:00, stop by and join the fun. We're free spirits and have no rules, no officers and no dues.

Website Committee (Riesterer)

Standard routine website updates took place over the past year: Added *ATFP* and the WPHS journal issues, Green Bay monthly newsletter; created and updated Wiscopex page and closed albums; added and removed clubs; updated dealer lists, club pages, and show calendar; and any other content changes that come along. Let me know if there are any changes to your club meeting dates, time, location, officers, etc.: webmaster@wfcstamps.org. Visitors grew by 85% from 4,221 to 7,779 active users for the April-March timeframe, this period versus last. The year prior, 2023-2024, came in at 4,351, an overall increase in visitors. In general, more traffic is good.

Facebook Administrator (Devine)

I post things as I receive them from clubs and if I'm at a show, I always try to take pictures and post them. A few have contacted me about getting rid of collections. I always point them to the stamp club nearest them. Clubs are welcome to email me at spanishmoss72@sbcglobal.net if they have anything they would like posted.

New Business (Greenwald)

Bids for 2027-2029 Conventions are all open. Designate Wiscopex 2027 as a WFSC-sponsored event. Honorarium for Wisconsin recipient of APS Youth Fellowship. Should the Awards Chair and Hall of Fame Committees be separate?

Speakers Bureau Discussion

Two important parts are needed: 1. Clubs need to have the technical apparatus (projector, Zoom account, etc.) to host a speaker and 2. We need a list

of speakers who are willing to give presentations (in person and/or electronically). Once we know who can host, as well as those who are willing to present, we can get the two groups talking.

Awards (Tim Wait)

No report.

Election of Officers, terms beginning 7/1/2026

- Nominating Committee Report (Liedtke)
- Secretary (2-year term) Davis
- Treasurer (2-year term) Stollenwerk
- VP Youth Division (1-year term) Bowman
- Five Region vice presidents (1-year term)
- Sagstetter, Manka, A. Trischan, Lothary, Carney

Appointments

- Standing Committee on Exhibitions
(Chair Stollenwerk/Davis)
- Awards Chair/Hall of Fame Committee
(Chair Wait, Undersander)
- Nominating Committee for 2026 Convention
(Chair Liedtke, Weigt)
- Newsletter Editor (Kowalski)

Closed Albums

Members of WFSC clubs who have died during the year: Don Arndt, Lee Barrie and Steve Johnson.

Adjournment (Greenwald)

The meeting closed at 10:10 a.m..



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Wiscopex Wrap-Up

By Clarence Davis, Chairman

The 2026 Wiscopex convention and stamp show was held April 18-19 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Fond du Lac, hosted by the Fond du Lac Stamp Club. Fifteen stamp dealers offered a wide selection of philatelic items for purchase, and the USPS provided a station for sales of new issues and specially-canceled show covers. The convention opened with a business meeting attended by a majority of the member groups of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.



Competitive exhibits were offered by Larry Nix, Dan Undersander, Bob Voss, and Clarence Davis. Judges were Brian Liedtke and Rob Henak, who provided excellent comments and suggestions to exhibitors.

The banquet was attended by thirty-four collectors and spouses. The featured speaker was Jay Bigalke of Scott Stamp LLC. Jay also conducted a seminar on recent developments for the *Scott Catalogues*.

A series of seminars and meetings by philatelic organizations such as the American Topical Association, Wisconsin Postal History Society and Postcrossing also took place during the show.

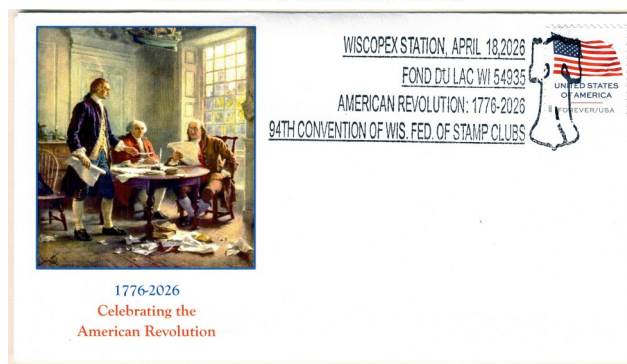
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Wiscopex 2026 Palmares



