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## “WORLD’S RAREST STAMP” UP FOR AUCTION

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Regarded by many philatelists as the “world’s rarest stamp,” the 1856 British Guiana 1¢ Magenta joins two other great rarities being offered in the “Three Treasures – Collected by Stuart Weitzman” sale on June 8 at the Sotheby’s auction house in New York City.

Only one copy of the one-cent magenta is known to exist and the other two items are just as exceptional, a plate block of the

United States 1918 24¢ Jenny Invert air-mail error and the United States 1933 \$20 Double Eagle gold coin, the latter being the only one in private hands.

The British Guiana stamp and the Double Eagle coin are being offered with estimates of \$10-15 million each and are expected to set new world auction records. The Inverted Jenny carries an estimate of \$5-\$7 million, set to eclipse its own record for an American philatelic item.



The unique 1856 British Guiana 1¢ Magenta is expected to fetch over \$10 million when it is sold at a Sotheby’s auction in early June.

in March of this year, Weitzman acknowledged having bought the only legal 1933 Double Eagle in 2002 for \$7.6 million, then the most expensive coin ever sold.

Weitzman, born in 1941, is shoe designer and founder of the shoe company Stuart Weitzman. He stated it was his dream to put the long hidden away items on public display, which he did. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the Weitzman Family Foundation and other charities.

### FOR FURTHER READING

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/digital-catalogues/three-treasures-collected-by-stuart-weitzman>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stuart\\_Weitzman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stuart_Weitzman)



The owner of the British Guiana 1¢ Magenta is also selling his plate block of the United States 1918 Inverted Jenny.

On June 17, 2014, Weitzman, who had collected stamps as a child, anonymously purchased the 1¢ Magenta at a Sotheby’s auction for \$9.48 million, including buyer’s premium, the highest price ever paid for a postage stamp. Weitzman lent the stamp to the National Postal Museum for exhibition for 4½ years beginning in June 2015. That same month, Weitzman also identified himself as the current owner of the unique plate block of four 1918 U.S. 24-cent Inverted Jennies, widely regarded as the world’s most celebrated philatelic printing error. In conjunction with placing the two philatelic rarities up for sale



The obverse and reverse of the only 1933 \$20 Double Eagle coin in private hands.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, all DPCPS meetings at the Edgemere Retirement Community have been canceled until further notice. Meetings will be held instead on the internet. In the event meetings at the Edgemere or somewhere else resume before the July-August edition of *Stamp and Tongs*, members will receive either an email or postcard notice. Regular DPCPS meetings are called to order at 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

- May 12** DPCPS INTERNET MEETING, Program: Quarterly Auction
- May 26** DPCPS INTERNET MEETING, Program: *Philatelic Quiz*, presented by Arthur von Reyn.
- June 9** DPCPS INTERNET MEETING, Program: *Postal History of Hawaii*, presented by Rick Hosler.
- June 23** DPCPS INTERNET MEETING, Program: *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter P*, presented by various members.
- June 25-26** DALLAS TSDA, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
- June** OKPEX. This event has been canceled.
- July 14** DPCPS INTERNET MEETING, Program: *Joint Issues of Poland* presented by Stan Bartnikowski.
- July 28** DPCPS INTERNET MEETING, Program: *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter R*, presented by various members.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI



We've been meeting virtually for almost a year now. There are indications that the Edgemere is opening up and that we may be able to meet in person again in the near future. Hopefully, my next letter will find us meeting at the Edgemere again.

Our virtual meetings have been quite successful, thanks to Art von Reyn's setup. Our online auctions have been highly successful and popular, thanks to the efforts of Bill Laupus' wife Susan, who has done a remarkable job gathering the lot descriptions, organizing them and collating the results. Kudos to Susan!

Our recent meetings have included *Philatelic Phollies* by Geoff Owens (I keep wondering how he found all these errata!), *USA Presidents*, a joint effort by George Clayton and Paul Witthoef showing only a small sample of George's extensive U.S. Presidents collection, and *The World's Salute to the Olympics*, an informative presentation by Bill Laupus. The latter is a good example of how one can create an interesting presentation based on a small stamp album.

