

The Messenger



May 2026

Next Meeting

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

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May 2nd
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
See Details on pg 7

Dear Members,

What is in store for us this month? Rick Karlslyst will be presenting, "Bahamas Sea Floor Mail". I don't know what this is. Do you? Rick as always will have an interesting and informative program you will not want to miss.

There will be several members selling items before the meeting. Circuit books from APS and maybe a surprise or two. You must get there early to get the good stuff. Don't forget to save some of your money for the auction. Always some good items in the auction each month.

Philatelic Events in our area for May are as follows:

May 2-3 MSDA St. Louis Stamp Show Westbury Center 20 Westbury Dr St. Charles, MO Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 10am-3pm	May 8-10 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Arapahoe County Fairgrounds 25690 E Quincy Ave Aurora, CO Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-6pm Sunday 10am-3pm	May 23-30 Boston 2026 World Expo Boston Convention & Exposition Center 415 Summer Street Boston, MA All days 10am-6pm with last day closing at 3pm
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The big show is upon us. If you are unable to travel to Boston, you should consider either the show in St. Charles or Denver. Both will be good shows with lots of material that I am sure you are looking for. Several are planning on attending Boston. You could too, it's not too late.

Thanks to this month's contributors. The June newsletter will be late getting out due to myself being at the show in Boston. To help please get your contributions to the newsletter in early.

Enjoy!

Sincerely, Jim

New Issues for May 2026:

Route 66

Forever First Class Rate

Eight Designs

Pane of 16

Issue Date May 5th

First Day of Issue City:

Phoenix, AZ

Print Quantity—26,000,000



The postal service celebrates 100 years of the "Mother Road". The legendary highway stretched about 2,400 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles. The photographs were taken by David Schwartz.

Bald Eagle: Hatchling to Adult

Forever First Class Rate

Five Designs

Pane of 20

Issue Date May 14th

First Day of Issue City:

Wabasha, MN

Print Quantity—22,000,000



These latest stamps offer a new take on the American icon and feature realistic illustrations of the bird at different stages of life. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps using original paintings by noted ornithologist and illustrator David Allen Sibley.

Treasures of the Revolutionary Period

Forever First Class Rate

Ten Designs

Two sheets of 10 in Prestige Booklet of 20

Issue Date May 23rd

First Day of Issue City:

Boston 2026 World Expo

Boston, MA

Print Quantity—?????



Previously unannounced this prestige booklet may have very limited quantities and distribution. It is being released on the first day of the World Expo Show.

The objects include an inscribed teapot, paper currency, the Commander-in-Chief Flag, a watercolor depicting George Washington's varied army, a powder horn, a spinning wheel, a map of the Battle of Yorktown, the Badge of Military Merit, a treaty wampum belt, and a patriotic signboard. Art director Ethel Kessler designed both the stamps and the prestige booklet.

More new issues for May

Encore Issue

Forever First Class Rate

??? Design

Pane of ??

Issue Date May 24th

First Day of Issue City:

Boston 2026 World Expo

Boston, MA

Print Quantity—????

Decided through a poll, the Encore issue will be unveiled at the First Day Ceremony in Boston. This issue will be available nationwide on June 1st.



What will it be?

American Bison

Forever First Class Rate

One Design

Pane of 16

Issue Date May 25th

First Day of Issue City:

Boston 2026 World Expo

Boston, MA

Print Quantity—????



Honoring our national mammal while saluting historic philately, this unique stamp features a contemporary photograph of a bison, inset with artwork evoking a 1923 stamp issued when the species was beginning to rebound from near extinction.

Postcrossing

First Class International First-Ounce

Four Designs

Pane of 8

Issue Date May 26th

First Day of Issue City:

Boston 2026 World Expo

Boston, MA

Print Quantity—????

These triangular shaped stamps recognize Postcrossing for highlighting the fun of receiving real, personalized mail and promoting greater understanding across countries and cultures. These stamps may be used to send a postcard or letter from the United States to any country to which First-Class Mail International service is available.



International Peace

Forever First Class Rate

One Design

Pane of 20

Issue Date May 27th

First Day of Issue City:

Boston 2026 World Expo

Boston, MA

Print Quantity—????



Celebrating the goal of international peace, this stamp features a photograph of an origami crane — a global symbol of hope, peace and healing. The crane was folded by artist and Peace Crane Project founder Sue DiCicco and photographed by Sally Andersen-Bruce.

North American Soccer

Forever First Class Rate

One Design

Pane of 20

Issue Date May 28th

First Day of Issue City:

Boston 2026 World Expo, Boston, MA

Print Quantity—????

