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USPS ANNOUNCES PROPOSED TEMPORARY RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2022 PEAK HOLIDAY SEASON

From the USPS Newsroom

WASHINGTON — The United States Postal Service filed notice on August 11with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) regarding a temporary price adjustment for key package products for the 2022 peak holiday season. This temporary rate adjustment is similar to ones in past years that help cover extra handling costs to ensure a successful peak season.

The planned peak-season pricing, which was approved by the Governors of the Postal Service on Aug. 9, would affect prices on the following commercial and retail domestic competitive parcels: Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), First-Class Package Service (FCPS), Parcel Select and USPS Retail Ground. International products would be unaffected. Pending favorable review by the PRC, the temporary rates would go into effect at 12 a.m. Central on Oct. 2, and remain in place until 12 a.m. Central Jan. 22, 2023.

This seasonal adjustment will bring prices for the Postal Service's commercial and retail customers in line with competitive practices. No structural changes are planned as part of this limited pricing initiative.

Delivering for America, the Postal Service's 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, calls for appropriate pricing initiatives. The Postal Service has some of the lowest postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping. These temporary rates will keep USPS competitive while providing the agency with the revenue to cover extra costs in anticipation of peak-

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DON WOLMAN TO PRESENT AT UT-DALLAS



Our own Don Wolman is presenting "Little Windows on a Big World" at the University of Texas at Dallas, McDermott Library Auditorium on Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 pm.

Here is a brief description of the presentation:

Postage stamps have been telling the stories of our world since 1840. In this era of electronics and instant communication, the rich tapestry of postage stamp images reconnects us to our humanity and the physical world. This special presentation will reveal some surprising secrets and prove there's more than meets the eye.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

October 12	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Philippines Postal History,* by Rick Hosler
October 14-15	**DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
October 28	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: Bomber Warbirds of AF Plant #4* by Ray Cartier
November 9	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD*
November 11-12	**Mid-Cities Stamp Club Expo.** Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX. Highway 114 at Main Street exit, just north of DFW Airport (Friday 10-5,
November 23	**Informal DPCPS Meeting**: Jack's Albums
December 9-10	**DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
December 14	**DPCPS Holiday Dinner**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL LAUPUS

Thank you to all our members who have sent me best wishes for a speedy recovery from my spine surgery. Also, thank you to Stan, Rod and Mark for conducting the meetings I missed during July and August due to my surgery.

The attendance at our meetings continues to be good with most meeting being attended by 20 plus members. We have 57 members in our club, and I encourage all members to attend and participate in every meeting. I am asking every member to help us improve the number of members attending every meeting.

Thank you to Stan Bartnikowski, Geoff Owens, Paul Witthoeft and George Clayton for presenting programs in the August and September meetings, and thanks to Al Dlhy and everyone who participated in the August 10th quarterly auction.

Please consider presenting a program in the coming months. Mark has a difficult job and would greatly appreciate your cooperation. Stan would also greatly appreciate members submitting articles for future newsletters.

Dedicated, active club members are the essential element in the success of any club. We are blessed to have many outstanding stamp collectors in our club, but we need to make a stronger effort to get everyone involved. With that in mind, Rick Hosler and Joe Patterson are preparing a new detailed club directory that will help us to know each other better. They will need everyone's cooperation in collecting some additional information.

Helping lead a volunteer organization can be tough and I never take our members who give their time on our behalf lightly. I'm thankful for all our members, no matter what your role is. Whether it is big or small, you matter, and we are proud to have you and sincerely appreciate your membership. I know this ending is a repeat, however I intend to end all my newsletter messages with this very important statement.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

A few of our members collect topicals. For example, Paul Witthoeft collects military uniforms on stamps, and George Clayton collects U.S. Presidents on stamps. My first topical interest was collecting contemporary railroad covers, canceled on the train or at a commemorating event. I would check Linn's for upcoming postmarks of this type, or announcements of cacheted covers with that theme. Later, I became fascinated with the many journeys of Pope John Paul II throughout the world and began collecting cacheted covers postmarked on the day and at the city he visited. Now, I am drawing on my interest in music history to begin a collection on that topic. I am thinking of writing a future article on medieval music on stamps.

I would encourage each of you to choose a topic of particular interest to you, whether it be sports, science, art, etc. and begin collection on that topic. In general, this is not expensive, especially if you avoid countries like Equatorial Guinea which issue expensive wallpaper for a topic that has no relation to that country. Also, join the American Topical Association, from which you can purchase checklists of stamps for your topics.

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season volume.

