

The Messenger



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From your device or phone
November 7th meeting
Virtual Meeting Starts 2:00
Info will come to your email

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Members who Logged into our Zoom meeting: 17

Treasurer: No activity to report. Armin is looking for ideas on how to share our marketplace with outside groups and individuals, especially other local clubs.

Membership: No new members.

Secretary: Suggested members promote National Stamp Collecting Month on their social media outlets.

Librarian: Nothing new to report.

Historian: Bob shared 2 Midaphil Westport covers from 1963, one with a KCPO cancellation and the other with a Midwest Philatelic Society cancellation.

First Vice-President's Report: The November meeting will again be a Zoom meeting. Dale Smith will present a program on what it's like to be a stamp dealer.

Second Vice-President's Report: Nothing new. The MPS online Market Place is operational and still evolving. Roger urged members to take advantage of this feature.

Newsletter: The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month. This is a "hard" deadline, so get your items to Jim on or before this date.

Old business: Barbara talked about some of the options for the annual White Elephant auction and after discussion it was decided to hold off on the auction for this year.

New Business: Bob Baltzell presented the report from the nominating committee. All current officers have agreed to serve for another year. Elections will be held in December and nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.

Tomas reported that all the appointed board members have agreed to serve for another year as well as the committee chairs.

The board has agreed to waive membership dues for 2021 and to make the annual donation to the Waldo library.

Announcements: Shows continue to be cancelled due to ongoing COVID virus concerns. Continue checking in advance before heading off to a show.

Program: Extended Show-and-Tell.

Encourage MPS members to join us for the Zoom meetings. If they are having trouble getting signed on, help them or ask them to contact one of the board members. Armin has agreed to be the contact on this.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Keil

**Log into Zoom on Saturday,
November 7th
for Dale Smith's program,
"Being A Stamp Dealer".**

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

None left for the year. It appears that last month's issues were it. Of course, sometimes there are late surprises but doubtful in this Presidential election year. Look for announcements about next year's U.S. stamp program next month.



Drug Free USA

One Design, Pane of 20

Issued October 27th

When we published last month, the above issue had been announced but details were up in the air.

Philatelic Happenings:

Nothing! Until December when **E and D Auctions** will hold their next **Absentee Bid Auction**. The auction closes on **December 5th at 5:00pm**. Look for the catalogue in the mail or contact Dale at **913-432-1806**.



While it is too late to register in Missouri and Kansas for this election, it is not too late to vote.

**Election Day
November 3rd, 2020**

**US #1344
Eagle Weather Vane**

The President's Corner:

The leaves are changing and there are even predictions of snow in the air. Hard to believe November is already upon us. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy. Maybe even having some time to work on your collections, exhibits, or other philatelic fun. A few days ago, I got a call and email from Mike who said he has gotten a phone call and email from Rodger. Apparently, some computer hack in Europe decided it would be interesting to send out an email purporting to come from me asking recipients to ".... buy multiple Visa gift cards online to help fund a charity for disabled US veterans affected by Covid-19". Right there it has the sound of a big scam. Rodger quickly did some checking and found it likely originated from someone in Germany who used the officers' emails off our website to send out this spam email. Not sure if it only went to our MPS officers or if other members also got this in their inbox. I can assure you I don't know any Nigerian princes, I don't need to have help cashing an Irish Lottery prize check through your back accounts, and I'm not currently stranded in Kodiak, Alaska after my car broke down. It's reminds me of the constant stream of spam I get as an academic surgeon inviting me to write articles for non-existent or predatory journals, usually on my areas of 'expertise' which somehow range from the Italian Renaissance to soil science, and from marine biology to forestry. It is sad there are people who consider these computer games fun. Too bad they can't take up a real hobby - say stamp collecting? Stay well and happy stamping everyone!

Tomas (email: tlginkc@yahoo.com)

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website and Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com
Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

Nominating Committee Slate of Officers Announced:

The following slate has been announced for next year's officers:

PRESIDENT— Tomas Greibling

1ST VICE PRESIDENT— Michael Miklovic

2ND VICE PRESIDENT—Rodger McReynolds

TREASURER—Armen Hovsepian, Treasurer

SECRETARY—Michael Keil, Secretary

All have agreed to serve another term. Nominations from the floor in December's meeting can be made. Elections will be held at that time.

Thanks to the above members for being willing to serve during this difficult time.

In Memoriam:

It is with much sadness to report the passing of one of our members. Mr. Svoboda was a loyal supporter of this organization and always had kind words about our programs and efforts. Bob Baltzell and he shared a ride from Independence to our meetings for many years.

Passing away on October 17, 2020 at the age of 93.

He will be missed.



ROBERT BRUCE SVOBODA

Philatelic Ramblings:

With the election looming and record numbers of Absentee voters for our jurisdiction at the Jackson County Election Board, this newsletter is much condensed. Sorry! I will make it up to all of you in the future. This has been a most challenging year for our office as it has for this club. Hang in there, I have hopes that we will be able to meet in person next year. Meanwhile check out the Zoom meetings. Get someone to help you do that if you are unable. It is worth the effort and it really is the only way we can stay in contact during this time. So, in that vein, Armen has set up a practice session.

Friday, Nov 6th will be a TESTING...TESTING....1, 2, 3 Day. You will receive an e-mail from Armen who will give you the instructions as how to connect with him through Zoom and how to set up your camera, microphone and sharing screen and other details.

The entire day will be for Testing..... More info from Armen shortly.