This stamp celebrates the long history and rapid growth of soccer in the U.S. as our nation prepares to co-host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the biggest sporting event in the world. and photographed by Sally Andersen-Bruce.



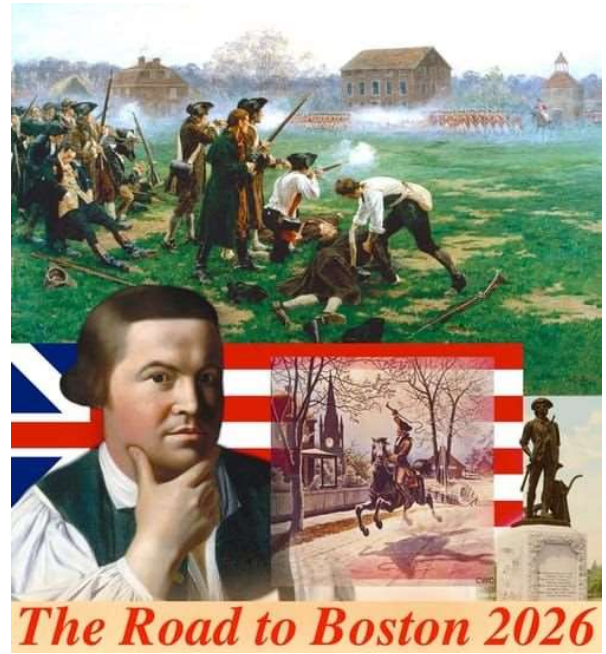
Boston! Will You Be There?:

Less than a month away for the opening day of the World Expo in Boston. So much to see and do. Hundreds of exhibitors, dealers from all over the world, multiple events, six first day ceremonies of US stamps plus other ceremonies and many learning opportunities. The International stamp show is only in the US every 10 years. So how old will you be in 2036? Can you afford to miss this opportunity? I know I can't! I figure this may be my only chance.

Besides, there are other opportunities while in historic Boston. To be in Boston during the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation should be quite special. I look forward to that.

And please, if you are planning on attending, email me the days you will be AT THE SHOW. Include your phone number in the email so that I can text you for when we have scheduled a group MPS picture. Please do that as soon as you know.

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If you are attending the Boston show, Fred Reynolds is part of a team presenting a new free on-line electronic catalog. This first effort is limited to German Airships, Zeppelins etc., but the method may well be applicable to many other collecting areas. Developed under the sponsorship and funding of the American Air Mail Society, this may be the way of the future. It will likely be more attractive to younger members who may view paper catalogs as old-fashioned. The entire team is: Cheryl Ganz (past president APS, and speaker this fall at MPS), Jim Hill, Sam Melamed, Charlie Giorgettie and Fred. Presentation is Friday, May 29th, 3:00pm, Rm 152.

The Mother Road by Jim McKinzie:

Route 66 or as John Steinbeck called it, the Mother Road is being recognized by the postal service with a set of stamps. This is great! Although I can not understand why the First Day Ceremony will be in Phoenix, AZ and not in one of the many great cities or towns that Route 66 actually went through. Then they announced where it was to be held, The National Postal Forum. This forum is for large major mailers and USPS executives. Maybe they need to see what a FDC is all about. It's possible they don't even know what it is. But I still think it is quite strange to not have it in one of the many iconic towns. Perhaps because I grew up in one of those towns, Tulsa. Later in life when I lived in SW Missouri, I went to church in another, Joplin and I spent a lot of time in Springfield, MO when I was a sales representative.

While Tulsa is represented with one of the stamps, I can think of many interesting road side attractions that are still along the route. It would have been nice to see the "Blue Whale of Catoosa" on a stamp. Hugh Davis built the attraction after he closed his Alligator Farm attraction. It was my brother's favorite place to visit. Probably because there was much more than alligators to see such as snakes. My brother loved two things dinosaurs and reptiles. Alligators are kind of a cross of the two. It wasn't my favorite place to go but we did.



There are many books and travel guides available along with maps of Route 66. This year would be a good year to travel along a part of this interesting road and see what the US was like back before interstates and Bucee's.

Here is what the pictures on the stamps are of:

In the first and third rows, the Route 66 shield is in the top left corner of each stamp, with "USA" running vertically below it in white. "FOREVER" is in the bottom right corner. From left to right:

A turquoise 1957 Chevy Bel Air is parked in front of the Munger Moss Motel, built in 1946 in Lebanon, Missouri;

a Ford Model A drives along a brick-paved segment of Route 66 in Auburn, Illinois;

the replica Oil Capital Motel neon sign at sunrise at the Cyrus Avery Plaza Southwest in Tulsa, Oklahoma, featuring signs that originally stood along the road in Tulsa;

the Grants Cafe neon sign, originally from Grants, New Mexico, now held at Glorieta Station in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a few blocks from Route 66.

