

ACROSS THE FENCE



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs

President's Message

By WFSC President Karen Weigt

1932 and our 85th Anniversary



The theme of this issue precisely coincides with my president's message given at the

WISCOPEX '16 banquet. For those who attended the banquet, I apologize for the repeat. But I'd rather be outside enjoying our summer weather than racking my brain at the computer. So, here we go...

Since this is a milestone anniversary of the federation's founding in 1932, I thought it would be interesting to reflect on some of the world, national, and philatelic happenings of that year.

In 1932, the Nazi Party was just coming to power and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our country's most famous stamp collector, was elected U.S. president. It's known that President Roosevelt retreated from time to time to his stamp collection to affix stamps to his album pages. And he, no doubt, used Dennison hinges.

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to make a solo air crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion. While this was going on, philatelists were hovered over their treasures -- possibly bought at a Minkus stamp counter within Gimbel's Department stores, where they likely also purchased Dennison hinges.

1932 was the midst of the Great Depression with a U.S. unemployment rate at a startling 24.5 percent. Nevertheless, life was great as philately thrived with Dennison hinges.

Some famous Americans born that year were country singers Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn, politicians Ted Kennedy and Donald Rumsfeld, and film star Elizabeth Taylor. Philatelists were using India ink pens to hand-letter exhibit pages and attach their stamps with Dennison hinges.

The average annual wage was around \$1700, the aver-

age cost of a new house was \$6500, a loaf of bread was 7 cents, and new car was \$610. Fords were popular, with the Ford Roadster being the rage, and gasoline cost 10 cents a gallon. Wisconsin philatelists paid that same 10 cents for a box of 500 Dennison hinges.

The U.S. Post Office Department issued a total of 21 new stamps in 1932, and that includes the set of 12 that make up the Washington Bicentennial issue. Those 21 stamps have a face value of 84 cents. Today's Scott value totals \$30.67 for a 36 percent rate of return. In 1932, it cost just 20 cents to buy 1,000 Dennison hinges; today eBay is advertising a package of 1,000 for \$15. The Dennison investment reaps a 74 percent rate of return.

And finally, in 1932, philatelists dreamed of upside-down Jennys. Today, we dream of right-side up Jennys and -- Dennison hinges.

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American Topical Association Officers to Meet in Milwaukee

ATA Chapter 5 invites all interested philatelists to attend their September 14th meeting where they will host ATA Executive Director, Vera Felts and her husband Bill; President Dale Smith and his wife Andrea; and National Topical Stamp Show '17 (NTSS'17) Chairman John Hamman and his wife, ATA First Vice President, Dawn Hamman. A short presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

They will be in town to begin planning for NTSS '17 which will be held in Milwaukee at the same venue as MILCOPEX 2016.

The meeting will be held on September 14, 2016 in Room G110 in the lower level of Mayfair Shopping Mall, 1600 N. Mayfair Road (Highway 100) in Wauwatosa, Wisc. The meeting will start promptly at 7 pm. Several surprises await those who do attend. All are invited.

85th Anniversary: 1932 Summer Olympics

By Ray D. Perry

Eighty-five years ago the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was formed. That same year, the Summer Olympics were held in Los Angeles, California. The modern Olympics had started in 1896 in Athens, Greece. A fitting site as the ancient Olympics were Greek games. Over the years Greece has issued many stamps commemorating the Olympics. Shown below are a pair of Greek stamps commemorating the first modern Olympic games.



The United States issued its first stamps commemorating the modern Olympics in 1932. The first stamp issued commemorated the Winter Olympics held in Lake Placid, NY. Watch for an article by APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellow and Wisconsin writer Alex Gill, in a future issue this coming winter. There were two stamps issued for the Summer Olympics (Scott 718 and 719). These stamps are pictured below.



U.S. 718



U.S. 719

These stamps were issued on June 15, 1932. The 3-cent stamp featuring a sprinter in starting position paid the expected new first-class postage rate which actually went into effect on July 6, 1932. This was an increase from the existing rate of 2

cents, which had been in effect since 1885, except for about a 2-year period during World War I when it was increased to 3 cents. The 5-cent stamp which featured a discus thrower paid the going first-class rate for the first ounce on a foreign delivery. Including this stamp for foreign deliveries was meant to help emphasize the international nature of the Olympic games.