While we can't disperse Jack's albums at our meetings, you are welcome to call Jack at (214) 349-6372 to make an appointment to grab an album or two, for perusal in the comforts of your home. For me, Jack also happened to acquire a collection of Poland locals at one of the auctions he bid on. I bought this as a Father's Day present.

Stay happy, safe, and healthy. Enjoy your stamps!



## EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY ARTHUR VON REYN

The Great American Stamp Show scheduled for August 12-15, 2021, remains a "go" at this time. According to the show website, three benchmarks need to be met by May 15 in order for the event to be viable: commitment of at least 500 frames of competitive exhibits; booth deposits received from a minimum of 75 dealers; and participation of at least 25 or more societies. Apparently, if this criteria is not met, the event slated to take place in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont [near the O'Hare Airport], might be canceled.

Formerly known as Stampshow, the first Great American Stamp Show received a new moniker last year due to the American First Day Cover Society joining the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association as cohosts. Like most other philatelic events last year, it became a casualty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For the second year in a row, the June OKPEX won't occur. Joe Crosby, the show chairman, only said the show was canceled. He did not respond to email inquiries about postponement or whether the Oklahoma City Stamp Club would try and hold the event in 2022. OKPEX has been the only APS World Series of Philately show within a reasonable driving distance of Dallas since TEXPEX folded after the 2017 edition of that event was held.

Don't forget that classified ads are now available for publication in this newsletter. For details, see the ad section on page 8.

# SCOUTING'S STAMP COLLECTING MERIT BADGE

By Paul Witthoef

The Boy Scout's merit badge for Stamp Collecting continues to be rarely awarded, but most likely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, more were awarded in 2020 than in any of the prior four years.

According to statistics released by the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle-required merit badges like Camping (30,490), Personal Management, Citizenship(s) and Family Life (48,408) remained the most frequently earned in that terrible year just ended.

However, there was a shift away from merit badges usually earned at summer camps such as small boat sailing and shotgun shooting, because organized summer scouting activities were typically unavailable in 2020. Indoor merit badges increased in popularity, including increases in Public Health, American Business and Safety.



The Boy Scout's stamp collecting merit badge remains one of the rarest ever awarded.

Stamp Collecting remains a very rare "elective" merit badge but increased from almost dead last (136th out of 137) up to slightly

less so (132nd) in the 2020 rankings. Over the past five years, less than 1,000 scouts nationally earn the Stamp Collecting merit badge each year: 793 in 2016, 954 in 2017, 836 in 2018, 919 in 2019, increasing to 1,278 earned in 2020, a 39 percent gain!

Of the 139 currently active merit badge categories, cumulative totals of stamp collecting badges earned since 1911 were 395,283 as of the end of 2020, placing it at 72nd in popularity.

As reported in the July 2018 *Stamp & Tongs*, earning this merit badge requires each young scout collector to show knowledge of stamp collecting vocabulary (commemorative, definitive, airmail, etc.), demonstrate familiarity with tools (tongs, hinges, soaking, catalog, etc.), and finally show his or her stamp collection (world, national, topical, etc.).

Girl Scouts, USA doesn't offer a specific stamp collecting badge, but does have them for collecting hobbies, which would



Boy Scouts have appeared on five U.S. stamp issues, including one of the 22¢ International Youth Year se-tenant stamps of 1984 and a 32¢ Celebrate the Century 1900s stamp, issued in 1998.

encompass stamp collecting. The other U.S. scouting group, Camp Fire, doesn't currently have a merit badge program.

*Editor's Note: Paul Witthoef is a former scoutmaster and still registered as an adult Boy Scout leader.*

## FOR FURTHER READING

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/02/24/2020-merit-badge-rankings-a-list-rewritten-by-the-pandemic/>  
<http://dallasstamps.org/newsletterspdfs/2018-57-03.pdf>

## BEWARE: USED GERMAN INFLATIONS

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Purchasing genuine postally used German stamps of the 1921-23 high inflation period is a prodigious challenge.

The Scott catalogue warns collectors of the perils in its German listings with this notice:

**Postally Used vs. CTO**  
 Values quoted for canceled stamps of the 1921-1923 issues are for postally used stamps. These bring higher prices than the plentiful canceled-to-order stamps made by applying genuine handstamps to remainders. C.T.O. examples sell for about the same price as unused stamps. Certification of postal usage by competent authorities is necessary.

