

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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March Meeting – Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

WHERE: FESTIVAL FOODS on University Ave.

2430 University Ave., Green Bay, WI 54302

WHEN: March 16, 2023 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: Philatelic Video by Dave Burrows

Note: The meeting location. We are here at least through December of 2023.

Winter Months Reminder: in the event of adverse weather the meeting will be canceled if either the Green Bay Public Schools, or Green Bay Public School activities for the night of the meeting are cancelled.

February Meeting

The February meeting was called to order with six members present. Minutes for the January meeting were read and approved. There was no treasurer’s report as Clete was not present due to the snowstorm.

Old Business

BAYPEX ’23: Show Chair, Mark Schroeder says we have 10 dealers that have committed to participate in BAYPEX ’23. Advertising efforts are under way with ads appearing in Topical Times, American Philatelist, and Linn’s thanks to Clete Delvaux. In addition, Richard Krainz is working with *Coffee News* to get an ad or article about the show and club included in that publication. Dave Burrows and Ray Perry have been working to get posters out in NE Wisconsin and central Upper Michigan as well as a post card mailing to attendees of previous shows. One last very important piece for the show is the need for help setting up the venue on Friday, March 17 at 11:00 a.m. and help moving dealer’s material into the show (7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Sat.) and back out of the show (4:00

p.m. until done Sat.). Finally, we also need help taking the tables and chairs down after the show on Saturday (4:00 p.m. until done). Remember, many hands make light work. THANKS!

To keep the records straight, Ray/Darryl made a motion to accept Dave Carney’s resignation as Treasurer and accept Clete Delvaux’s offer to take on the role. Then it was moved and seconded to remove Dave Carney as a check signer and add Darryl Ruprecht and Clete Delvaux as check signers. That motion also passed. That leaves the club with three check signers; Clete Delvaux, Darryl Ruprecht, and Ray Perry.

Richard reports that *Coffee News* goes out to 148 businesses in the area and will carry our ad/articles in future editions. Thanks Richard, for your follow up on this subject.

New Business

Dave Burrows suggested that we try sending people that signed our registry at BAYPEX an electronic copy of our newsletter to help

advertise the club and show that we are an active organization. There seemed to be consensus that this was a good plan, so we will give it a try.

Dave Burrows also mentioned that he is going to bring some giveaways or door prizes to meetings in the future to help develop interest in attending our meetings.

The discussion around how to attract more members and increase current members participation continued. You can see from the above that several of these ideas have been implemented. If you are a member and haven't been to a meeting in a while, please come and experience the changes. If there is something you'd like to see changed or tried, please let us know that too. We really do need participation from all of you to help make our club grow and go.

Reminder: dues are now due. Still only \$10.00/year. Please make checks payable to GBPS and bring them to the March meeting or send them to Secretary, Tom Aldrich at 1695 W. Main Circle, Unit 3, DePere, WI 54115, or to Treasurer Cleve Delvaux at 1660 Hoffman Rd., Apt. 110, Green Bay, WI 54311. Let's get the dues paid and get that out of the way. THANKS!

It was moved and seconded (Mark Schroeder/Darryl Ruprecht) to adjourn. The motion passed.

February Program

Dave Burrows presented a video he pieced together on the 2021 Missouri Statehood forever stamp. It was short, but very interesting. Thanks for your efforts Dave.

The other part of the program was a philatelic scavenger hunt. It has been a long time since we've had one of these and participation was down a bit, only three members participated. Luckily we had three prizes, so everyone won something. First place, with a perfect score, went to Bob Petersen. Congratulations Bob. Second place went to Darlene Waterstreet with

only one incorrect answer. Way to go Darlene. Third place went to Tom Aldrich. Here are the questions with the answers in red following the question.

1. Russian born American author who wrote fiction and non-fiction pieces. **Ayn Rand, Scott #3308**
2. This bridge connects the New York City burroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island. **Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, Scott #4872**
3. This stamp commemorates a national park known for its "hoo-doo's." **Bryce Canyon N. P., Scott #C139**
4. This stamp celebrates the bi-centennial of the second least populated state. **Vermont, Scott #2533**
5. This stamp features pictures of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston. **Texas Centennial, Scott #776**
6. This stamp commorates a Swedish-American inventor involved with railroads and ships. **John Ericsson, Scott #628**
7. This man commemorated on a definitive was known as the "apostle to the illiterate" and developed the "Each one teach one" literacy program. **Frank C. Laubach, Scott #1864**
8. This stamp commemorates a woman that was a poet, writer, critic, and satirist. She was also a founding member of the Algonquin Round Table. **Dorothy Parker, Scott #2698**
9. This stamp commemorates a carnival ride and is wearing a "heavy coat." **Armored Jumper, Scott #2978**
10. This cartoon character is pictured with her pal, Sluggo on this stamp. **Nancy, Scott #3000o**

Thanks to those that participated. I'll try another one a few months from now. Feel free to participate at that time.