So what were some of the big happenings in Los Angeles at the 1932 Summer Olympics? The biggest happening not only in LA, but around the world was the Great Depression. Columnist Glenn Dowell writes in the *LaGrange Daily News* that no countries had expressed intentions of attending the games six months prior to the start of the games. In addition, very few advance tickets had been sold to events to be held at the expanded Memorial Coliseum. Dowell continues that it was not until Hollywood and several big-name Hollywood personalities like Douglas Fairbanks, Marlene Dietrich, Charlie Chaplin, and Mary Pickford agreed to entertain the crowds at the Olympics that sales picked up.

An Olympic village was built to house athletes for the first time and a podium was used for the medal presentations for the first time. Babe Didrikson Zaharias (pictured on a U.S. stamp below as a golfer) won gold medals in the javelin and the hurdles. Finnish star Paavo Nurmi (on a Finnish stamp below) was ruled a professional and not allowed to participate. The U.S. overwhelmingly won the medal count with 103 total medals. Italy was next with 36, then France with 19.



There have been many Olympics related stamps from many countries over the years. Many philatelists have put together very interesting topical collections on the Olympics or other sports topics. If you are looking for a new topic, maybe this is it.

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Connecting with Clubs

By MaryAnn Bowman

Welcome back! Many clubs take a summer hiatus. For them, the month of September is a time to catch up with friends, share newly acquired items, and reinvigorate club membership and programs.

This column is for you and its success depends upon the ideas shared. I'd love to receive your club newsletter but an email note telling about a program or activity will work just as well. See my contact information at the end of this column.

Clubs with small memberships face a set of problems different from larger groups that have a bigger membership base to draw from. Future columns will address some of these issues. If you have a club concern that you would like to see addressed in this column, let's hear from you and perhaps collectively our clubs can help each other.

Several WFSC member clubs met during the summer and food was a common denominator. **Badger Stamp Club** held a June summer party. The club treasury provided sub sandwiches, soda, paper plates, cups, etc. and members were requested to bring chips, salads, or something to accompany the sandwiches. Dessert anyone? That meeting also included a no-commission auction.

The **Waukesha County Philatelic Society** does not have meetings during the summer but they have a July picnic - but not your standard brats and burgers. They have a steak dinner which is free to members who have attended a certain percentage

of meetings. And for those members who may have attended even just one meeting, the cost of the steak is only \$5. These are no small steaks either!! Members also bring a dish to pass and their own non-alcoholic beverage. The evening ends with games of Stamp Bingo with winners getting \$5 cash prizes or large chocolate bars. Guess which prizes get taken first?

The **Milwaukee Philatelic Society** has an old-fashioned ice cream social at their August meeting with the club providing the sweet treat. The Milwaukee group also had an interesting program in July provided by Alex Gill, a member of the **Kettle Moraine Stamp Club**. Alex gave a presentation based on his recent article in the May 2016 issue of *The American Philatelist*. The PowerPoint presentation shared with viewers philatelic souvenirs from the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair. He had previously given this same talk to show-goers at World Stamp Show. It should be noted that Alex is a graduate of the APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship.

ATA Chapter #5 had a member's show and tell related to stamps of France and the French Colonies. This compliments the theme of MILCOPEX. It might be noted that as the members of the ATA have varied topical and thematic collecting interests, planning a program where everyone has the opportunity to participate can be accomplished with an activity such as this.

Send your newsletters to MaryAnn Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187 or by email to maryann15b@mac.com

Closed Albums

Gary Zink

Gary Zink, age 62, passed away on February 17, 2016. Gary was a longtime member of the former Madison Stamp Club and the Badger Stamp Club (Madison).