The retail planned price changes include:

Priority Mail (PM) and Priority Mail Express (PME):

$0.95 increase for PM and PME Flat Rate Boxes and Envelopes.

$0.30 increase for Zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs.
$1.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs.
$0.95 increase for Zones 1-4, 11-25 lbs.
$3.20 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
$3.25 increase for Zones 1-4, 26-70 lbs.
$6.45 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs.

First-Class Package Service, Parcel Select Ground, and USPS Retail Ground:

Retail:
$0.30 increase for Zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs.
$0.60 increase for Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs.
$0.95 increase for Zones 1-4, 11-25 lbs.
$2.70 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
$3.25 increase for Zones 1-4, 26-70 lbs.

DON WOLMAN PHILATELIC LECTURE AT UT-DALLAS

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The lecture is being hosted by the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library, Cassandra Zawojek, Senior Curator.

For more information, go to:

https://calendar.utdallas.edu/event/little_windows_on_a_big_world_with_don_wolman#.YxEvm9PMJPb

Parking is free but a permit is required. It is recommended you register in advance:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/don-wolman-presents-little-windows-on-a-big-world-tickets-361985958747

2023 Scott Catalogs Volumes 1 through 6 are now available at the club. The 2023 Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog will be available later this month. The club's 2020 Scott Catalogs Volumes 1 through 6 will be auctioned off as a set at the club meeting on October 12.

Classified ads are coming back, beginning with the December 1 Issue. Each member can submit one classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and contact information, per issue, on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for two consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be eMailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to Stan Bartnikowski, 1413 Elizabeth Drive, Carrollton, TX 75007.

ROYAL MAIL ANNOUNCES CHANGES FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S DEATH

From Linn's Stamp News—October 3, 2022, MSN News, September 26, 2002

On Sept. 9, Great Britain's Royal Mail issued guidance on stamps and public mail boxes (called post boxes in the United Kingdom) following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Sept. 8.

All of Great Britain's commemorative stamps that have already been announced will still be issued, although the issue dates may change, Royal Mail said. Royal Mail said it will make further announcements on stamps after consulting with Buckingham Palace once the appropriate amount of time has passed after the funeral.

Royal Mail confirmed that stamps bearing the image of the queen remain valid for use. These include definitive stamps and commemorative stamps.



On postboxes, Royal Mail said, "In line with past practice, following the death of a monarch all existing post boxes will remain unchanged. Post boxes already in production or being prepared for installation, will also retain the insignia of Queen Elizabeth II. Once these have been installed, new postboxes will feature the cypher of King Charles III."

The insignia "E II R" is depicted on the mailbox to the right. E stands for "Elizabeth", R for the Latin "Regina" which means "Queen". "II" denotes this Elizabeth the second. The insignia for King Charles is illustrated at left. C stands for "Charles" and R for "Rex", Latin for "King".



The Royal Mail also said that the current image of Queen Elizabeth used on everyday stamps will be updated to feature an image of King Charles. "His Majesty will appear on new 1st and 2nd Class Definitive stamps, as well as all those of other values," the organization said. "New stamps featuring King Charles will enter circulation once current stocks of stamps are exhausted."

The organization is also issuing four new portrait stamps in memory of Queen Elizabeth which feature her at different stages throughout her reign. They will go on sale in November and can be pre-ordered at royalmail.com.

We still need Single Page Exhibit Pages for the Club Exhibit at Mid-Cities Expo in November .
Please see Paul Witthoeft

MORE COUNTRIES ISSUE STAMPS TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

By Stan Bartnikowski

In the last issue, we reported on countries issuing stamps in support of Ukraine: Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Austria and Croatia. Several more countries have also issued stamps in support of Ukraine.

Lithuania and Spain issued stamps



emphasizing their friendship with Ukraine. The text on the Lithuanian semipostal below translates to "In de-



fense of the freedom of Ukraine". The Spanish stamp below simply says "With Ukraine". It is valid for the C rate.

Canada and France emphasize aid



to Ukraine in their stamps. France's semipostal stamp below specifies a donation 0.84 euros to the Red Cross in addition to the Green Letter rate. The inscription reads: "United in the Ukrainian crisis". Canada has issued a semi-postal stamp (below) in booklet format simply



requesting help for Ukraine, in English and French.



Luxembourg and Moldova ask for peace in Ukraine in their stamps. Neither mentions Ukraine explicitly, but the Luxembourg stamp, at left, is designed in the colors of the Ukrainian flag. The Moldova



stamp does not specifically support Ukraine, but merely advocates peace between Ukraine and Russia. The stamp (below) illustrates a white dove with blue and red wings, with yellow heart at the beak. The white, blue and red are the colors of the Russian flag, and the blue and yellow colors are those of the Ukrainian flag. The inscription translates to "Moldova for Peace"..