Does anyone read this? Judging from the pricing of used copies on the philatelic marketplace, the answer is "seldom."

Very few used copies I see on the internet, stuck in APS sales books, in the APS stamp store or in normal dealer stocks have any indication of "Certification of postal usage by competent authorities...."

So do these questionable used stamps "sell for about the same price as unused stamps," as the Scott notice says? For cheaper used stamps with a catalogue value of \$2 or less, that is often the case.

But if the catalogue used price gets to be \$10 or more, invariably the pricing is 20% to 50% of the Scott's postally used price; this is typically 50 to as much as 250 times the unused stamp cost Scott says is appropriate when no certification is provided.

The moral here is to buy used copies at the unused price unless the item in question has been examined by a "competent authority." One such authority is Infla-Berlin, a German philatelic group that specializes mostly in



A seller on Hipstamp asks \$81 for this Scott #277 with a catalogue value of \$150 but offers no proof it's postally used. The Scott CTO value is a mere 45¢.

German inflation era stamps. It offers an expertization service that is considerably cheaper than the usual certificates from the American Philatelic Society or the Philatelic Foundation. Stamps reviewed by the group's experts are backstamped with an either with an approximate 1/4" circle inscribed "Echt Infla Berlin" (Genuine

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# WORKER STRIKE SPURRED CREATION OF USPS

By Arthur P. von Reyn

By the late 1960s, the former U.S. Post Office Department was facing unprecedented labor unrest. Employees felt they were overworked, underpaid, lacked benefits, and conditions were unsanitary and unsafe. By law, collective bargaining was not permitted.

As whites left postal employment for better jobs, the workforce became increasingly black. Energized by the Civil Rights Movement and upset after Congress gave itself a 41% pay boost but only 4% to postal workers, on March 17, 1970, members of the National Association of Letter Carriers in New York City voted to go on strike the following day.

To no avail, President Richard Nixon appeared on national television, ordering strikers back to work. Even though a strike against the federal government was illegal, the movement eventually swelled across the country, with more 210,000 postal employees in 671 other cities refusing to work. Nixon spoke to the nation again on March 23, asking the workers to go back to their jobs. Declaring a national emergency, he announced the National Guard would be deployed to deliver mail in New York City. The Nixon administration



For the inauguration of the U.S. Postal Service in 1971, free cacheted envelopes were sent to about 32,000 post offices with a limit of one per customer. A customer still had to purchase or use a stamp if he or she wanted a cancellation. Envelopes with the stamp and a machine cancel already applied may have available at larger post offices, as most now existing lack evidence of postal use.

continued to negotiate with postal union leaders and the largest wildcat strike in U.S. history ended after eight days with not a single worker being fired.

The situation led to the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, which turned the U.S. Post Office Department into the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). Workers were guaranteed collective bargaining rights

but still could not strike. In addition, a postal career service was established and political appointments to USPS jobs were prohibited.

The act didn't take full effect July 1, 1971, which Nixon proclaimed National Postal Service Day, a day "set aside ... to give recognition to the contributions made through the years by the men and women of the Post Office who have served the Nation so faithfully and to mark the inauguration of the United States Postal Service."

In June 1971, flyers were mailed to every postal customer in the country announcing the official launch of the USPS; inspectors were sent out during the last week of the month to ensure facilities were clean and orderly for the National Postal Service Day, which Postmaster General Winton Blount called "a day when the general public and the people of the Postal Service [could] join together in a warm and friendly manner."

The USPS commemorated its inaugural day with an 8-cent stamp [Scott #1396] featuring its new official seal, an "eagle poised for flight." The stamp was placed on sale at every post office in the nation, numbering almost 32,000 at the time. This broke a decades-long tradition of exclusively offering new stamps in one, or occasionally a couple of locations, on the first day of sale.

In addition to buying the stamp, customers were entitled to free souvenir envelope on a one-per-customer basis. The cachet design featured the new USPS logo superimposed over the old emblem of a post rider on horseback that had represented the Post Office Department since 1837.