His main interest in philately centered around Confederate States stamps, American Civil War postal history, and Victorian issues of Great Britain. He also collected Civil War memorabilia and science fiction film, stage and TV star autographs. Gary enjoyed exhibiting his philatelic items and was an amateur Civil War historian and ardent "Trekkie."

John K. Driscoll

John K. Driscoll passed away on May 30, 2016. John was a member of the Badger Stamp Club (Madison) and collected stamps of Ireland.

He had a wonderful and varied career over the years which included a short-term approval stamp business and writing historical books on railroads, the Korean War and the American Civil War. John enjoyed relating his experiences of finding stamps in unusual places in his travels as the chief building engineer for the State of Wisconsin. His findings included U.S. and Wisconsin revenue stamps in various forms.

2016 Club Growth Recognition

Each year, the WFSC recognizes the club(s) for the most membership growth as reported with their 2016 dues returns. Recognition is for the largest percentage of increase, and the most members gained.

This year the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society is recognized in both categories. With a gain of 30 new members, it increased its membership by 100 percent.

Congratulations to President Jim Cormany and the rest of the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society!

The Editor's Turn

By Ray Perry



It is mid August and I'm sitting in my office following the Olympics and putting the final touches on this issue of *Across the Fence Post*. Exciting times in the Olympics and exciting times in the philatelic world, too. Wisconsin's own Cheryl Ganz has been recognized with several awards for her contributions to our hobby (see page 9). We had a great first-day-of-sale ceremony in Two Rivers on June 30 (see page 7). MILCOPEX is just around the corner and American Topical Association officers will be meeting in Milwaukee to start planning for the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) which will be held in Milwaukee next summer (see page 1).

Last month I mentioned that there were a few changes coming to *Across the Fence Post*. The first of those was Maurice Wozniak retiring his column "Clubs are Trump." In its place MaryAnn Bowman has agreed to write a column on club news, to help keep us all informed on local club happenings. MaryAnn's new column will be titled "Connecting with Clubs." Her first column can be found on page 3.

I also mentioned that I would like to see a column on topicals. This would not have to run every issue, maybe every other month or once a quarter. What I need is for someone to help out with organizing articles for that column. Maybe we could rotate a column on topicals with other broad subjects. I'm very open to ideas. Wisconsin is the birthplace of the American Topical Association and as such it just seems like we should have something in our regular newsletter. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me by phone at (920) 469-8925 or e-mail at fiveperrys@athenet.net. I would love to hear from you and am willing to work with you on developing this part of *ATFP*.

With this issue of *ATFP* we begin the celebration of our 85th anniversary. Yes, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was founded in 1932. As mentioned in the May/June issue of *ATFP* we will run a series of articles on other happenings in 1932. I already mentioned that I'm enjoying the Olympics and on page 2 you can find an article on the 1932 Summer Olympics. Remember back when both the Summer and Winter Olympics took place the same year? Well, up through 1992 they were both held in the same year every four years. After 1992 they were divided with the Winter Olympics held in 1994 in Lillehammer, and the Summer Olympics held in Atlanta in 1996. Since then each has been held every fourth year, so that we now have the Olympics every other year. In 1932, both the Summer and Winter Olympics were held in the United States. The Summer Olympics were in Los Angeles, California and the Winter Olympics were held at Lake Placid, NY. Sometime this winter look for an article on the 1932 winter Olympics by Wisconsin writer and APS Young Young Philatelic Leaders Fellow Alex Gill. In fact Alex will also have an article on James Hoban and his contributions to the design of the White House in the November issue.

So stay tuned, be sure to read your *ATFP*, and if you have any ideas on ways to improve it, please, please let me know by contacting me at the phone number or email address above.



Now for my favorite part of the newsletter, my chance to expound on some aspect of our great hobby. I thoroughly enjoy collecting stamps and related material. My problem is trying to contain my enthusiasm for the hobby in manageable units. I think I have philatelic attention deficit hyperactive disorder. I can't seem to stay focused. I get involved in an area and get a good start on building a collection, then I see something else that grabs my philatelic attention and off I go. Over the years my philatelic adventures have included forays into U.S. stamps (I love the early engraved stamps), stamps of the world issued before 1950, stamps of the Netherlands, Canadian stamps, U.S. postal stationary, U.S. joint issues, stamps of Greenland, stamps engraved by Czeslaw Slania, Wisconsin on stamps, and most recently postal history. Even as I write this I'm thinking of a couple of new possibilities like the French art stamps and the Mexican Exporta issue. Mind boggling, isn't it? Examples of some of these items are shown below.