In the second and fourth rows, the Route 66 shield is in the top right corner of each stamp, with "USA" running vertically below it in white. From left to right:

The Tower Station and U-Drop Inn Café glows at night in Shamrock, Texas;

a restored Kan-O-Tex pump in Galena, Kansas;

Motel sign in Yucca, Arizona;

Beverly Hills City Hall, built in 1932 in Beverly Hills, California.



The Blue Whale of Catoosa, OK

Philately and Music by Steve Stratton:

On August 8, 1969, the Beatles photo shoot at the crosswalk at Abby Road in northwest London formed the cover of their fabulous album *Abbey Road*. I loved that album, produced at the studio adjacent to the crosswalk. Growing up in the 1960s, we always looked forward to the next album the Beatles created, and the *Abbey Road* album didn't disappoint.



August 8, 1969



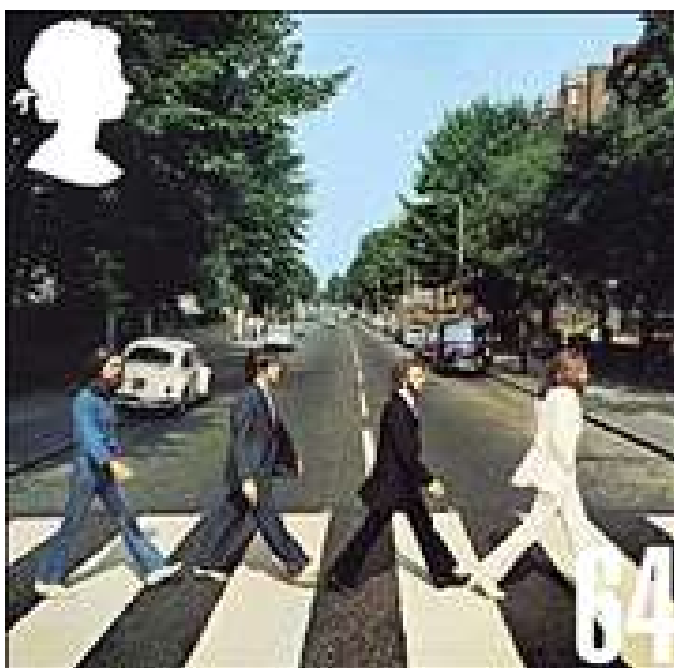
May 14, 2002



On May 14, 2002, while in London, I relived my youth by riding the Jubilee line of the London Underground ("the Tube" to the locals) to St. John's Wood, leaving the subway and walking four blocks to Abby Road, and strolling across the crosswalk made famous by John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison.

In 2007, the United Kingdom's Royal Mail brought together my love of stamp collecting and classic rock music by issuing a set commemorating the Beatles. The 64-pence stamp of that set featured the *Abbey Road* album cover with the four Beatles on the crosswalk.

What a wonderful hobby that can help us relive our love of music from our youth. In what ways does philately refresh the loves of your life?



**2007 Great Britain Scott #2424
Full set to the right #2421-2426**

So Steve, how long were you in line to see the movie *Help!*. My brother and I were in line for over half the day as I recall. And it was worth every minute-*the editor*



Atoms for Antarctica by Michael Keil



McMurdo Station, Antarctica

In 1962, a nuclear reactor went into operation to supply power for McMurdo Station in Antarctica. While the plant was seen as an alternative to using diesel power, which was difficult to store and transport, it was not without issues. There were periodic coolant leaks and breakdowns. The reactor was shut down in 1972 and replaced with electric generators.



Cancelled 17 November, 1962. USCGC Eastwind (WAGB-279)

#36 Newfoundland

Newfoundland is an island of 42,374 square miles, the easternmost land in northern North America. It is commonly believed that it is the island that was named “Vinland” by Leif Erikson around the year 1001. (This belief was further reinforced by the discovery of a Norse settlement on the northernmost tip of the island in the 1960’s.) John Cabot claimed Newfoundland for England in 1497, but Portugal laid claim to both the island and the mainland territory of Labrador in 1501. France and Spain also attempted control of the island later in the 1500’s. All this attention was due to one thing – codfish. The fishing off the coast of Newfoundland was the finest known to the European nations. The codfish has been the primary resource of Newfoundland throughout the years.

