

The Messenger



December 2019

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Armen Hovsepian, Treasurer
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Waldo Public Library
Gather at 11:00
Meeting Starts 2:00
Saturday, December 7th

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Meeting Attendance: 32 members

Treasurer: Dues are payable in December. Please fill out and bring the membership form with your dues.
Membership: No report

Secretary: Reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends tonight and to set your clocks back 1 hour.

Librarian: Red Bridge library meeting room not suitable for meetings because it is too small. Their philatelic collection is missing and no one seems to know anything about it.

Historian: Bob shared a Midiphil cover signed by astronaut Henry Hatfield given as a gift for joining the American Air Mail Society.

First Vice-President's Report: No report.

Second Vice-President's Report: Roger reminded everyone that the proceeds from the December auction go to the club to help replenish the treasury. This is the only fund-raising event the club has each year. If you want a receipt for your donation, see Roger.

December Exhibits: There is still time (deadline to enter is November 18) and spaces are available to participate in the club exhibit show in December. Exhibits will be set up between 11:00 and 11:30 am and the show opens at noon. There will be snacks, and everyone is welcome to bring something to share.

New business: Scott announced that due to poor attendance he will be making changes to his show. He is working on expanding it to a 2 day show. Details will be announced later. He asked if MPS would be interested in partnering with Tiger Collectibles for an expanded show. A motion was made and seconded to do so. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and passed to table the original motion to partner with Tiger Collectibles pending more details.

Announcements:

Armin suggested investing in U.S. new issues as some dealers are now paying above face value for some of these issues. A few dollars a month invested in a sheet or two of new issues could pay dividends in the future.

Lost and found--A black ladies sweater, size small was left at an earlier meeting.

E & D auction is November 17. Catalogues are now available.

If you have items of interest that need to go in the newsletter, please get them to Jim before the 15th of the month for inclusion.

Show and Tell:

Jim J. shared the story of Martin Harmon and the story behind Lundy Island stamps and currency.

Victor talked about an old Scott album and country coat-of-arms labels from the 1880s and who the "boys in the street" that are mentioned in the album might have been with a reference to Holocaust Claims court care that was settled in the 1990s that might provide clues to who the "boys in the street" might have been.

Scott read some details from a letter from the late 19th century that was marked as "evidence," presumably in a divorce proceeding based on the contents of the letter. He also talked about a stamp club in Indiana that attends Indypex each year. Members have their trip paid for by their club thanks to a generous bequest made by a former member.

Program: "Rajasthan" by Stephen Slack.

Talk about learning something new!

Thanks Stephen.

What You Will Miss (if not there):

December's meeting will include, member exhibiting, special auction for the benefit of the club, club officer elections and snacks, if you bring any! In a word it is a different meeting than normal. Come and join the fun. **NOTE EARLY TIME**

Respectively submitted by Michael Keil

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

The following issue date was announced too late to include in last month's newsletter.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

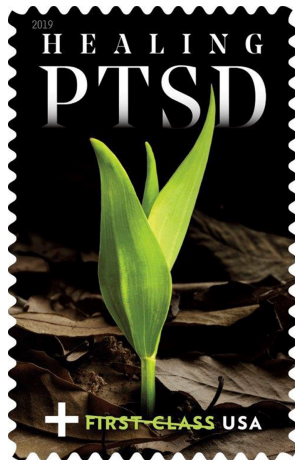
First Class, Semi-Postal

One Design, Pane of 20

Individual stamp price is 65¢.

55¢ goes for the postage and 10¢ goes to the fund for PTSD.

Issue Date December 2nd



So here is the final stamp of the year. Interesting design for a difficult subject. This makes the 6th different subject for USPS on a semi-postal.



Belgium #B1
Issued 6-1-1910
St. Martin of Tours
Dividing His Cloak
with a Beggar

The U.S. was late getting into the semi-postal business as compared to many countries. As you students and collectors of the world know many countries have been issuing semi-postals for over a hundred years. I always thought that France or Switzerland were the first to issue this type of revenue producing stamp. But that honor actually goes to Belgium.

JMC

Philatelic Happenings:

Nothing coming up this month in the area.

Officer Slate:

The Nominating Committee announced last month that the following have been nominated to serve next year as club officers:

President—Tomas Griebing

First Vice President—Michael Miklovic

Second Vice President—Rodger McReynolds

Secretary—Michael Keil

Treasurer—Armen Hovsepian

Nominations for all of these offices are open and will be accepted from the floor at December's meeting. The election will follow.