HIPSTAMP AND APS ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

From the APS

HipStamp and the American Philatelic Society announce a strategic partnership, bringing the APS's StampStore marketplace exclusively to the HipStamp platform enabling world-class browse and search capabilities custom built from the ground up for stamp collectors.

The HipStamp-APS partnership brings together a world-class eCommerce experience built for stamp collectors, by stamp collectors, with the trust and confidence of the world's largest stamp collecting organization established in 1886.

For StampStore sellers, the APS will provide the same services as before: scanning, posting, fulfillment, and taking questions from buyers. The only change will be moving our complete inventory to the HipStamp platform. You will still work with APS staff to sell your stamps.

To further establish trust through APS membership, HipStamp will bring an APS badging and filtering feature to listings and stores on the HipStamp platform later this year.

About HipStamp

With over 100,000 members and $20 Million in annualized sales, HipStamp is the leading marketplace devoted exclusively to stamp collecting. Founded in 2016, HipStamp was built for stamp collectors, by stamp collectors.

About the APS

With members in more than 110 countries, the APS is the world's largest nonprofit organization for stamp collectors. Founded in 1886, the APS serves collectors, educators, postal historians, and the general public by providing various programs and services.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

July 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mark Solomon, Vice President, and presiding.

Eighteen members were present.

Reports:

Secretary — Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read. There are 56 active members.

Program VP:

Jul 27 — Paderewski: Great Pianist and Statesman, presented by Stan Bartnikowski**.**

Aug 10 — Quarterly Auction open for entire membership.

Aug 24 — Need volunteer

Sep 14 — French Colonial France Libre' Issues, presented by Geoffrey Owens.

Sep 28 — TBD, by Howard Petschel

Old Business — None

New business — None

Announcements — Mark Solomon reported the Bill Laupus is recovering from back surgery with the hope of a speedy recovery.

Geoff Owens mentioned several items of the Roofner collection are open for auction.

Trivia/Show & Tell — Rick Hosler reported the July 26 was the 247 anniversary the appointment of Benjamin Franklin first American Postmaster General (July 26, 1775). Among his accomplishments included standardizing postal rates and mail routes, and reducing delivery time for mail between major cities.

Program — Paderewski: Great Pianist and Statesman. Stan Bartnikowski provided a fascinating history of Ignacy Jan Paderewski and his role in the creation of the new Poland after WW I. He became the spokesman for the new independent Poland and in 1919 as Prime Minister he signed the Treaty of Versailles ending WW I. He used his fame as a pianist and composer to seek assistance from the US to help the struggling post war Polish population. He was the first pianist to perform at Carnegie Hall. When the Nazis invaded Poland, he became the President of the Polish Government in Exile in 1940. There are various stamps honoring Paderewski including the 1960 US 4 & 8 cent Champion of Liberty issue. He appears on the 1941 POLOPEX Souvenir Sheet.

Jack's Albums

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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August 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mark Solomon, Vice President and presiding.

Sixteen members were present.

Reports:

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

Treasurer — The Treasurer's report was E-Mailed to each member. It is available from Rod Gabel, treasurer.

Program VP:

Aug 10 — Quarterly auction for entire membership

Aug 24 — Program yet to be determined

Sep 14 — French Colonial France Libre' Issues, presented by Geoffrey Owens.

Sep 28 — Philatelic Issues Related to the Letter "V" presented by members.

Old Business — None

New Business — None

Announcements — Al Dlhy announced that the Texas Stamp Dealers Association Stamp Show will be held August 26-27 at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson.

Tom Cunningham reported that the Greater Houston Stamp Show will be held on Sep 16-18 at the Humble Civic Center in Humble, Texas.

Program — Quarterly Auction offered about 35 items and was enjoyed by all.

Jack's Albums

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

August 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Rod Gabel, Treasurer and presiding. Nineteen members and two guests were present.

Reports:

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

Treasurer — None

Program VP:

Aug 24 — Collecting Stamps and Covers, presented by George Clayton.

Sep 14 — French Colonial France Libre' Issues, presented by Geoffrey Owens.

Sep 28 — Philatelic Issues Related to the Letter "V" presented by members.

Old Business — None

New Business — Guests Marilyn and George Frank brought a stamp collection and offered it for sale to members.

Announcements — Geoff Owens announced that the remainder of the Sutkin collection was available for members.