In 1583 Newfoundland officially became England’s first possession in North America. Their hold on the island, however, was never certain until the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763, with France ceding most of what is now Canada to Britain. In 1809 the territory of Labrador was transferred to Newfoundland, adding more than 113,000 square miles to govern over. In 1825 the colony was granted Crown Colony status, leading the way toward self- government. A constitution was established in 1832 and Newfoundland finally became self-governing in 1858. When the Dominion of Canada was formed in 1867 Newfoundland chose to remain separate. Dominion status was given to the colony in 1907. It wasn’t until 1949 that Newfoundland became a province of Canada.



The first postage stamps of Newfoundland were issued in 1857, consisting of nine denominations on eight designs, imperforated. These were reissued in 1860 & 1861-62 on different paper, some also with color changes. Between 1865 and 1943 most of the issued stamps were definitive-sized sets of up to 17 denominations, featuring a variety of scenics, history, ships, fauna, famous persons, the royal families and, of course, the reigning monarchs. There were also the British Omnibus issues of 1935 and 1937 and the occasional single- issues, surcharges and overprinted stamps. Up to 1949, Newfoundland issued (by my count) 301 Postage, Air Post and Postage Due stamps (not counting the minor varieties such as #C2a in the catalogue).



Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, May 2nd

**Meeting is to be held at 1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall
417 W Lexington Ave
Independence, MO 64050**



10:00am—1pm Dealers and members, buy, sell and trade.

1:00pm—2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view.

2:00pm—5pm Business meeting, show-n-tell, program and club auction.

We must be out by 5pm, so be ready to bid, pay with cash and pickup your auction lots.

What you will find if you come early to the meeting:

Several members with material for sale. Bring your want lists. Let those members know what you are looking for ahead of the meeting. It is hard to bring it all.

Serving the Organization:

No organization can survive without the people that serve that organization. It takes many for a group such as ours to be effective and to continue to exist. These past few years, it has been difficult to find anyone to serve in one of the offices. It's the same people that help set up and tear down the room each meeting date. We average 30 to 40 members each meeting, yet a few are running the show. Some of us are ready to step back and let others guide the club. New leadership brings new ideas and keeps an organization thriving.

We have a great group of members and it is much appreciated those of you that serve in some capacity either as an officer elected or appointed or you are always willing to help. Please consider stepping up and help if you are able. Tell President Jeff what you are interested in doing and how you would like to help. December officer elections is not that far away.

Thanks for considering. Without the help of many, MPS will not survive in the future.

Jim will be taking pictures for the membership directory. Please attend, if unable, send a jpg. of your headshot to jimckinzie1@att.net so that you will be included in the next membership directory. And if you did not fill out a new membership application, please send to the same email address your collecting interests. The membership directory is a great way for us to keep in touch between meetings but it is only useful with current information that you provide.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website is

www.midwestphilatelicociety.com

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

What You Missed at the Last Meeting:

Attendance – 33 members attended.

New Members or Visitors – None

First VIP –No report

Second VIP – No report

Secretary – No report

Treasurer – Hans reported the quarter update. Total in bank is \$8354.32. A portion of the account is for the stamp show \$2321.89. The CD's worth is \$9340.66 gaining this last year \$340.66 There are less than 10 members still to pay dues, these need to be in this month or be dropped from the roster.

Librarian – No report.

Historian – No report.

Newsletter – Jim reported with the new program that a few of the members appear to not have been sent a newsletter. He is working on the issue and will try to get it fixed before the next submission.

Web Site – No report

Exhibits – No report

Old Business – Report from Rodger that the perf gauges are selling well. He has sold \$880 worth of gages. They sell for \$25 any combination of perf sets.

New Business – Betsy has audited our books for 2024, and she commented that Hans has done a fantastic job of reporting and organization that the audit was easy. She is now working on 2025 books. The Meeting date for July will fall on the 4th it was voted on if the meeting would be moved back to June 27th or kept on July 4th. The vote was 18 to move and 7 to keep it on the present date. It will be noted before the meeting in the newsletter.

Stamp Shows – Denver in early May and Boston show will be the last 10 days of May. Look for the Oklahoma show too.

Show and tell – Neil showed an envelope that was shown on a program "Dark Winds". It showed revenue stamps being used on an envelope for standard mail. Rick K. showed some CBD Cards with revenue stamps on the back a very nice collection. Bill Johnson showed his collection of Abe Lincoln several examples and his favorite is his 1909 issue.

Presentation this week – Armen presented "Honoring Muhammed Ali" a new issue stamp.

Submitted by Perry Kilpatrick

Last month the stamp issues data from the post office was lacking. Here is the info:

.The following issues print quantity info that was not available last month: American Figures of the Revolution-18,125,000,

Happy Birthday-40,000,000, and A Day at the Beach--Quantities printed still not available even though it has been issued.

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Neil B., Michael K., & Steve S. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the June issue will be May 10th.** Happy stamping! *Jim McKinzie*