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USPS UNVEILS HENRY "HANK" AARON STAMP

From the USPS Newsroom

On April 8th, the U.S. Postal Service announced it will honor baseball legend Henry "Hank" Aaron with a commemorative Forever stamp. April 8th was the 50th anniversary of Aaron's record-breaking home run.

This stamp celebrates the life and career of Aaron (1934–2021), a giant both on and off the field, who rose from humble beginnings to rewrite the record books while prevailing in the face of racism.

The stamp art features a digital painting of Aaron as a member of the Atlanta Braves, showing his famous right-handed batting stance from the waist up. The selvage showcases a digital painting of Aaron watching the ball he had just hit for his record-breaking 715th home run on April 8, 1974.

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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE RECOMMENDS NEW PRICES FOR JULY 2024

From the USPS Newsroom

On April 9th, the U. S. Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission of mailing services price changes to take effect July 14, 2024. The new rates include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 68 cents to 73 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 7.8 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

Product	Current Price	Planned Price
Letters (1 oz.)	68 cents	73 cents
Domestic Postcards	53 cents	56 cents
International Postcards	$1.55	$1.65
International Letter (1 oz.)	$1.55	$1.65

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters increases from 24 cents to 28 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products, including Certified Mail and money order fees. Notably, there will be no price increase for Post Office Box rental fees, and the Postal Service will apply a price reduction of 10 percent for postal insurance when mailing an item.

As changes in the mailing and shipping marketplace continue, these price adjustments are needed to achieve the financial stability sought by the organization's Delivering for America 10-year plan. USPS prices remain among the most affordable in the world. The complete price tables are available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

Note from editor: On May 31, the Postal Regulatory Commission has reviewed and approved the changes.

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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.

June 12	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program *Postal History of Saginaw, Mich*. presented by Timothy Wallaert
June 26	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program *Philatelic Topics Related to the Olympic Games* open to member participation.
June 28-29	**DALLAS TSDA,** Doubletree Hotel, Bluebonnet Room, 1981 North Central Expressway (Hwy 75 & Campbell Rd), Richardson, TX 75080 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
June 28-29	**OKPEX,** Student Union of Rose State College, 1910 Hudiburg Drive, Midwest City, Okla
July 10	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program *TBD*
July 24	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program *TBD*
August 14	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program *TBD*
Aug. 15-18	**GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW '24,** Connecticut Convention Ctr**,** Hartford, CT
Aug. 23-24	**DALLAS TSDA,** Doubletree Hotel, Bluebonnet Room, 1981 North Central Expressway (Hwy 75 & Campbell Rd), Richardson, TX 75080 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
Aug. 28	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program *TBD*

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY FERNANDO TORRES

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well. As we step into another quarter, I would like to address some significant changes and updates that impact our community.

Postal Rate Increase

The United States Postal Service has once again raised the first-class mailing rate, which now stands at 73 cents. This represents a substantial increase from the 50-cent rate in 2019. This hike comes amid a sharp decline in the volume of first-class mail, which has dropped to its lowest level since 1968. These changes underscore the evolving landscape of postal services and the challenges faced by both the postal system and its users.

Club Benefits and Activities

Despite these external challenges, our club remains a thriving hub for philatelists. We are proud to offer state-of-the-art programs that cater to both novice and experienced collectors. Our stamp auctions continue to be a highlight, providing members with opportunities to acquire unique and rare pieces. Additionally, the participation of reputable dealers at our events ensures a diverse and valuable selection of stamps.

We strongly encourage all members to attend our meetings in person. The benefits of active participation in our club are numerous, including the chance to engage with fellow collectors, access exclusive resources, and enjoy the camaraderie that our community offers.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we will navigate these changes and continue to celebrate our shared passion for philately.

Best regards,
Fernando Torres, MD
President, DPCPS

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

A few members expressed concern over the upcoming postal rate increase (see the article on the first page of this issue). I stopped writing letters for the most part once domestic long distance telephone calls did not incur a premium. I pay nearly all my bills online (the exception being the occasional doctor who does not take payments online). I've given up writing Christmas cards since few are written to me, except to my relatives in Poland, where holiday traditions are more traditional. So the impact to me as a postal user is minimal. The real cost impact to me and other collectors who are addicted to U.S. new issues who

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plunk down cash for new issues, often necessarily in whole panes just to get a single stamp.