- ⇒ First Place and Best of Show: *The Library of Congress*
(Larry Nix, Badger Stamp Club, Wis. Postal History Society)
- ⇒ First Place: *Inventions to Prevent Postage Stamp Reuse*
(Dan Undersander, Badger Stamp Club)
- ⇒ First Place: *Battleships*
(Clarence Davis, Fond du Lac Stamp Club, APA #5)
- ⇒ Second Place, Husak Topical Award, Most Popular Exhibit,
Best Single Frame: *The Amazing Accordion*
(Bob Voss, Badger Stamp Club)

Show Covers for Sale



The 2026 Wiscopex show cover is available by mail. The cachet, from a painting in the National Archives, shows Founders Jefferson, Adams and Franklin writing the Declaration of Independence, tossing rough drafts aside. A Liberty Bell postmark cancels a modern U.S. Flag Forever stamp. Send \$3 for one cover or \$5 for two, along with a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to the Fond du Lac Stamp Club, c/o Joe Kowalski, 729 Sunrise Ave., Waupun WI 53963.

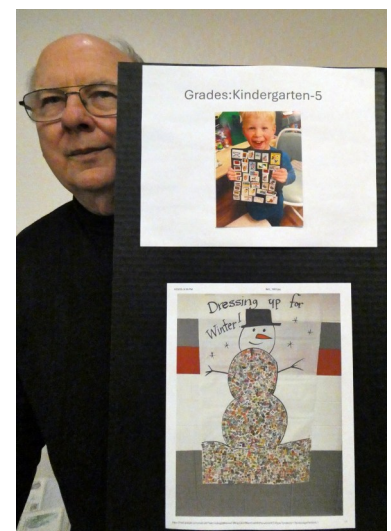
Older show covers (below) are also available.

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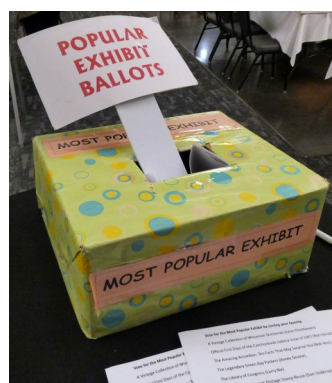
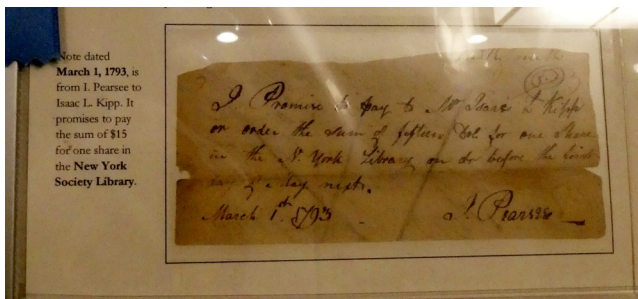
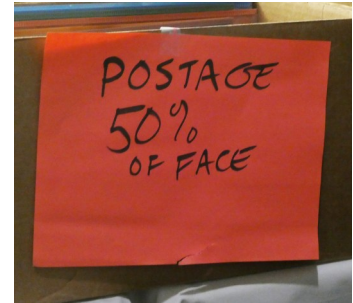
- 2020 Mayflower Landing, color*
- 2020 Mayflower Landing, woodcut*
- 2022 Return to the Retlaw
- 2025 Underground Railroad in Wis.

* (2020 cachets have "NO FDL SHOW: PANDEMIC" overprint.)

Wiscopex People Clockwise from top right: Exhibits chair Brian Liedtke, general chair Clarence Davis; couple works checklist; dealer honoree Michael Mules, customers; Richard Krainz shows off youth works; postal history galore; Jenny Dziewior scans a payment; collectors admire an exhibit; Scott and Linn's mogul Jay Bigalke fields a seminar question; bourse chair Bill Manka announces a door prize winner.



Wiscopex Things Clockwise from top right: What a deal!; “Right this way!”; freebie basket; custom Postcrossing cards; the popularity contest; dealer back table inventory; 1793 Wisconsin cover; organized purchasing system; American Topical Association seminar; not all exhibit material is two-dimensional; luring visitors to the Radisson on a windy day.



Club Connections

By MaryAnn Bowman, WFSC VP Youth Division, Publicity and Public Relations Chair

Many clubs will soon be starting their summer hiatus, but a lot has been going on in the first half of the year. If your club is not mentioned here, be sure to send your project and activity news to me for the next issue.