Thanks again to the nominating committee for your hard work.



France #B1
Issued 8-11-1914
Overprint of #162



Switzerland #B1
Issued 12-1-1913
Helvetia
and Matterhorn

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

December Fun at MPS:

You're Invited.....

To attend the 2019 Midwest Philatelic Society Stamp Exhibition and Charity Auction.

The Exhibition and Auction will be held on Saturday, December 1st at the regular meeting place of the MPS, the Waldo Branch of the Kansas City Public Library on 75th Street about two blocks east of Wornall. The schedule is as follows:

- 11am: The exhibition will be open for observation and auction set up. Voting for favorite exhibit and favorite program begins.
- 1:30pm: General Awards announced
- 2:00pm: 2019 officer elections and meeting
No show-n-tell. Exhibitors will briefly explain their exhibit.
- 2:30pm: Charity auction (get a number if not already an MPS member)
- 4:15pm or after auction: Presentation of Major Awards
- 4:30pm: Pay for auction lots and exhibit packing.

Holiday Treats will be available, provided members bring any.

Voting is limited to current MPS members.

Bidding at auction is open to all present. Included with this newsletter is a document to attach to the items you plan to donate to the auction. Auction items are donated by the members of the MPS and can consist of philatelic and non-philatelic items. Proceeds will go to a charity voted upon by the membership at a later date.

Please join in the fun and festivities this month.

New Publication Available about Fancy Cancels:

A new publication is free for download about the "Wheel of Fortune" cancels used in the US and parts of Mexico and Guatemala. It is available on the Rochester Philatelic Association's website, <http://www.rpastamps.org/wof.html>. It is also available for purchase on the website for \$21. The book is written by Larry L. Rausch. For those of you interested in fancy cancels this book is right up your alley.



**US #206
Separated pair with
"Wheel of Fortune" cancel**

MPS History Quiz:



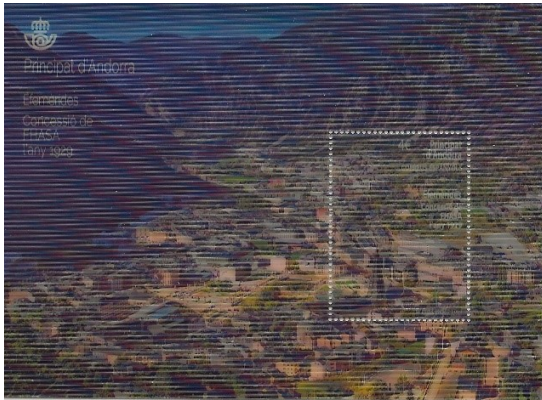
The Midwest Philatelic Society sponsored a major stamp show in Kansas City for many years until the late 1960's called HAPEX. What did the initials stand for?

Find the answer to our MPS history quiz at the end of this newsletter.

A Magical Illusion - Andorra and Electricity by Andrea Smith

May 31, 2019 Spanish Andorra issued a very unusual stamp to pay homage to the company that has supplied the electricity since 1929. During that year, the General Council of Andorra gave a private company the hydroelectric use of the rivers and lakes of Andorra with the condition they improve and construct road infrastructures. In total, almost 26 miles of roads, three tunnels and eleven bridges were built in addition to the infrastructure necessary for operation of the hydroelectric plant.

Once finished in 1935, the Principality had a complete road infrastructure that allowed communication with the outside world, own electrical energy, a bank, a police body and a telephone with the outside.



The lenticular block sheet has the image of Andorra framed by the mountains that surround it in a beautiful panoramic view of the valley during a sunny day. However, when you tilt the sheet, the panoramic view shifts to night, with the lights of the valley.

With a process called “lenticular printing”, by moving the rather large stamp (almost 4” by 5 1/4”), you can illuminate and extinguish the light of Andorra.

Lenticular images are digital files that have been specially prepared and then printed onto a lens material. This material is a special plastic made up of lenticules, hence the name lenticular printing. The image, viewed through the lenticules, appears to move as it is turned creating dramatic animation or depth.



The process involves starting with multiple images (day and night views for example) then cutting them into strips. The alternating strips of each image are interwoven, then printed onto the back of the lens.

One of the very first examples of a Lenticular stamp issued in 2007 by France, is of the Rugby world cup. It shows a kicked ball, sailing over the goal post.