Last issue I pointed out a couple of options for collecting "A Stamp for Every Country". Since then I uncovered another option by Don Denman: Stamp Smarter - A Stamp For Every Country Album Pages . The pages are in pdf format, with limited editing capability. The advantage of this option is that there is only one country per page, eliminating the need for editing if one wants to rearrange the pages, geographically for example. The author also provides blank templates to create stamp-issuing entities not covered in his album. I am using these templates to provides spaces for a stamp from every post office abroad—not covered in Denman's album and only partially covered in the albums described in the previous issue.

You will notice that the "Show 'N' Tell" entry in this issue is provided by myself. You are encouraged to send me (stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com) an image of a recent find, with a description, including how you acquired it. Otherwise, you will see entries only by myself—which will tend to Poland-related areas.

The Texas Stamp Dealers Association invites you to their shows in Richardson. Expect about a dozen dealers at each show.

June 28-29, 2024
August 23-24, 2024
December 13-14, 2024

Show Location:
DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton
In Richardson, 1981 North Central Expressway (Exit 26, Campbell Road, in either direction). The show is in the Bluebonnet Room, first room to the right, inside the door.

Show hours: Friday 10 to 5, and Saturday 9 to 4.

Be sure to visit our club's TSDA dealer members:
Tom Cunningham (Cunningham Philatelics)
James D. Myers (Stamps Universal)

SHOW 'N TELL

DALLAS STAMP COLLECTORS' CLUB: A CINDERELLA

By Stan Bartnikowski

I recently acquired the illustrated cinderella of the Dallas Stamp Collector's Club. I am not aware of such an organization. I did see a for-profit corporation of the same name established in 1959 but no longer in existence. Could this stamp have been produced by this corporation? Ot another commercial enterprise? Or was this a legitimate stamp club? Any information would be appreciated. Please eMail me at stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com. Meaningful responses may be published as Letters to the Editor; we haven't had any of these recently.



Note from the Editor: We earnestly solicit "Show 'n' Tell" items from our members. If you recently (or not) acquired a philatelic item of especial or unique interest, please submit an image of your item, along with a brief description, including how you acquired it, to the editor, Stan Bartnikowski, stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.

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Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp and pane with original art by Chuck Styles.

The Hank Aaron stamp will be issued in panes of 20. The official first day of issue will be July 31 in Atlanta, Georgia.

News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag #HankAaronStamp.



SPOTLIGHT ON …

HOWARD PETSCHEL

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

Many of us had the privilege of attending Howard Petschel's presentation on U.S. counterfeits at the club a few months ago. Howard was, after all, the chief postal inspector investigating U.S. counterfeit stamps from 1973 through 1995. He was well-respected not only throughout the U.S. for detecting counterfeit stamps but also by Canada, England, Germany and other countries. As a postal inspector, Howard was also involved in solving crimes against the post office including robbery. He has published 7 books: 6 on stamp counterfeits and another on postal robbery. Four of these books are still in print and available on Amazon. I located a fifth in used condition.



Howard hails from St. Paul, Minnesota. Like many of us, he began collecting worldwide stamps at the age of 7 or 8. He has continued to collect to date, with occasional interruptions. After a stint in the U.S. Army including Korea, Howard joined the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, where his interest in stamps led to his assignment investigating counterfeit stamps. Such work required detailed study of U.S. stamps, resulting in a refocus of his collecting efforts on U.S. stamps. Working with the postal inspection authorities in Canada to detect counterfeit stamps there resulted in the expansion of his collecting interest to Canada. He has also begun to collect Israel, and, like most of us, acquires philatelic items that strike his fancy, such as stamps related to the military. Like myself, he obtains some stamps from Golden Valley Auctions in Minnesota, as well as at the club.

Howard lived and travelled all over the U.S. while a postal inspector. As part of his assignment, he was able to attend many philatelic expositions. Howard retired to Sandpoint, Idaho in 1995, where he enjoyed winter skiing and summer canoeing. One of his three daughters persuaded him to move to the Dallas area 15 years ago where has lived since. Howard joined the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society in 2021

FOR SALE ITEMS

Please use the stage at the meeting room to place items for sale. *Be sure to include your name and asking price!*

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

March 27, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Rick Hosler at 7:31 PM at Edgemere. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and there was no new or old business. Rod Gabel gave the treasurer's report.