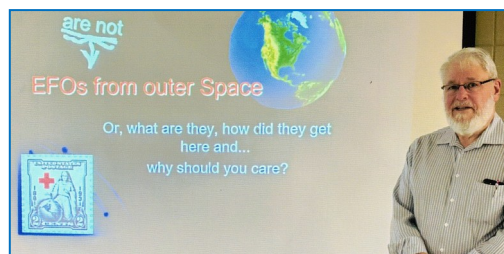
Weather has had an impact on several club meeting nights. Our collecting friends in the Northwoods Philatelic Society had both their January and March meetings cancelled due to winter weather. The Milwaukee Philatelic Society's April meeting was disrupted by tornado warnings and those that arrived early found themselves being herded to a basement shelter. And just when the all clear was about to be issued, the library lost power and everyone was forced to go home on the very night of the club's major spring auction. Does your club have a policy regarding weather, especially winter weather? I know that some clubs cancel their meeting if their school district has called off school and/or evening activities.

The Green Bay Philatelic Society had another successful BAYPEX show in March; but it also came with some bad news in that they apparently will be losing their venue in 2027. The club has a monthly newsletter which frequently has articles about stamps in addition to the club minutes and programs. In March, the focus was on women on stamps with AI doing some of the write-up and stamp illustrations taken from the Mystic website. I am finding more references to club newsletter editors turning to AI to help them create interesting-to-read newsletters. Most likely the members don't mind, but I would suggest mentioning within the article or newsletter that AI was used.

Let's get our youth to take up stamp collecting and philately! Mark Kohls, editor of the Green Bay Philatelic Society newsletter, is encouraging other clubs to offer the Scouting merit badge called Stamp Collecting in their area and he is offering to help other clubs. He is available to travel anywhere in Wisconsin to teach it if you can provide a few logistics. He will contact your local Scouting America council office to advertise it and raise awareness. While not necessary, this six-hour event could be held during your local stamp

show! Last spring, Mark had 12 boys and four girls ages 11 to 17 in Scouting earn the merit badge in one day with no prerequisites, and every one of them was thrilled to start a new collection! Contact Mark at 920-639-4991 (cell/text); email him (mark.kohls@att.net). Milcopex is working with Mark to provide just such an experience at their show in September.

The Coulee Region Stamp Club enjoyed a program by Wayne Youngblood on EFOs. (See photo). The club meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Roncalli Newman Center in La Crosse. If you live in or near that part of the state, consider dropping in for a visit.



Janesville Stamp Club continues to offer varied programs of interest to its members. Like some clubs, there is an auction at every meeting. Recent programs include a presentation by youth member Isaac Heiss on the FDCs of Hideaki Nakano. Two PowerPoint programs with trivia about U.S. presidents created by Aimée Devine marked February's meetings. Bill Lothary did a presentation on the "1909 German Air Show." The April meeting was a Zoom program with Brian Liedtke and Jim Stollenwerk responding to questions regarding the possibility of hosting a future Wiscopex. Mike Wilson will recreate his "The Cheap Postage Movement of the 1800s" at the May meeting. This program started as one of the Milcopex pre-show postal history-themed presentations and can be viewed on the Milcopex website.

The Badger Stamp Club (BSC) has had an interesting three-part series discussing the how-tos of exhibiting. Given by veteran exhibitors John Paré and Bob Voss, the focus was on how to tell your stamp "story." You can view the presentations on BSC's new YouTube channel.

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Its April meeting was a Philatelic Jeopardy! game presented by Stan Rehm. Adding elements of fun while learning about stamps is a win-win for club members. Perhaps BSC will provide more information about how other clubs can present this at their own club meetings.

Pop culture was the theme of an April Waukesha County Philatelic Society (WCPS) meeting. Gone are the days when flags, presidents, national heroes, and historic events make up the majority of issues in any given year. Collectors are now treated to any number of issues that collectors of all ages and interests can relate to. The member show-and-tell offered insights into such topics as Star Wars, soccer, the *Titanic*, Bob Hope, Jerry Garcia and other modern topics. It's an easy topic that everyone should have something to contribute. The WCPS will be exploring philatelic exhibitions (PEXs) at their two May meetings. Focusing on stamp shows of all shapes and sizes, from local to regional to national and finally internationals will be discussed with members sharing their experiences, stamps, covers, ephemera, and other philatelic souvenirs from stamp shows. For those unable to attend Boston 2026, this will be another way to relive a stamp show they have attended. Hobby Hunt was the theme of a Saturday morning program at the Brookfield Public Library. Clubs making use of the library's community room were invited to set up table displays and speak with library patrons about their hobby. Both the Milwaukee Philatelic Society and the Waukesha County Philatelic Society participated in the event. Ask your local library whether you can set up a table and share the stamp collecting hobby.