Early U.S.



Early Foreign



Dutch Stamps



Canadian stamps



Slania stamps



Wisconsin on stamps



Postal history

Is this bad? No. Is it for everyone? No. Look at it this way, when I go to a stamp show, I rarely have trouble finding something I need for my collection.

Have a great month.



By WFSC President Karen Weigt

Executive Board Meeting

The WFSC's summer Executive Board meeting was held July 16 at the Monona Garden Family Restaurant in Madison, Wis. Major agenda items discussed and voted upon were as follows:

Treasurer's Report

WFSC Treasurer Al Vick reported that collections donated to the WFSC are helping to stabilize the treasury and should be encouraged. He has sorted recent donations that are ready to sell.

Al has submitted the annual Federal tax return required by 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. He also submitted the state incorporation and APS chapter membership reports.

WISCOPEX 2017 (hosted by the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club)

General Chairman Larry Glenzer related that a contract for WISCOPEX 2017 has been signed with the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, Wis., for May 6-7. Appointments to chair various aspects of the show have been made.

Motions made and passed with regard to WISCOPEX 2017 were:

- the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club will be allowed use of the WFSC's Wisconsin State Sales Tax Exemption Number
- the WFSC will provide the Champion of Champions exhibit award, if needed
- the WFSC will cover the judging fee and banquet ticket for one judge
- the WFSC will establish the show theme but the CWSC will keep all proceeds from cover sales
- the WFSC will enter its latest accumulation of donated items in the silent donation auction with the CWSC keeping 10 percent of all prices realized

Other needed decisions were that the show theme will be Wisconsin's Dairy Industry and No. 3 in the Wisconsin Heritage Series, and four- and eight-page noncompetitive exhibits would again be encouraged.

Across the Fence Post

ATFP Editor Ray Perry reported via email that he is looking for someone to write columns on topical collecting and youth activities.

It was decided to promote *ATFP* and its advertisers by sending a message for each issue to all who are on the WFSC e-Blast list. It would include the following:

- announcement that the latest issue is posted on the WFSC website with a link
- a summary of highlights of the issue done by the *ATFP* editor
- a statement by *ATFP* Ad Manager John St. Onge pointing out ads to look for

The possibility of a dealer profile column was also discussed.

Publicity and Public Relations

The WFSC will staff a table at MILCOPEX, September 16-18, 2016.

Reconfiguration of WFSC Regions Map and Eliminate Two Region VPs

A motion was made and passed to incorporate all of the current south central region into the southeast region. A motion was also made to eliminate the positions of south central region VP and the second VP in the southeast region, which will require an amendment to the bylaws.

Next Meeting

The fall Executive Board meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15 at CENWISPEX in Stevens Point, Wis. Interested WFSC members are always welcome to attend and participate in discussions. For further information, contact WFSC Secretary Ken Grant at 608-356-7593 or Kenneth.grant@uwc.edu.

WFSC Historian Needed

John Pare, our current historian, has requested to be relieved of his position as of May 2017. Please consider volunteering to take over for him. Contact any WFSC officer or John Pare at 608-852-7358, pare16@mhtc.net.

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Federation Focus Continued

Get Your Name on the e-Blast List

Please send your email address to our WFSC Secretary Ken Grant: Kenneth.grant@uwc.edu. Our WFSC e-Blasts will keep you up to date on a variety of important and interesting philatelic matters.

Special Thank-Yous to Two Rivers Event Volunteers

The WFSC extends a special thank-you to all who helped with the WFSC's participation at the June 30 first-day-of-sale ceremony for the U.S. Postal Service Soda Fountain Favorites issue held at Two Rivers, Wis.