The program was given by Don Wolman. The program was on King George III of England and his precious granddaughter Victoria. Don showed the history of how Victoria became the chosen one to be queen of England. He showed how George III became King and what happened to those next in line for the throne and how their deaths or illegitimate children did not allow certain family members to become rulers, and how the 18 year old Victoria became Queen. George III died at age 81 and was mentally unstable by that time. George led Britain during the Napoleonic Wars and Don commented that the Duke of Wellington was born in Ireland. Don also commented that Victoria met and fell in love with Prince Albert and they had a very happy marriage. Albert died near the beginning of the American Civil War. As an aside Masterpiece Theater did a series on the life of Victoria and had one episode where the young Victoria was making life very hard for the people around her. They have a segment where she meets Albert. Their background music changes from slow dirge like music to the Hallelujah Chorus as Victoria falls in love and her personality changes immediately.

Victoria's reign was very successful although she wore widow's dress for the last 40 years of her life to mourn the death of Albert. She died in 1901. We all know the many stamps with her picture on them including of course the young Victoria on the Penny Black. Edward VII followed as the next King of England.

We then had Jack's books and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Madden Secretary.

April 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:31PM. There were 26 members present including two new prospective members, Bitsy Hudnall and Nikita Eliseev. Their emails are bitsy_hudnall@yahoo.com and neliseev@hotmail.com. Bitsy is sponsored by Tom Crichton and Nikita saw our information at last week's stamp fair in Richardson. There were 26 people present including the two new members. Their dues are paid. Geoffrey Owens read the treasurer's report for Rod Gable who could not attend the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not requested and there was no old business. There was no new business identified but then two items discussed by the board at the

CLUB MEETING MINUTES, continued

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meeting held at 6:31PM prior to this meeting were brought up. The first item was the revised actions on the quarterly auction. The President announced that a memo would be sent to the members announcing that for the upcoming auction and all subsequent auctions those members putting up items for sale should announce them in a message to all club members. The Secretary will put out a memo to all members telling about the auction. The members submitting items for sale will identify their items in an email to all members. This can be done as a reply all on the Secretary's letter announcing the auction. The members will therefore get lists from the auctioning members so they can see if they have a desire to bid on these items. Those members without emails can still bring items to the auction, they just will be new items for the members to see on the evening of the auction. It is requested that members auctioning items have their reply all memos sent out by the end of the day of the Wednesday one week before the auction. The recording of the bids and actions on auction night should not be significantly effected. There is no policy change on items that might be new things to come up in the week before the auction.

The next item from the board meeting was the procedure on name tags. The Secretary is to collect the name tags after every meeting and put them out before the start of he next meeting. We would like every member to have a name tag and if the member does not have a name tag they are to give their name to the Secretary and Don Wolman will get new ones printed. After the meeting 4 members identified their need for new badges and two members left their badges with the Secretary. We need to find out from the other members if they need new badges or do they just need to bring them to the meeting and leave them at the end.

The next meeting will be our quarterly auction. The following meeting will be a presentation by Tim Wallaert. We have not yet ordered the new Scott catalogues and we have a couple of our old ones missing. The Secretary will check to see if a member has one of them checked out.

Geoffrey Owens gave the programs on Camels on Stamps. He went through his history and his family history in Africa in the missionary field. He talked about his family from his grandfather to himself and his travels throughout Africa from Nigeria to South Africa and Rhodesia. He showed stamps depicting people important in the areas, and places he had been including peanut mounds, crash sites, and famous bridges. Most of his slides were from pictures taken by his family at various sites including Victoria Falls. He also showed stamps depicting the famous sites he had visited. He first flew to Africa in September of 1959. He talked about the work his grandmother and grandfather had done and that his father carried on. He did show camel trumpeters in Kano Nigeria. He also showed ruins in Zimbabwe. He passed around a payment bracelet and a snakeskin.

The evening was wrapped up with Jack's Albums. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM Respectfully submitted. Jerry Madden Secretary.

April 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 PM at Edgemere by President Torres. The report from the Vice President was that Stan Bartnikowski would have the next program, which would be a movie. We did not need the minutes of the last meeting to be read. We dispensed with the treasurer's report as he reported as the President said we were OK. The Secretary then reported on the new nametag policy and encouraged more participation and encouraged members to bring their nametags, wear them, and leave them so they can e available for every meeting. We had a little better participation this meeting but there are still a lot of nametags that are either needed or brought to the meeting. We had 3 members request new nametags after this meeting.

There were 25 members and 1 guest, Olivia, present at the meeting. The group did bring up the need for some items on the website. The Secretary then moved that the new members from the previous meeting Nikita Eliseev and Bitsy Hudnall be approved as full members. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was then turned over to Al Dlhy for the auction. There were about 30 items which were offered that had a minimum bid on the sheets. The auction was active with several items receiving multiple bids. The new auction rules appeared to have been positively received and there was a lot of interest. The auction took about 40 minutes. After the auction we then had Jack's books. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Madden Secretary.