So, now it's your turn to refresh the ideas appearing in this column. Send your club newsletters to MaryAnn Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187 or email me: maryann15b@mac.com.



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From the Editor

By Joe Kowalski



Even with 20 pages in this issue, I've got barely enough room to squeeze my column in.

No hyperlinked pictures on pages 9 or 10.

Welcome to our newest advertiser, Ken Couch and his Tiger Collectibles.

If you were at the Boston World Expo and have a photo, AI-generated stamp or interesting anecdote, feel free to [email](#) it to me for possible publication.

Enjoy your summer—with and without your philatelic collection.

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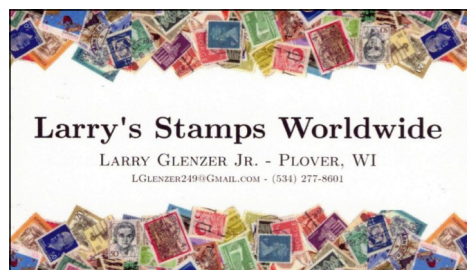
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- ♦ Isaac Heiss, Janesville Stamp Club, has been selected by the American Philatelic Society to receive a one-year Young Fellowship position; WFSC voted him a \$100 honorarium.
- ♦ Our Federation president Gregg Greenwald has a featured article in the February issue of the *American Philatelist*, entitled "Puerto Rico Revenue Stamps: A Hunt for Thousands of Stamps Undocumented in Major Catalogs."
- ♦ Jim Meverden of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society and the Wisconsin Postal History Society has received the Nick Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for Local Promotion/Service, such as Milco-pex volunteer work and postal history research.
- ♦ See page 14 for the new date, deadline and location for this year's Stamp-o-Rama.
- ♦ September 1 is ...



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Stamp-o-Rama

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is sponsoring the second annual Stamp-o-Rama. This is an event open to WFSC member clubs, individual collectors and informal dealers to sell excess philatelic material.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond du Lac, Wis. The location is via Interstate 41 Exit 98. Free parking, free admission, freebie booth. Table setup starts at 7 a.m.



Six-foot table reservations (\$25 per front and back pair)

are open now through Oct. 15 on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Bill Manka, williammanka@att.net, 920-602-8812. For additional questions, contact Jim Stollenwerk at 262-305-1483.

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Many attendees commented on how they enjoyed the show. It was also a financial success for both the Fond du Lac Stamp Club and the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

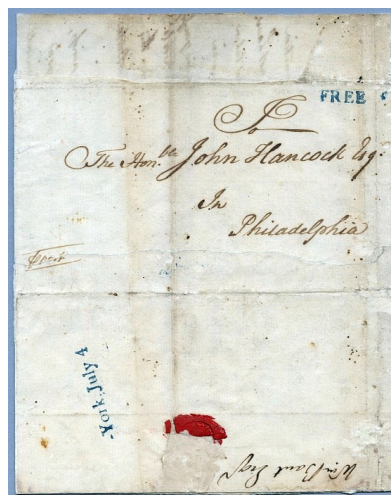
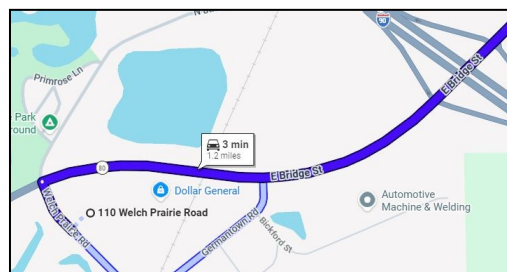
Many thanks to the many people who helped make the show a success. Bill Manka did an exceptional job as bourse chair, Joe Kowalski ably handled publicity, Don Kurki served as treasurer, and David Borchert and Anna and Keith Trischan did a beautiful job with the extensive silent auction.

Barbara Davis, Karen Weigt and Dixie Borchert managed registration. Jim Stollenwerk was essential in providing the frames for exhibits. The staff of the Radisson Hotel were uniformly helpful throughout the show. [Also thanks to M&M Printing. —Editor]

Blooming Baraboo Show

On Aug. 8, the Baraboo Stamp Club is sponsoring its second annual stamp show, to be held at the New Lisbon Community Center, 110 Welch Prairie Rd, New Lisbon, Wis. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be nine dealers with great material. The venue is conveniently located just off Interstate 90-94 West. WFSC vice president Brian Liedtke urges, "We *really* hope to see you there!"