In Washington, D.C., Postmaster General Blount

## How to help Mail Service work better for you

On July 1st, the new United States Postal Service will be officially launched as an independent arm of the government, dedicated to providing the services you need efficiently and economically. The improvements we plan will take time, but we are confident they will be accomplished. Your cooperation is important too and so we have sent you this leaflet to help you help us make the mails work better.

Winton M. Blount  
Postmaster General



In June 1970, every delivery address in the country received a leaflet with mailing tips and announcements about the U.S. Postal Service's inaugural day activities as well as the availability of souvenir envelopes.



A postal clerk in Arlington, Texas, was apparently not sure how to apply a cancellation to a first day cover. The author owns this cover, and the only other one he has seen from that city has the same appearance, the cancellation is not properly tied to the stamp.

first visited the NBC studios for an interview for the *Today Show*, then returned to headquarters for a special ceremony dedicating the new stamp.

Washington was the only location authorized to use the "First Day of Issue" cancellation; all the other post offices were instructed to use their normal hand or machine cancels.

Postal Service Day celebrations were held at thousands of Post Offices nationwide. Programs ranged from flag raising ceremonies and musical entertainment

to open houses and tours of postal facilities. Sent to all post offices, stations and branches was a photograph exhibit "These Are the People Who Are the U.S. Postal Service" encompassing sixteen 12"x18" photographs of postal employees on the job, from mail handlers to postmasters. In lobbies of larger post offices, an 11-minute film *More and Louder* was screened, featuring "man-on-the-street" interviews about the public perception of the USPS, showing postal workers on the job, and having an animated "history of the U.S.

Mail from Colonial America to the Moon."

For collectors, of course, the lasting legacy is the first day covers that still abound. As of this writing, more than 1,300 were listed on Hipstamp, an internet collector website whose offerings include cheaper items. Most of the listings are the free USPS cachet, but some are the products of commercial cachet makers such as Arcraft, Artmaster and Fleetwood. Nearly all are unaddressed and the majority have machine cancels, indicating many USPS cachets were stamped and cancelled in advance; it's unlikely employees would be running back to the cancelling machine every time a customer wanted one.

As to any recognition for the 50th anniversary of the Postal Service, USPS senior public relations representative Roy Betts said "From what I have learned, for now the USPS Historian is working on something. No stamp. I'm asking around about a special postmark or cancellation."

**FOR FURTHER READING**

- <https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/postal-service-day.pdf>
- <https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/pieces-of-mail-since-1789.pdf>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S.\\_postal\\_strike\\_of\\_1970](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._postal_strike_of_1970)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postal\\_Reorganization\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postal_Reorganization_Act)



This selection of covers from the Dallas-Fort Worth area includes one at the lower right with an early use of a "U.S. Postal Service" cancel along with a mystery zip code that appears to be "760V8."

# THE FEDERAL BOATING STAMPS OF 1960

By Arthur P. von Reyn

On April 1, 1960, the U.S. issued two boat stamps for use on applications to register motorboats. Unlike most U.S. revenue stamps, these were used only in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

Two years earlier, Congress passed the Federal Boating Act of 1958. This act permitted states to take on certain boat safety responsibilities that had previously been handled by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The act was passed "to promote boating safety on the navigable waters of the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia; to provide coordination and cooperation with the States in the interest of uniformity of boating laws; and for other purposes."

As part of this act, the government developed a numbering system for vessels, and encouraged the states, territories, and District of Columbia to develop their own boat safety laws and numbering systems. The numbers were to be painted or attached to a vessel's bow.

By 1960, most states had passed boating laws as suggested in the Federal Boating Act. The exceptions were Alaska, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wyoming and Washington plus the District of Columbia.

Part of the act accounted for the inevitability of inaction in some states. After April 1, 1960, it was necessary for owners of boats with a horsepower greater than 10, and located where no compliant boating laws were in place, to register with the U.S. Coast Guard if they wanted to use such vessels in navigable waters of the U.S. and not face a \$50 fine.

For boat owners in those states to apply for registration, a \$3.00 stamp was required, available at post offices. The stamp was two part. When purchased, an application form was filled out.