MaryAnn Bowman, chairman of our publicity and public relations committee, started the ball rolling by suggesting that the WFSC try to promote a first-day-of-sale event with the powers to be at Two Rivers, which claims the title of the home of the ice cream sundae. Yours truly, Karen Weigt, made the initial contacts with the Two Rivers Postmaster and the Historical Society. After explaining what a first-day-of-sale ceremony was all about, the Two Rivers people grabbed the ball and ran with it. Their efforts resulted in a highly successful event.

WFSC participants were Jay Bigalke, who designed the pictorial postmark; MaryAnn Bowman and Aimee Devine provided ideas and graphics for youth philatelic promotions; Paul T. Schroeder canceled the WFSC covers at the Two Rivers Post Office and assisted at the WFSC table at the ceremony with Darelle Lee White and MaryAnn. I designed the WFSC's cacheted cover and promoted the WFSC and philately as a ceremony speaker, and Joe Kowalski, of Fond du Lac, took photos.

See more about the event and our WFSC cover on p. 7.

2017 National Topical Stamp Show

The American Topical Association is eagerly anticipating a homecoming, as the National Topical Stamp Show travels to Milwaukee, June 23-25, 2017. ATA was founded by Jerry Husak in Milwaukee in 1949.

Brewing up Topicals is the theme for the show. Daily themes for cachets and cancels will feature the three categories of ATA checklists: nature, culture and technology.

NTSS will be held at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, also the site of MILCOPEX. Wisconsin Federation members have been graciously helping the ATA planning committee, several of whom plan to attend MILCOPEX to see the facility and meet Wisconsin collectors. The show will include 140-180 frames of exhibits, bourse, meetings of ATA study units, ATA annual meeting, and various programs and classes on topical collecting and thematic exhibiting.

Milwaukee has always been a great location for ATA shows, as there is a strong base of topical collectors there, and ATA members find the city accessible and hospitable, according to show chair John Hamman.



Ice Cream Sundae First-Day-of-Sale Cover Offer

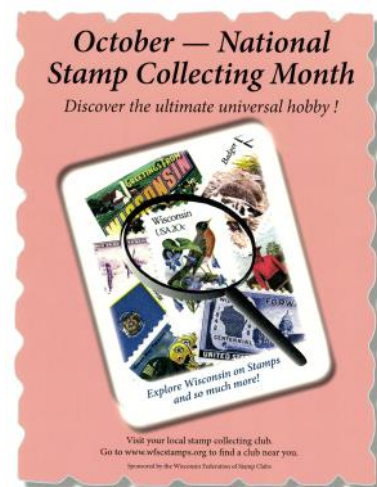
WFSC sold out its stock of Ice Cream Sundae first-day-of-sale Covers at the ceremony in Two Rivers on June 30 (see article on page 7). More covers are being prepared and will be available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and \$3.00/cover to Karen Weigt at 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI 53562. Make checks payable to WFSC. All covers are franked with the hot fudge sundae stamp.



Oct. National Stamp Collecting Month Fliers Available

The WFSC is repeating its offer of National Stamp Collecting Month fliers available for pickup at the WFSC society table at MILCOPEX. The flier is also available on the WFSC website: www.wfscstamps.org. Click on "Club Resources" and "promotional poster." Print out several copies and get them out and about. Customize them for your club with an add-on attached to the bottom with meeting dates and location. A strip of tear-off tabs can also be added.

A copy of the flier is shown to the right.



Soda Fountain Favorites First Day Ceremony Two Rivers, Wisconsin on June 30, 2016

By Paul T. Schroeder

The shores of Lake Michigan have a twin-cities of Two Rivers (population 11,700) and its much larger neighbor, Manitowoc. Within Wisconsin and now U.S. Postal Service, Two Rivers is recognized as the birthplace of the ice cream sundae. More specifically, the first ice cream sundae was served in 1881 at a soda fountain and ice cream parlor owned by Edward C. Berners. The story as related by Don Konop, president of the "Two Rivers Historical Society," goes something like this. While Berners was getting a dish of ice cream for a friend, the friend requested that Berners put some of "that stuff" on the ice cream. The new concoction became a hit. It got its name when a girl ordered a dish of ice cream with "the stuff" on top, she was told those were only sold on Sunday. The girl replied "This must be Sunday then, as that is what I want." Hence the name ice cream Sunday. According to Mr. Konop the spelling was later changed to "sundae."