The contact person is Greg Riesterer at riestg@gmail.com.



Above is the only known letter postmarked July 4, 1776. A Connecticut lawyer wrote to his friend John Hancock for help in getting his horse back, which had been requisitioned by the Continental Army.

Soak, Sort and Store Stamps Part 2 by Rich Regent, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society

From the *foreign* group, remove Machin and blocks while sorting stamps by country, into alphabetically-labeled containers. Sorting has to be your own design. You may label one container “XYZ Countries,” or place Helvetia (Switzerland) into the S container. So please improvise, have fun, and even casually watch TV while sorting.

Reusable manila *stock pages* with rows are made to arrange stamps. When sorting many duplicates, such as from one country, align all stamps so that their denominations face upwards. Have one stock page with denominations which show the upper left corner of a stamp, a second stock page for denominations on the right, and a third page for centered or hidden. This denomination alignment saves almost two-thirds of your time to add or find stamps. Simply hold a stamp to be added with the denomination at the top and quickly compare it with others already oriented on the matching stock page. This time saver nearly prevents the same stamps from being placed in multiple places.



Certain countries issue an overwhelming variety of small-sized stamps. Rather than store them by catalogue numbers or issue dates, simply put them by denominations in stock pages. Use bits of scrap paper marked with the denomination to tag the rows. More than one row may be needed for the most common denominations. It's OK to bunch same issues together on a row. However, if there are more duplicates than fit into one row, mark the row by putting one of the stamps with the back showing, on the left end of the

row, to indicate that there is excess of this stamp stored elsewhere.

Besides stock pages, duplicates can be put into *glassine envelopes* or *Ziploc® bags*, which are arranged in boxes for trading or selling. Paper labels dropped into the bag or envelope can be written quickly and cheaply revised. *Clear plastic storage boxes*, with an index card identification placed inside at one end, may be used for duplicates and kept on a closet shelf. For huge quantities of a particular stamp, use skinny one-inch gentle *rubber bands* to clump them together, saving space. A piece of cardboard, the same size as the stamp, can be added to protect and marked to identify each bundle.

Finally, with the stamps now sorted, store needed stamps into your collection. Mount stamps in albums or neatly level, tidy rows on a blank leaf with peelable hinges or stamp mounts. Three-ring folders or binders are adaptable and allow a collection to be displayed or rearranged when required. Move stamps from each country container into your album collection or to duplicates. Duplicates can be used to later trade or to sell. To store stamps long-term, keep them in a cool, dry, and dark place, preferably with 50% humidity, to prevent the gum from melting or the paper from becoming brittle. Smoke and mold odors will probably have been removed during the soaking process.



One serious stamp collector told me that his entire collection consists of six stamps picturing vacuum cleaners from various countries—a few stamps which obviously do not need work. But for the rest of us, we should properly soak, efficiently sort and carefully store our stamps to build a quality stamp collection.



Topical Topic: American Animals

Long before July 4, 1776, these creatures roamed, crawled, swam and flew here.

Clockwise from top right: Mountain Lion (Scott #2292), Alaskan Brown Bear (2310), Muskellunge (2205), Trumpeter Swans (RW83), Northern Pintails (RW75), Cardinal (2480), American Bison (TBA), Monarch (4462), Eastern Chipmunk (TBA).



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Pre-Milcopex Presentations

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society, in order to encourage interest and participation in postal history exhibits at its September 25-26 Milcopex show, announces these Zoom talks available via Milcopex.org. All begin at 7 p.m. except September 20* at 4 p.m.

- > **Monday, July 13:** "Mail Suspension Across the Union and Confederate Lines During the American Civil War" by Dan Knowles
- > **Monday July 27:** "Postal History, a Dealer's Perspective" by Wayne Youngblood
- > **Monday, August 10:** "Disasters, Postal Larceny and the Law of Unintended Consequences" by John Hotchner
- > **Monday, August 24:** "A Conversation with the Postal History Jury" by MPS's jury
- > **Sunday, September 13:** "First Day Covers as a Branch of Postal History" by Charles O'Brien
- > **Monday, Sept. 14:** "Around the U.S. by Postal History" by Chip Gliedman
- > ***Sunday, September 20:** "U.S. Philatelic Classics Society"
- > **Monday, September 21:** "V-mail—A Wartime Expedient" by Zhongwei (Frank) Zhao
- > **Tuesday, September 22:** "U.S. Philatelic Classics Society"

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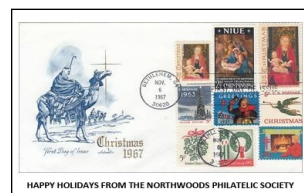
Similar to the recent New Year's Greetings page (left), WFSC again offers the opportunity, but with

a December holiday theme. For \$10, clubs and individuals will be listed on the full back page.