May 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at Edgemere by President Torres. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived. Rick Hosler announced the program for the next meeting. Rod Gabel gave the treasurer's report. There was no old business. Bill Wallace announced he had some new items and they were for sale at his special low price. There was no other new business. The program was to be a Movie Mail Train but there was a problem with the sound system and so the presentation was postponed until at least the next meeting. We proceeded to Jack's albums. We had one visitor Alejandro Jaime who made membership application to the club. There were 20 people present for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted. Jerry Madden Secretary.

Please make use of the table at the rear of the meeting room to place or pickup freebie philatelic items.

BOARD MEETING

BY JERRY MADDEN

April 10,2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM at Edgemere by President Torres. The secretary was directed to prepare a list of paid members and then to contact the unpaid members to request they renew their membership. The treasurer could assist on this list. The secretary is to do this before our next meeting. The suggestion for family members was brought up to allow younger members of families to be club members. This would require some adjustment to the bylaws. Tim and Jerry both suggested that we make some effort to bring in youth to our meetings including boy scouts. We expanded that list to add the girl scouts and other youth organizations like church groups etc.. This idea was favorably received. The president will need to get revisions to the bylaws to permit memberships but we will move forward on this suggestion.

The President then read a letter from Rod Gabel with suggestions on changes to our auction preparations. These ideas were discussed at length by the board and the following items were recommended. The President will announce these actions for the auction scheduled for our April 24th meeting which is to be our quarterly Auction. The President has directed the Secretary to send all member notification of the auction and requesting that all those putting items up for sale send a list of those items to all the members the Wednesday before the next meeting so that members may be able to determine what items they want to bid on and do not have in their collection. Members can still put other items up for sale and those members without email can still bring items for the auction without prior notice of them being for sale.

it was requested that all members wear name badges at the meeting. To insure all badges are available it will be the policy that all members badges be put out by the Secretary at the meeting site before each meeting and that all badges be returned by the members at the close of the meeting. The Secretary was to obtain names of members who do not have or have lost name tags and get them to Don Wolman to make new badges. We have just a few name tag holders so more may be needed. This policy was to be initiated at the meeting of April 10th. This item too was to be included in a memo to all members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM Respectfully submitted Jerry Madden Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY JERRY MADDEN

Membership was previously 52 members and is now 54 members with the addition of two new members: Nikita Eliseev and Bitsy Holland. Please extend a warm welcome to Nikita and Bitsy

2024 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.

June 6, **Carnival Nights.** Ten (68¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; BCA; Biloxi, MS 39530

June 11 **Protect Sea Turtles.** Six (68¢) forever commemorative stamps: loggerhead, leatherback, hawksbill, Kemp's ridley, olive ridley and green sea turtle; pane of 18; AP; Corpus Christi, TX 78401

June 14 **Flags.** Twenty (68¢) forever definitive stamps (four designs), double-sided pane of 20 (BCA, AP), coils of 100 (BCA, AP), 3,000 and 10,000; Keystone, SD 57751

June 17 **Horses.** Five (68¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; BCA; St. Joseph, MO 64501

June 20 **Shaker Design.** Twelve (68¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 12; AP; Pittsfield, MA 01201

June 28 **Northern Pintail.** $25 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamp issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, pane of one and pane of 20; AP**;** Hanover, MD 21076

July 18 1c **Fringed Tulip**, 2c **Daffodils**, 3c **Peonies**, 5c **Red Tulips**, 10c **Poppies and Cornflowers:** each in panes of 20 and coils of 10,000; Berkeley, CA 94704

July 31 **Hank Aaron.** Single **(73¢)** forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Atlanta, GA 30304

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 twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrolton, TX 75007-2828.

FOR SALE

Worldwide 1840-1979, 25-33% OF Scott, over $1,500,000 inventory. Especially strong in British, Dutch, French & Italian colonies, U.S. 1840-1930, Japan, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Russia, Venezuela, & Souvenir sheets. Many hard-to-find-items. Price list available at www.BillsStamps.com or call Bill Wallace, 214-213-8066. doctoryes007@aol.com . Money-back satisfaction guaranteed.

WANTED

Poland B49-B52 Tuberculosis stamps with tabs. These stamps were each issued with 10 different tabs. I have about half of these and am seeking to complete my collection. Mint or postally used preferred, but will take CTO. Stan Bartnikowski, stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.