The Soda Fountain Favorites stamps were issued on June 30, 2016. These stamps include the hot fudge sundae complete with a cherry on the top along with an ice cream cone, banana split, a milk shake, and an ice cream float. The first day ceremony for this issue was held in Two Rivers, Wis. at the Washington House Museum, home of the local historical society. Over 300 people were in attendance with several, including *ATFP's* editor and two of his grandsons, that were willing to stand through the ceremony. WFSC was well represented at the ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Two Rivers Postmaster Dan Brown. The stamps were dedicated by Jean Hilsman from the USPS District Office in Milwaukee.

The Two Rivers Historical Society and the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs sold covers at the event. These covers are pictured below.



WFSC Cover



Two Rivers Historical Society Cover

Shown below is a picture of one side of the booklet format in which the stamps were issued.



Any one of these would have hit the spot on any of the hot days these past few months.

Shown below are some pictures from the event, which in your editor's opinion was one of the best first day ceremonies he has been privileged to witness.



Two Rivers Postmaster Dan Brown



Darelle Lee White and Paul Schroeder canceling WFSC covers at the Two Rivers Post Office prior to the ceremony



Paul Schroeder and Darelle Lee White at WFSC table at the ceremony hall



Standing room only at the ceremony



Don Knoop, president of the Two Rivers Historical Society and Karen Weigt, president WFSC

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Paul Schroeder for his help in writing this article and to Joe Kowalski for his work behind the camera.

By Clete Delvaux

Editor's Note: Clete Delvaux is a lifetime member of the Green Bay Philatelic Society. He is also a member of the American Topical Association and president of its Journalists, Authors, and Poets on Stamps (JAPOS) chapter. In his spare time he edits the *JAPOS Bulletin*. Earlier this year, Clete was inducted into the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame. Clete has agreed to write articles for *ATFP* from time to time in the future. He is an accomplished writer and has been published in *Linn's Stamp News*, *Topical Times*, *Global Stamp News*, and *ATFP*. In addition to all of that, Clete is a good friend. Thanks Clete, for contributing to *ATFP*. I for one look forward to more.

Royal Mail, Steven Spielberg, and Disney Bring the "BFG" ("Big Friendly Giant") to Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday Party



July 2016 saw the release of the American fantasy adventure film, "The BFG." Directed and produced by Steven Spielberg, the film is based on Roald Dahl's 1982 children's novel of the same title. The film's release comes in the centennial year of Dahl's birthday (1916-1990). Dahl, a WWII British fighter pilot, became a novelist, short story writer, poet, and screen writer. Dubbed "one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century," his books have sold over 200 million copies worldwide.

Royal Mail issued two first day covers to celebrate Dahl's birthday. One features The BFG. The other six stamps feature six other children's stories by Dahl: "The Witches," "The Twits," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "Matilda," "James and the Giant Peach," and "Fantastic Mr. Fox." Some of these have also appeared on the silver screen.

Anyone interested in learning more about the JAPOS chapter of the American Topical Association may contact Clete Delvaux via e-mail at: cdelvaux@msn.com.



Fun Fact from American Philatelic Society



A postage stamp was created on the moon. In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts took with them a die of a postage stamp. When they landed on the moon, they took an impression of where they touched down on the moon. This then was used to create the moon's first postage stamp! When the die was returned to Earth it was used to produce the 10-cent airmail stamp (Scott C76) issued in September 1969.



Cheryl Ganz Garners Three Awards

Article by Karen Weigt



Cheryl Ganz

It's a big year for Cheryl Ganz, a Wisconsin native, who spent her childhood on Washington Island, Wis., and still returns there several times a year for visits. In 2013, Cheryl was inducted into the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame for her many achievements and contributions to philately.