Option B, Design Your Own:

For \$15, your club may submit its own artwork in a square, vertical or horizontal format. These will appear throughout the next issue's pages.

Some samples from the past ...



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First Things First Match the "first stamp" descriptions on the left with their countries on the right. Answer key is on next page. 				
1		15-year-old princess	A	Australia
2		Balding, long-haired inventor	B	Canada
3		Boat on the Mekong River	C	France
4		Ceres, goddess of agriculture	D	Great Britain
5		Crisscrossed keys under a man's tiara	E	Greece
6		Great-great grandson married a movie star	F	India
7		Hermes, messenger of the gods	G	Japan
8		Mother and child elephants	H	Kenya
9		Pair of matching dragons	I	Laos
10		Red shield, white cross	J	Monaco
11		Semiaquatic rodent	K	Switzerland
12		Tall, boxing marsupial	L	United States
			M	Vatican City

Show Calendar

Check wfscstamps.org for updates. Send new show listings to Greg Riesterer, webmaster@wfscstamps.org, 608-219-5408.

Quiz Key

1. D 4. C 7. E 10. K
2. L 5. M 8. H 11. B
3. I 6. J 9. G 12. A

WFSC MEMBER SHOWS

July 18, 2026

Lakeland Coin and Stamp Show

Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club
Woodruff Town Hall
Community Center
1418 First Avenue,
Woodruff, Wis.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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August 8, 2026

Baraboo Area Stamp Show

Baraboo Stamp Club
New Lisbon Community Center,
110 Welch Prairie Road,
New Lisbon, Wis.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Greg Riesterer,
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September 25-26, 2026

Milcopex 2026

Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Brookfield Conference Center
325 South Moorland Road
Brookfield, Wis.
Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5,
(MaryAnn Bowman,
maryann15b@mac.com,
milcopex.org)
bourse, judged exhibits, seminars

October 3, 2026

Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club
Monroe Moose Lodge,
639 Third Avenue,
Monroe, Wis.
Saturday 9-3
(Randy Riese, 608-558-6430,
thegardendelimonroe@yahoo.com)
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October 17, 2026

CENWISPEX

Central Wisconsin Stamp Club
The Elks Club,
1132 Clark Street,
Stevens Point, Wis.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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October 31, 2026

Stamp-o-Rama

Wisconsin Federation
of Stamp Clubs
Radisson Hotel & Conference Ctr.,
625 West Rolling Meadows Drive
Fond du Lac, Wis.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Bill Manka, 920-602-8812,
williammanka@att.net)
informal bourse

OTHER MAJOR SHOWS

July 17-19, 2026

Minnesota Stamp Expo

Minnesota Stamp Dealers Assoc.
Crystal Community Center,
4800 North Douglas Drive,
Crystal, Minn.
Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
bourse, exhibits, seminars

October 9-10, 2026

WI/IL Stateline Stamp Show

Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc.
First Christian Church,
13022 Wilmot Road,
Kenosha, Wis.
Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-3
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January 8-9, 2027

WI/IL Stateline Stamp Show

Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc.
First Christian Church,
13022 Wilmot Road,
Kenosha, Wis.
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MILCOPEX 2026



Friday, Sept. 25
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Brookfield Conference Center
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----- Show Schedule -----

Friday, Sept. 25th	
Time	Event
10:00 AM	Show Opens
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Silent Auction
11:00 AM	USPS First Day Ceremony
12:00 PM	Chat GPT and Cover Analysis
2:00 PM	Wisconsin Postal History Society - Golden Age of Flight & a Postal Thief!
3:30 PM	Wisconsin Postal History Society - Informal Show & Tell
4:00 PM	Book Launch
6:00 PM	Show Closes
7:00 PM	Friday Night "Fish Fry"

Saturday, Sept. 26th	
Time	Event
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop
10:00 AM	Show Opens
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Silent Auction
10:00 AM	Postcrossing Meet Up
11:00 AM	To be announced - Scott English former APS Executive Director
12:00 PM	"Bring Your Items for Analysis"
1:00 PM	Book Launches
2:00 PM	Judges' Feedback
3:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
4:00 PM	Show Closes

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