Health Update

Tom Johnston is home now and continues to improve. Milt Wirth is off crutches and the walker. We wish both of you continued progress in your respective recoveries.

Ray's Ramblings

Last month in recognition of Black History Month we took a look at several of the more than 40 people honored in the Black Heritage series of U.S. stamps. This month, I borrowed an idea from *Scott Stamp Monthly*. In my last issue of this publication, they had a short piece on several stamps that were issued 100 years ago. That is a bit too far back for me. I decided to go back 50 years and look at a few issues from 1973. Most of us were born by then and many of us were already collecting stamps by then.

Let's start with a U.S. stamp. The 33rd president of the United States seems to be a worthy choice. Harry S. Truman was born in Lamar, MO on May 8, 1884. He died on December 26, 1972 in Kansas City, MO. He served as a U.S. Senator from Missouri from 1935 to 1945 when he was sworn in as the 33rd vice president of the U.S.



President Harry S. Truman, U.S. Scott 1499

He became president a few months later in April of 1945 following the sudden death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. As a U.S. Senator, he gained notoriety as chairman of the "Truman Committee" which was formed to reduce waste and inefficiency in government contracts. As president, he first learned of the existence of nuclear weapons and within a few months was faced with the decision on whether or not to use them. We all know what he decided and the results of that decision. It is speculated that he saved countless American and Allied lives by his choice to use the nuclear weapons. He was responsible for forming

NATO and implementing the Marshall Plan to help rebuild Europe. Truman was also faced with tough decisions regarding Korea and General Douglas MacArthur. He is also attributed with the quote "The buck stops here."

To the north of us, Canada was celebrating a visit from Queen Elizabeth in August. The Queen was in Canada to open the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Ottawa. At the meeting various topics were discussed including situations in the middle east and southeast Asia, as well as Rhodesia's white minority rule. They also discussed expansion of trade. Relationships between the Commonwealth and the U.S., the Soviet Union, and China were discussed. The two stamps are shown below.



Queen Elizabeth II, Canada Scott 620-21

Let's check out what new stamps were being issued in Japan 50 years ago. A quick check of the Scott catalogue shows that the Japanese were celebrating the opening of the Kan Mon Bridge. This suspension bridge opened on November 14, 1973. The bridge crosses the Kan Mon Straits and is one of the 50 largest bridges in the world. It spans a length of 3,504 feet and connects Honshu and Kyushu, two of Japan's four main islands.



Kan Mon Bridge, Japan Scott 1151

Let's head to Africa and see what stamp was being issued in the Malagasy Republic. It turns

out that the country issued a stamp showing this local mail carrier.



A Tsimandoa Mail Carrier, Scott 487

Note the spear the mailman is carrying, wonder what he needs it for – yappy dogs beware! Wish I could claim the humor, but I found it uncredited on the internet.

Okay, we've been to the U.S. and Canada – both North American countries. We've been to Japan in Asia and to Malagasy Republic in Africa. Let's check out Chile in South America. In 1973, Chile issued a pair of stamps to commemorate the Chilean wine industry. These two stamps are pictured below.



Chile Scott 439 – 40

According to Wikipedia, Chile has a long history of producing wines dating back to the 16th century when the Spanish conquistadors introduced wine to the area. In the mid 19th century a number of French wines were introduced. Today Chile is the fifth largest exporter of wine and the seventh largest producer of wine in the world. Next time you have a glass of Chilean wine toast your stamp collection.

That leaves Europe and Antarctica. For Europe let's head to the Netherlands. The Dutch issue a lot of semi-postals, especially for child welfare. Sure enough, in 1973 they issued a set of four

semi-postals depicting various games including a chess board, tic-tack-toe, labyrinth, and dominoes.



Netherlands semi-postals, Scott B497-500

That leaves Antarctica and Australia. Let's see if we can kill two birds with one stone. In 1973 twelve stamps were issued for Australian Antarctic Territory showing the food chain and explorer's aircraft. Shown below is the high value of the set.



Top of the food chain, sperm whale attacking a giant squid, Scott L34. Brr, it's cold down here.

Two final reminders:

1. If you haven't already, please get your dues paid.
2. Please set aside time on Friday March 17 at 11:00 a.m. to help set up for the show, and time on Saturday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. to help the dealers and take down the venue.

See you at the meeting on March 16, 2023.

Upcoming Shows

- Mar. 18**, BAYPEX '23, Green Bay Philatelic Society, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Multipurpose Room, 2575 S. Webster Ave. 9:00 to 4:00
- Mar. 31 – Apr. 1**, MSDA Madison Stamp Show, DoubleTree Madison East, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI, Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-4.
- May 6 – 7**, WISCOPEX '23, Hotel Retlaw, One N. Main St., Fond du Lac, WI, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3.
- June 17-18**, MSDA LaCrosse Stamp Show, LaCrosse Center, 300 Harborville Plaza, LaCrosse, WI, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3.
- July 8-9**, MSDA Milwaukee Show, Waukesha Expo Center – Forum Bldg., 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha, WI, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3