

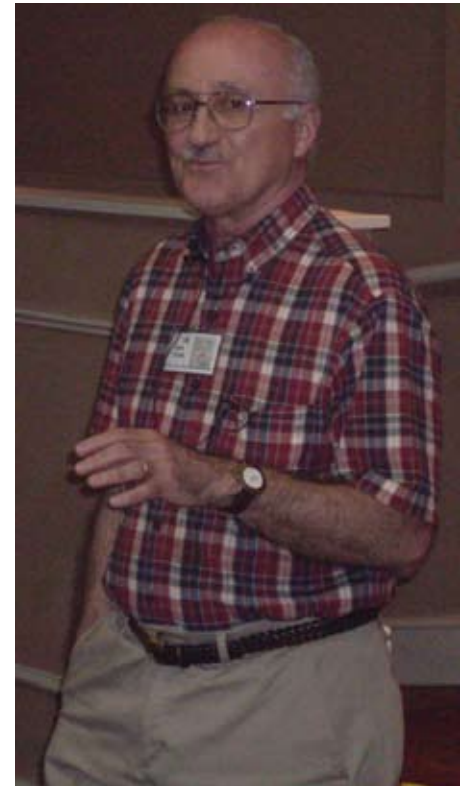
Stamps & Tongs

The E-mail Newsletter of the
Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society



Jack presents third part of Hungary program

On May 13, Jack Urish presented the third and final part of his presentation on Hungarian philately. This third part of a presentation that Jack began in 2008 covered the years from the end of First World War through the end of the Second World War. He shared a number of unique postal history items that showed how the borders of Hungary changed due to the redrawing of the European map by the Allies after the First World War. As evidence in the semi-postal stamps that accompany this article, Hungary once again picked the wrong side, fighting with the Axis powers during the war. Jack noted that he does not collect anything past 1946-7 because most of the stamps produced by Hungary were the propaganda CTO stamps commonly found in the Soviet satellite republics. Having sat through all three presentations, I now have a deeper appreciation for the stamps and history of Hungary. It is a complex area to collect and a person can put together a collection at a reasonable price. A big thank you goes out to Jack for presenting all three programs.-DM



A semipostal issue from 1944 for the Hungarian Red Cross.

Perry Denton will present June program on Danish Xmas seals

It is Christmas in June with the next program presented by Perry Denton June 10. Perry will share his collection of Xmas seals with our group. The meeting at the Edgemere begins at 7:30 with the presentation starting around 8:00. See you



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Notes from the Editor



It is summertime, but now we should start planning for the Fall. On September 9, Steven Crippe of Heritage Auctions Galleries will be our guest speaker. Last year we had Charles Shreve from Shreve-Spinks Auctions come and talk to us. The Shreve presentation was great and I would call that the highlight of the year for the DPCPS. So it is important that we build on the success of the last presentation to make Mr. Crippe's night successful. One thing we need to do is make sure we have a **strong turnout** by the membership. **It is important that everyone who is reading this newsletter today plan on being in the audience September 9.** The next thing to do to make the presentation successful is to invite a friend. Ask your spouse or significant other to attend. We need to invite other Metroplex clubs to attend. If you are a member of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club, invite them to come. Invite a collector friend you may know to come visit that night. We also need to dress up that night. No sandals or t-shirts. You do not need to wear a tie (I won't), but you should dress as if you are attending an important event. And finally, have some good questions to ask Mr. Crippe after his presentation. One of the highlights of the Shreve presentation were the excellent questions asked by the audience. Mr. Crippe will talk about "Errors, Freaks and Oddities," so be prepared to make comments about EFOs. It will be September 9 before you know it. See you in June at the Edgemere. **-DM.**

June-August 2009 Philatelic Calendar

June 10 Program: "Denmark Christmas seals" speaker Perry Denton.

June 24 Mini-Auction and Philatelic Spotlight.

July 6 Board meeting at the Edgemere.

July 8 Program TBA.

July 10-11 TSDA Bourse at the Richardson Civic Center.

July 22 Quarterly Auction. Get your lots ready now!

August 10 Program: "Flag Stamps" speaker Paul Wittehoeft.

August 24 Mini Auction & Philatelic Spotlight.

To volunteer for a presentation or Philatelic Spotlight, contact Harry Pedersen.

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Metroplex Postal History of the Month



This month's postal history is an advertising cover from Thrift Packing Co. It has a Pitney Bowes meter stamp showing postage of 1 cent. I place this cover as probably being from the 1940s. During my research on the Internet, the only information I was able to find on the Thrift company was a piggy bank given away by the company found on a collectables website. The website mentioned that Thrift was known for their mascot, a thrifty Scotsman. On the other side of the can bank it says save your money so you can buy the Thrift canned products like chili, beans and other vegetables. Searches on Google Maps and Google Earth did not turn up the Pacific avenue address. Perhaps someone who remembers purchasing Thrift products as a child can help me date this cover.-DM



DO YOU HAVE ONE?

Jack Urish is in possession of a limited number of Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society book bags he would like to sell for the society. Can you think of a better way to the world know that you are a philatelist? The bag is sturdy with reinforced handles.

See Jack at the next DPCPS meeting to get yourself a bag

They are a bargain at only \$8.

Tell a friend about the DPCPS! Invite them to a meeting!

The DPCPS meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month 7:30 pm. • The Edgemere, 8523 Thackery, Dallas, TX 75255

Online Philately: Mekeel's & Stamps Magazine

At the end of last year I decided to try and save some money by subscribing to some of my favorite stamp magazines online. This month I will review my online subscription to *Mekeel's and Stamps*. Next month I will tell you about *Linn's* online effort.

Mekeel's and Stamps have been around since 1891. I like to think of them as the little stamp magazine that tries as much as it can to match *Linn's* each week. To tell you the truth, I feel that I get more from reading *M&S* each week than I do *Linn's*. One of the things that makes *M&S* special are the editorials by John L. Leszak.

Now about the online version. The interface used to read the online version is very easy to use. With one double click the text will go to a larger size which makes reading very easy. There are links to advertisers throughout the magazine, allowing you to respond directly. Another thing that makes *M&S* a great read is that you can download the magazine as a pdf file and save each issue to your hard drive. *Linn's* does not offer a pdf file which you can save their magazine.



How much does it cost? The online version of *M&S* is \$15 versus a \$37.50 price for the print edition. So you have a significant savings when going online. Also, the delivery is weekly, with an e-mail reminder from *M&S* that your new issue is available. One of the problems with the print edition was that offer issues would arrive late and in bunches. You also do not have to worry about the online cover being torn off in the mail. I highly recommend *M&S* online. For more information, go to www.stampnewsnow.com to check out a sample copy and for subscription information. Next month I will review *Linn's*.-DM

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