Iowa was one of the 14 states plus the District of Columbia that did not have appropriate boating laws in place when the Federal Boating Act became effective on April 1, 1960, so residents of those states owning larger than 10 horsepower boats had to go to the post office and buy a \$3.00 registration application stamp, which was attached to a receipt like this.



In 1960, two boating stamps were issued for use in states that had not adopted boating laws that were suggested by the Federal Boating Act of 1958. The pair, listed as #RVB1-2 in Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps, have a value of \$82.50 in mint, never hinged condition.

The bottom part was attached to an application form sent to the Coast Guard. The top part was attached to temporary permit the purchaser received and was to retain until receipt of a permanent registration card, valid for three years.

Boaters were then expected to carry the registration card on their boats in pocket-sized waterproof cases.

Apparently, it was expected there would be mishaps on the way, thus a \$1.00 stamp was made available for a replacement of a lost or damaged permanent card. It was also in two parts.

The Coast Guard vigilantly patrolled water ways to ensure boaters had their certificates.

Some types of vessels were exempt from the law, including those that were used just for racing as well as government and foreign boats.

Since the bottom part of the stamps was sent to the Coast Card, they are scarcer in used condition. Used top copies of the \$3 stamp are fairly easy to find and can be had for less than \$50. Assuming a used top copy of the scarce \$1 stamp can be located, expect to pay between \$500 and \$1,000.

Due to the stamps' inavailability is most states, collectors were able to buy the stamps through what was then called the Post Office's Philatelic Sales Unit. By the middle of the 1960s, the remaining states adopted appropriate boating laws and the stamps were discontinued.

## FOR FURTHER READING

<https://www.mysticstamp.com/Products/United-States/RVB2/USA/>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-72/pdf/STATUTE-72-Pg1754.pdf>



In April 2021, an eBay seller was asking \$790 for a scarce used copy of the \$1.00 boating stamp.

# CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

*Editor's Note: All meetings listed below are being held on the internet using the Zoom video conferencing application. Minutes are edited due to space considerations.*

## March 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 14 members were present plus guest Jared Vail of Point, Texas.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

**Program VP** – March and April meeting schedule:

**March 24** - *Stamps of USA Presidents*, presented by various members.

**April 14** - *The World's Salute to the Olympics*, by Bill Laupus.

**April 28** - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter O*, by various presenters

**May 12** - Quarterly Auction.

**Editor/Website** – If errors are detected in the newsletter after it published, the version posted on the website will be corrected.

**Membership** – There are 32 paid members. Seven persons who haven't paid will be contacted by Stan Bartnikowski.

**Exhibitor's Report** – The next opportunity for a club frame would be the Houston show, should it be held in September.

**Old Business** – It was mentioned the DPCPS was listed in the \$1,000-\$1,500 donation recognitions in the April 2020 *American Philatelist* and that Stan Bartnikowski had the club included on the APS print and internet listings of virtual stamp club meetings.

**New Business** – None.

**Announcements** – Members were encouraged to call Jack Urish about picking up some albums. The club needs door prize donations. The club earned a \$5.00 credit with the APS due to Rick Hosler joining the national group.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – Perry Denton mentioned he had a 30 franc Central African Republic stamp (Scott #202) with a missing value.

**Door Prizes/Album Drawing** – Ben Schkolne won some MNH Canadian stamps and a Canal Zone plate block donated by Joe Baker.

**Program** – Geoff Owens *Philatelic Phollies* program showed dozens of stamps with design errors, ranging from three-legged animals to a mountain in the wrong country.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

## March 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 12 members and guest Jared Vail of Point, Texas were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting

were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – No report due.

**Program VP** - April and May meeting schedule:

**April 14** - *The World's Salute to the Olympics*, by Bill Laupus.

**April 28** - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter O*, by various presenters

**May 12** - Quarterly Auction.

**May 26** - to be announced.

Upcoming stamp shows:

**TSDA Richardson/Dallas Show:**

April 9-10 at the DoubleTree hotel in Richardson

**Editor/Website** – The editor asked if anyone used software for stamp page design that could be used in a future newsletter article.