JMc

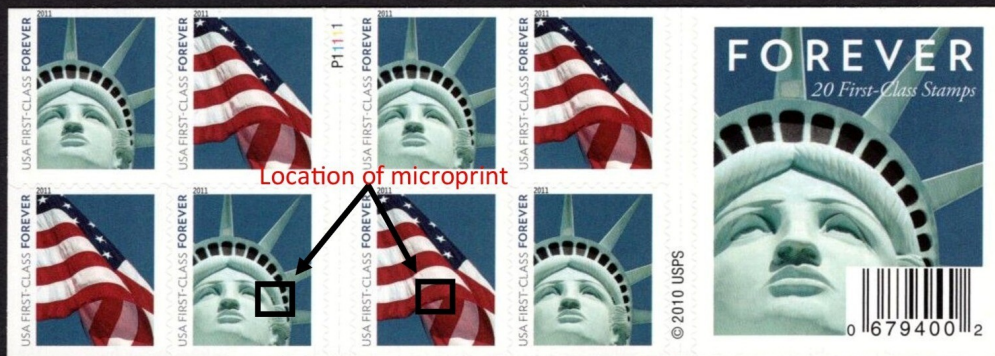
From Armen Hovsepien:

How to distinguish between Scott numbers 4518-9, 4560, 4562, 4564



Scott 4518-19

This is pane of 18
and the paper is
thinner than the
other three
which are pane
of 20.



Scott 4560b

Plate is: P

Micro print is: 4evR



Scott 4562b

Plate is: S

Micro print is: 4evr



Scott 4564b

Plate is: V

Micro print is: 4EVR

More Covers by Michael Keil

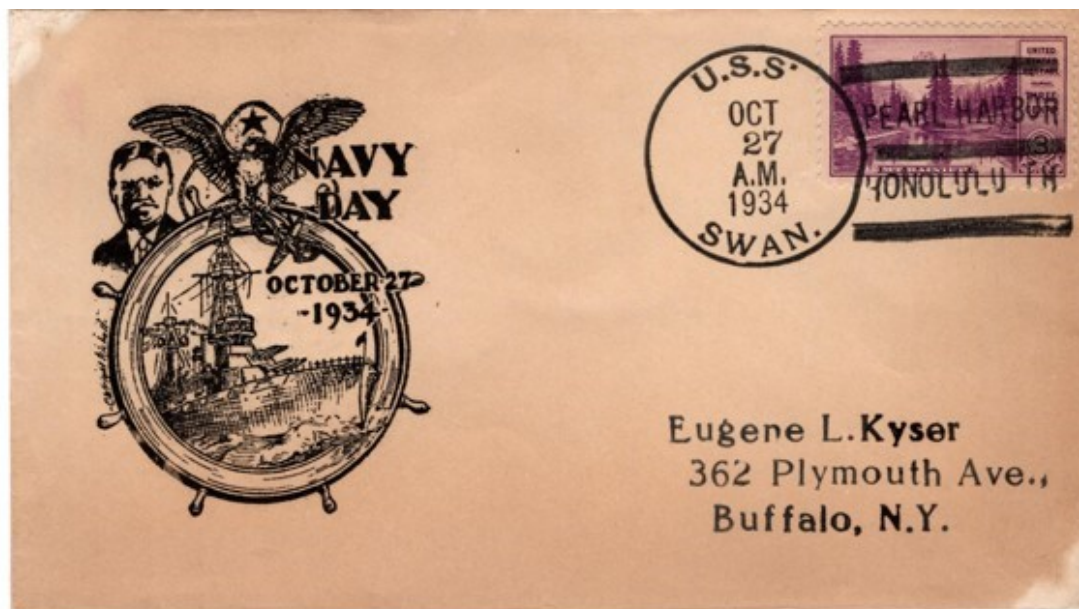
NAVY DAY is one of two important celebrations for the US Navy in the month of October. The first is the birthday of the US Navy which is celebrated on October 13. On this day in 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the establishment of the Continental Navy, the forerunner of the US Navy. The second is NAVY DAY which was established in 1922 by the Navy League to give recognition to the Naval Service. NAVY DAY is celebrated on October 27, the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, who was a former Assistant Secretary of the Navy and an avid supporter of American Sea Power.

USS ANTARES (AKS-3) was a cargo ship of the US Navy. ANTARES was enroute to Canton Island with components of the 304th Engineer Battalion and towing a 500-ton barge with the battalion's construction equipment with a scheduled stop at Pearl Harbor. Early in the morning on December 7, 1941, ANTARES waited outside the entrance to Pearl Harbor for a harbor tug to tow the barge into the harbor before ANTARES herself could enter, when the ship sighted a suspicious object about 1500 yards off to starboard. The destroyer USS WARD was dispatched to investigate, attacking and sinking a Japanese midget submarine, the opening shots of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



Cover cancelled 27 October, 1941. Type 3 (AC-BBT) cancellation. Donald Graf cachet.

USS SWAN (AM-34/AVP-7) was a minesweeper commissioned in 1919. In 1936 SWAN was refitted and redesignated as a sea plane tender and reassigned to Pearl Harbor. During the attack on Pearl Harbor SWAN was in drydock but her gunners opened fire on the attacking Japanese planes. SWAN claimed credit for downing of one plane, but this claim was never verified.



Cover cancelled 27 October, 1934. Type 3s (BC-BTT) cancellation. Cachet by C. Wright Richell.

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Mike K., and Armen H. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the December issue will be November 15th.** Happy stamping and enjoy this extra time with your collection. *Jim Mc*