This year, at StampShow '16, she received the American Philatelic Society's Luff award for exceptional contributions to philately. She was also inducted to the APS Writers Unit #30 Hall of Fame. In October, she'll receive the Smithsonian Philatelic Achievement Award for outstanding lifetime achievement in the field of philately.

Cheryl is internationally known for her philatelic achievements in a wide variety of fronts. She is curator emerita of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum following service as the chief philatelic curator and lead curator of the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery. She is a renowned collector and exhibitor of zeppelin mail, she is a philatelic researcher, writer, and editor of several notable philatelic publications. She has served as officer, committee and board member for many philatelic organizations and is current vice chair on the U.S. Postal Service Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

Cheryl is the duly recipient of a long, long list of other local, national and international prestigious awards.

Congratulations to Cheryl, and we're proud of her Wisconsin heritage.

*** SEE US AT MILCOPEX ***



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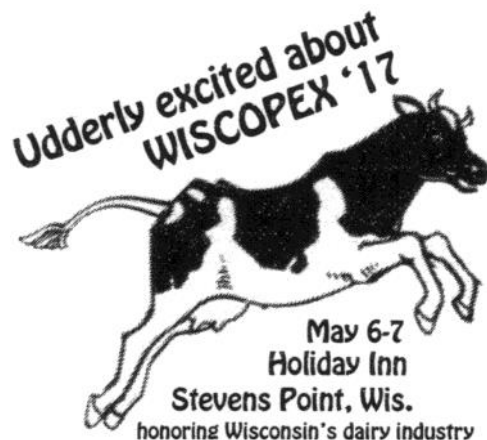
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WISCOPEX '17 LOGO

I'm sure that you noted in Karen's "Federation Focus" on page 5 that WISCOPEX '17 will be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on May 6 and 7, 2017. Shown below is the logo for that show. Please feel free to use as appropriate to help promote our state show.



Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame Nominations

The WFSC recognizes up to three prominent Wisconsin philatelists per year for their contributions to the hobby. Nominations for 2017 candidates for the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame are due December 31, 2016. Qualifications required of nominees are:

- Contributions of a purely local club nature shall not be the sole reason for selection to the Hall of Fame.
- A deceased philatelist may not be nominated or considered for selection until three years after his/her death.

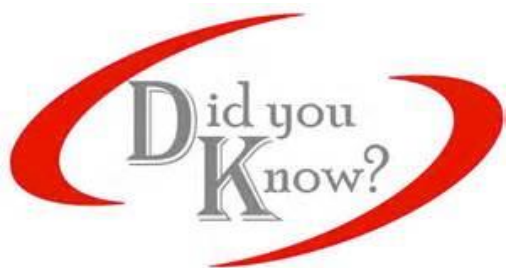
Only WFSC member clubs may submit nominations, each nomination must be seconded by two other member clubs. The nominating club is responsible for making arrangements with the seconding clubs to provide those seconds. The nomination and seconds should be sent together to the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee.

A nomination should include a statement identifying the nominee, a short philatelic biography, and the reasons why that person should be selected for the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame. Send the nomination and seconds to Robert J. Mather, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee, S56 W29562 Roanoke Dr., Waukesha, WI 53189-9035 or burrobb@wi.rr.com.

WFSC Historian Needed

In case you missed it on page 5, WFSC Historian, John Pare, is retiring from his position effective in May, 2017. The federation is looking for a volunteer to take over for John. If you are interested, please contact any WFSC officer or John Pare at 608-852-7358, pare16@mhtc.net.