**Membership** – Currently 32 members have paid their 2021 dues.

**Exhibitor's Report** – OKPEX is expected to cancel their June show.

**Old Business** – Stan will reach out to seven unpaid members. New member recruiting was discussed.

**New Business** – None.

**Announcements** – Club polo shirts are still available and member donations of door prizes are needed.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – None.

**Door Prize/Album Drawing** – Bill Laupus won a \$10 gift certificate good for purchases from Jack Urish's albums. Bill Laupus will donate a U.S. stamp collection for the next meeting.

**Program** – The program *Stamps of USA Presidents* was initiated by George Clayton, who had long presidential sets issued by Liberia, Equatorial Guinea and St. Vincent. Paul Witthoef discussed John Jay, a president of the U.S. Continental Congress. Bill Laupus spotlighted through postal cards the administrations of Ulysses S. Grant and William McKinley, followed by a Gerald R. Ford inauguration cover. Stan Bartnikowski also owned a Ford inauguration cover, but then displayed four related to the inauguration of Jimmy Carter; he and his wife attended that event plus one of the inaugural balls.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

## April 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 16 members were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

**Program VP** – April and May meeting

schedule:

**April 28** - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter O*, by various presenters

**May 12** - Quarterly Auction.

**Editor/Website** – The deadline for submitting classified ads for the next newsletter is April 15. Art von Reyn and Stan Bartnikowski are writing an article on designing stamp album pages.

**Membership** – no report.

**Exhibitor's Report** – probably no exhibits until Mid-Cities show in November.

**Old Business** – Rod Gabel is working on getting the club mentioned on the TPA website.

**New Business** – George Clayton is negotiating a resumption of physical meetings at the Edgemere. Stuart Barzune will bring U.S. material once in-person meetings return.

**Announcements** – Club shirts are still available; door prize donations are needed.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – None

**Door Prize** – Jim Colliton won a collection of used U.S. stamps donated by Bill Laupus.

**Program** – Bill Laupus presented *The World's Salute to the Olympics*, contrasting the Winter and Summer games held in 1932 versus those held in 1988. Don Wolman added a note about the 1980 Winter games where two Olympians from tiny Liechtenstein won four gold and silver medals in Alpine skiing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## April 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 15 members were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – No report due.

**Program VP** – May and June meeting schedule:

**May 12** - Quarterly Auction.

**May 26** - *Philatelic Quiz*, by Art von Reyn

**June 9** - volunteer needed.

**June 23** - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter P*, presented by various members.

**Editor/Website** – The May-June newsletter will be published around May 1. The website is updated after each meeting.

**Membership** – There are currently 37 members.

**Exhibitor's Report** – none.

**Old Business** – George Clayton will discuss a return to Edgemere meetings when the facility has a staff meeting on May 4.

**New Business** – none

**Announcements** – Club shirts are still available; door prize donations are needed.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – None

**Door Prize** – Perry Denton won a \$10 gift certificate good for purchases from Jack Urish's albums.

**Program** – Ben Schkolne was the first of four

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## BEWARE: USED GERMAN INFLATIONS

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The Infla-Berlin Association backstamps the German inflation era stamps they examine to indicate copies that are genuine postally used.

Infla-Berlin) or an approximate 3/8" square inscribed "Echt Im Block geprüft Infla Berlin" (Genuine in block examined by Infla Berlin).

Scott's inflation era dictum for German stamps also applies to the equivalent issues of Bavaria, so be wary of used offerings from there as well. However, the Scott listings for Danzig and Württemberg issues of 1920-1923 are for favor canceled copies, so the problem of overpriced canceled-to-order stamps does not exist for those two entities.

### FOR FURTHER READING

<https://www.infla-berlin.de/>

## CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the fifth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for two consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to [apvr@msn.com](mailto:apvr@msn.com) or mailed to 10512 Countess Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-5103.

### FOR SALE

**U.S. 2021 COIL STAMPS** at face: (20¢) Brush Rabbit, (36¢) Barns—strip of 4 (\$1.44). PNC strips (5 or 9) at twice face. Add 55¢ postage to overall order. I accept checks or usable U.S. postage. Stan Bartnikowski, [stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com](mailto:stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com), (972) 365-2704.