The Texas Stamp Dealers Association Stamp Show will be held August 26-27 at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson.

Program — George Clayton offered an insightful review of his stamp collection hobby which began with his son in the 1980s. His interest soon focused on US Presidents on stamps and he accumulated 8 albums of JFK on foreign stamps and another 6 on US presidents. He also shared his extensive cover collection including Queen Elizabeth covers, among others.

Jack's Albums

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

September 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Bill Laupus, President and presiding. Twenty-one members and one prospective member were present.

Reports:

Secretary — Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without being read.

Treasurer — The Treasurer's report was E-Mailed to each member. It is available from Rod Gabel, treasurer.

Program VP:

Sep 14 — French Colonial France Libre' Issues, presented by Geoff Owens.

Sep 28 — Philatelic Issues Related to the Letter "V" presented by members.

Old Business — Geoff Owens offered several lots from deceased members' collections for sale.

New Business — George Clayton reported that future meetings at Edgemere will be held in the Game Room. Edgemere no longer has the manpower to set up our current meeting area. The ensuing discussion encouraged George to ask Edgemere officials to allow us to use the current space if club members set up and reset the room for our meetings.

Announcements — Don Wolman will give a presentation, "Little Windows in a Big World" at the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library, UTC Dallas Saturday October 8 at 1:00. Members are encouraged to come to show our support.

Rick Hosler introduced Raed Salih who applied for membership. He lives in Frisco and his collection interests

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CLUB MEETING MINUTES continued

include US and Iraq.

Program — French Colonial France Libre' Issues. Geoff Owens traced the stamps of Free France, Free French Colonies, and Free French Forces from June 1940 to the Liberation stamp of June 15, 1945. Charles de Gaulle commissioned Edmund Dulac, who designed British stamps, to design stamps for each French colony. He shared the unique designs and stamps of each colony. Also included was the airmail design common for 13 colonies, the Red Cross semi postal for 14 colonies, Free French Forces in Levant, and the Arc de Triumph Issue of 1944.

Jack's Albums

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2022

Attendees:

Bill Laupus — President
Stan Bartnikowski — Past President
Rick Hosler — Secretary
Fernando Torres — Director
Rod Gabel — Treasurer
Stuart Barjune — Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Bill Laupus, President and presiding.

Agenda:

Website — The Board discussed the DPCPS Website, including ownership, domain, and maintenance. Currently the website is owned and managed by Art von Reyn, who is no longer a Club member. The Board agreed to seek another person to manage the website while maintaining ownership and control of the website's content. Geoff Owens is thought to be the most knowledgeable member concerning the technical aspects of the website and Bill Laupus will ask him if he is willing to take the job or seek out an outside vendor.

New Directory — Rick Hosler reported that we have most of the information needed for the new member directory. Information needed includes member pictures and names of spouses. He will meet with Bill Laupus before the next meeting to discuss its status and completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

Previous active members: 56

New Member: Raed (Ray) Salih

Membership is now at 57 active members.

2022 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 or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted. The complete 2022 U.S. stamp program can be found on the website.

Oct. 11 **Snowy Beauty**. Ten (60¢) forever definitive stamps, double-sided pane of 20; camellia, winter aconite, crocus, hellebore, winterberry, pansy, plum blossom, grape hyacinth, daffodil, ranunculus; Guilford, IN 47022

Oct. 13 **Kwanzaa**. Single (60¢) forever special stamp, pane of 20; St. Louis, MO 63121

Oct. 18 **Women Cryptologists of World War II.** Single (60¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Oct. 20 **Hanukkah**. Single (60¢) forever special stamp, pane of 20; Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

QUEEN ELIZABETH II MEMORIAL ISSUES ANNOUNCED BY IGPC

From Linn's Stamp News—October 3, 2022

The new-issue agent Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation announced on Sept. 8 that 10 nations it represents will issue memorial stamps for Queen Elizabeth II.

The queen died on Sept. 8 at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

A time frame for the issuance of the stamps has not been announced.

The participating countries are Antigua and Barbuda, The Gambia, Grenada, Guyana, Marshall Islands, Nevis, Papua New Guinea, St. Kitts, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Tuvalu. More countries are expected to participate, according to IGPC.

Pictured below is preliminary artwork for the Tuvalu souvenir sheet of four with memorial text at the top. Two stamps show photos of the queen, and the other two feature photos of the queen and Prince Philip.

IGPC said that these new stamps will be available from post offices in the issuing countries, from stamp dealers and through its website, www.igpc.com.