Please note the correct email address for The Wisconsin Collector is wisccollector@yahoo.com. The address includes two "c's." We regret that in three of the past four months, this address was not correct. Editor Ray D. Perry



Interesting Stamp Facts Courtesy of Rikki Hyde Stamps

- ♦ The smallest stamp ever issued measured 9.5 X 8 mm and was issued in 1863 by the Columbian state of Bolivar.
- ♦ The largest stamps ever issued were issued by China in the early 1900's. They measured 210 X 65 mm and were used on express mail.
- ♦ The first airmail stationery (postcards and letter sheets) was produced for balloon mail in Paris, France in 1870.
- ♦ That in 1849 to combat the practice of using stamps multiple times it was illegal to wash or in any way clean used French postage stamps. In one six-year period nearly 15,000 people were charged under this law. Those charged included genuine stamp collectors.
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Contact Karen Weigt, 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI 53562.
Phone: 608-836-1509, (kweigt@tds.net)

WFSC CLUB SHOWS

September 10, 2016

OUTAPEX 2016

Outagamie Philatelic Society
Fox Valley Lutheran High School
5300 N. Meade St., Appleton, WI
Contact: Corey Gertner
920-257-4028
clgertner@digitalsilk.net

September 16-18, 2016

MILCOPEX 2016

Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 S. 13th St.
Milwaukee, WI
MilwaukeePhilatelic.org
Judged exhibits, seminars, bourse

October 8, 2016

MONROE STAMP AND POSTCARD SHOW

Monroe Stamp Club
Monroe Moose Lodge
(Behind Farm & Fleet)
639 Third Ave.
Monroe, WI
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Randy Riese
608-558-6430
rdries@tds.net
Bourse only

October 15, 2016

CENWISPEX '16

Central Wisconsin Stamp Club
Holiday Inn Stevens Point
1001 Amber Ave.
Stevens Point, WI
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: J.D. Manville
715-341-5555
jadeco@charter.net
Exhibits, bourse

October 29-30, 2016

TOSAPEX '16

Wauwatosa Philatelic Society
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 So. 92nd St.
West Allis, WI
Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Carol Schutta
5401 Portage Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53224
262-388-1453
harryncarolschutta@gmail.com
www.MilwaukeePhilatelic.org

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November 5, 2016

TRI-STATE STAMP EXPO

Tri-State Stamp Club
Northeast Iowa Community College
9342 NICC Dr.
Peosta, IA
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Sally Maier
563-451-3196
3statestamp@gmail.com
Exhibits, bourse

November 19, 2016

OSHKOSH STAMP BOURSE

Oshkosh Philatelic Society
Elk's Club
175 W. Fernau Ave.
Oshkosh, WI
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Dave Carney
920-687-9077
dcarney1@new.rr.com
Bourse only

February 11, 2017

58th ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND BOURSE

Janesville Stamp Club
Holiday Inn Express, 3100
Wellington Pl., Janesville, WI
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Aimee Devine, 2111 E.
Luther Rd., Janesville, WI 53545
(608) 758-1354
spanishmoss72@sbeglobal.net
Exhibits, bourse

March 4-5, 2017

STAMPFEST '17

Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Location to be announced. Greater
Milwaukee, WI. Sat. 10am to 5pm
Sunday 10 am to 3 pm.
Contact: Tom Zacharias
414-321-4362 or 414-852-4019
Bourse only

March 18, 2017

BAYPEX '17

Green Bay Philatelic Society
St. Matthew Catholic Church
Multi-Purpose Room
2575 S. Webster Ave.
Green Bay, WI
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Ray D. Perry
920-469-8925,
fiveperry@athenet.net
Exhibits and bourse

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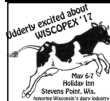
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Badger Stamp Club
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Washington Ave. (across from
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10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (contact: Bob
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N. 30th St., Escanaba, MI
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Contact: Richard Reiffers
(906) 233-5574
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July 29, 2017

12th LAKELAND COIN AND STAMP CLUB SUMMER SHOW

Lakeland Stamp and Coin Club
Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy 47E,
Woodruff, WI 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Dean Marin, P.O. Box 202,
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-9453
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LOMBARD, IL

MSDA Summer Show West.
Midwest stamp Dealers Assoc.,
Lindner Conference Center
610 E. Butterfield Rd.
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October 1-2, 2016

Prospect Heights, IL

MSDA Show North
Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc.
Country Inn & Suites,
600 Milwaukee Ave.
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June 23-25, 2017

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American Topical Assoc.
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October 8, 2016

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