The U.S.P.S. used this same process to produce the “Art of Magic” which was issued August 2018. You see the magician’s hat with a white rabbit that pops out of the hat. And more recently, U.S.P.S. issued stamps of *Tyrannosaurus rex*.

There are 4 designs and two of the four stamps feature a lenticular overlay, causing the *T. rex* to lunge and roar, and the young *T. rex* to slowly morph into an arrangement of bones.

Lenticular printing is spreading and is an exciting avenue for stamp collectors!



It's Renewal Time:

The end of the year brings many challenges for each of us. Holiday spending, taxes, charitable organizations have their hand out and nearly every organization you belong to asking you to renew your membership. So comes the time that MPS wants your dues. Just consider this. What other organization complements your lifetime obsession.

We need you to renew your membership.

With membership you get this newsletter, auction opportunities, both selling, buying and the great philatelic fellowship with the sharing of knowledge each month. We are asking that all that are able to continue to receive the newsletter by email. This saves a considerable amount of money each year on the cost of the newsletter. Consider receiving by email if you haven't been doing so. If you can't then check the box for mail on your renewal form. Fill out the attached membership renewal form and bring it along with your money or check to next month's meeting. If you are unable to attend, please mail it to our Treasurer, Armen. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**



**MPS Cinderella Sheet
Issued in 1939
Image from MPS Historical Archives**

YES ✓ I would like to continue my membership in Midwest Philatelic Society. Here is my 2020 dues:

Bring this slip and your cash/check to monthly meetings, or mail your check (Payable to MPS) to:

Armen Hovsepien
Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24222,
Overland Park, KS 66283

- 2020 dues (individual)\$10.00 \$ _____
- 2020 dues (family)\$13.00 \$ _____
- 2020 Donation to My MPS Club\$ \$ _____
- 2020 Donation to MPS Library\$ \$ _____

..... Total Remittance \$ _____

We are updating our Records and will appreciate if you complete the following:

Name: _____ My collecting interests: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Turn the page, more to come!



Canada #2583
Gingerbread Cookies

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HANUKKAH

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Great Britain #3120
Santa and Robin



US #5026
A Charlie Brown
Christmas



India #2603
Hanukkah
Joint Issue with Israel



Hungary #618
Christmas Scenes

**Renew Your
Membership
Today or If You Have
Never Joined,
Now Is the Time**

Answer from Last Month's Quiz:

Last month we asked, "Why was the stamp on the right issued and who was reluctant for it to be issued?"

King George V was an avid stamp collector but he did not like commemorative stamps. Perhaps because most commemoratives at the time did not have the monarch's image on them. The design images were presented to the King for his approval which he reluctantly gave. So this gave the philatelic world a host of beautiful and interesting stamps celebrating his silver jubilee. The stamp image at the right is just one of many from several countries around the world. From Antigua to the Virgin Islands, 245 stamps in all were issued in 1935 according to Scott. Stanley Gibbons lists 250 for the series. The great designs, beauty and subjects have made these highly collectible over the years. A great addition to any collection or a great stand alone topical collection.

JMC



Southern Rhodesia #33
Silver Jubilee
King George V, Victoria Falls
And Native African Animals

Answer to MPS History Quiz:

HAPEX stood for Heart of America Philatelic Exposition.

Thanks to ALL the Contributors:

It is hard to believe that 2019 is nearly over. It is much gratitude that I thank each and everyone of you that has contributed to this newsletter this past year. It makes it easier and more interesting with your contributions. Each of us in this great organization have a special interest and knowledge of the philatelic world. By writing a short article for this newsletter you are sharing your lifetime of learning and knowledge with the rest of MPS. I would encourage more of you to write an article and send it to me for a future newsletter. I have found in writing and editing this newsletter I have learned even more about my philatelic interests and broaden my knowledge beyond what I already knew.

I also would like to thank each of you that have been so encouraging about this newsletter and that same encouragement as president these past two years. You are a great group to lead and I hope you will do the same for the next person that will preside over this organization. We have a few challenges and opportunities ahead that I would encourage you to help the next leader and the rest of the officers in overcoming and achieving.

Speaking of officers, THANKS. This group is great. You made my job easier. Please continue to help my successor.



US #2269
Special
Occasions Series

This stamp image has shown up recently on the internet.



What is the country, issue date and Scott number?

Find out in next month's newsletter.