**COMPLETE SET** of 2010 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue (six volumes). Price \$30.00. Pick up at my home in Dallas, at a club meeting when they resume or make other arrangements. Arthur P. von Reyn, [apvr@msn.com](mailto:apvr@msn.com), (214) 956-6840.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

*Editor's Note: Minutes of meetings are edited due to space considerations.*

April 7, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Stan Bartnikowski presiding. Nine members present: Stan Bartnikowski, Bill Laupus, Art von Reyn, Rod Gabel, Rick Hosler, Jack Urish, Paul Witthoef, Ben Schkolne, Geoff Owens, and Stuart Barzune.

### Old Business:

Future meetings – Zoom meetings will continue at least into May. George Clayton communicated before the meeting about the current situation at the Edgemere, indicating outsiders were being allowed back in, but there had been a change in management.

Investment alternatives – No action will be taken for the time being.

Membership recruitment – A proposed member recruitment letter for APS members was prepared by Art von Reyn for board review. Stuart Barzune volunteered to cover the mailing cost. The board approved sending a mailing once in-person meetings resume.

Dues collections – Stan Barnikowski sent out letters to unpaid members. There are currently four unpaid. The board approved exempting George Clayton from dues this year due to his association with Edgemere. Also approved was dropping three members for non-payment of dues.

Door Prizes - The board formally approved giving \$10 certificates for Jack's Albums at the second meeting of each month.

APS Circuit Books – In lieu of obtaining APS circuit books with U.S. stamps, Stuart Barzune agreed to bring to physical meetings some of the inventory he obtained from the old Alpha D stamp shop.

### New Business:

Family and Junior Memberships — The bylaws mention Junior members but not family memberships. Bill Laupus will research this question.

Increase in dues — A proposal to increase dues and then offer a discount back to current levels if paid by December 31 will be researched further by Bill Laupus.

The board agreed to recognize Susan Laupus for her efforts in organizing the virtual Zoom auctions with a mention in the President's column in the newsletter and an appropriate gift at the end of the year.

Disposal of Jack's Albums – Disposition of Jack's albums no longer in circulation won't occur until physical meetings return.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## 2021 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months. Items are forever stamps with the current value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted. The complete 2021 U.S. stamp program can be found on the [dallasstamps.org](http://dallasstamps.org) website.

- 5/4/2021 **STAR WARS DROIDS** (55¢) commemorative stamps, 10 designs. Nicasio, CA 94946.
- 5/17/2021 **HERITAGE BREEDS** (55¢) commemorative stamps, 10 designs. Mount Vernon, VA 22121.
- 6/1/2021 **MALLARD** (36¢) stamped card. Fargo, ND.
- 6/3/2021 **GO FOR BROKE: JAPANESE-AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN WWII** (55¢) commemorative stamp. four designs, Los Angeles, CA.
- 6/10/2021 **EMILIO SANCHEZ** (55¢) commemorative stamp. four designs, Miami, FL.
- 6/18/2021 **SUN SCIENCE** (55¢) commemorative stamp. 10 designs, Greenbelt, MD.
- 6/24/2021 **YOGI BERRA** (55¢) commemorative stamp. Little Falls, NJ 07424.
- 6/30/2021? **SINGLE LESSER SCAUP DRAKE** \$25.00 duck hunting stamp. Location TBA.

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presenters, showing some Israeli stamps featuring Owls, then entertaining members with pictures of an owl family that taken up residence in his backyard. Geoff Owens discussed the 1884-1893 Oil Rivers Protectorate, the short-lived territory whose stamps are listed in Scott under Niger Coast Protectorate. Stan Bartnikowski showed examples of several dozen Polish official stamps issued between 1920 and 1955. Bill Laupus had four U.S. stamps related to the Oregon Trail, the route that hundreds of thousands of restless American pioneers traversed to reach what are now the Pacific Coast states.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

### DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

John Sittman Christopher Titus  
Mike Smith

### RESIGNATIONS

David Norris Thomas Siegel

<b>Membership December 15, 2020</b>	<b>42</b>
Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues	-3
Resignations	-2
<b>Membership, April 15, 2021</b>	<b>37</b>