The Messenger

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Next Meeting
Saturday-November 7
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
See Details on pg 5

Dear Members,

The year is fast coming to an end. Seems this year has flown by. We do have one major show coming up in this part of the country before the end of the year. Chicagopex is the largest show around. If you can I would recommend attending. You will not find a better show near that has as many dealers, exhibits and seminars as this one. Any of you that do go, please work out a time for a group picture. It is looking like I will not be able to attend. So please send me a pic of those of you at the Chicago show. Have FUN!

Philatelic Events in our area are as follows:

November 20-22
Chicagopex
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Blvd
Itasca, IL
Friday & Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 10:00am-4pm

November 15
E and D Stamp Auction
79 East 69 Hwy
Claycomo, MO
Gavel Drops at 1:30pm
Viewing Nov 9-13, 1pm to 6pm
Catalog online

The USPS stamp program for this year is at an end. No more no issues. They have not released, as of yet, what next year's program will contain. I can only imagine what we might get. And with that and that I am dry on ideas to write about, this is a short newsletter this month.

See you soon, Jim Mc

Vibrant Leaves

Postcard Rate

US Scott #5970a



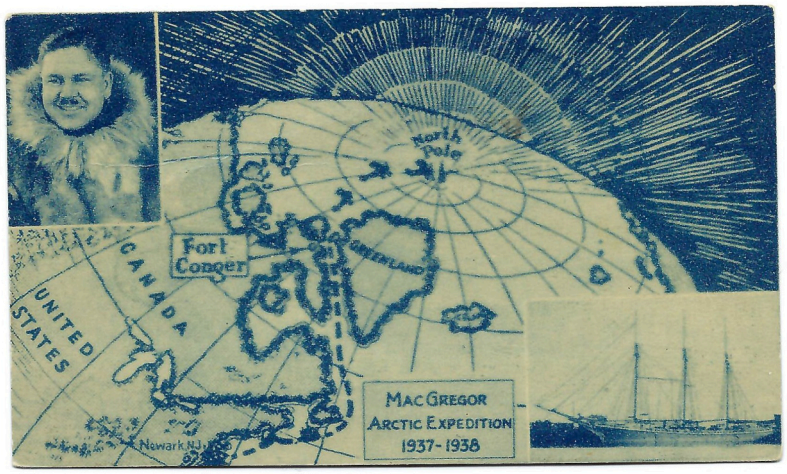
1937-38 MacGregor "All New Jersey" Expedition by Michael Keil

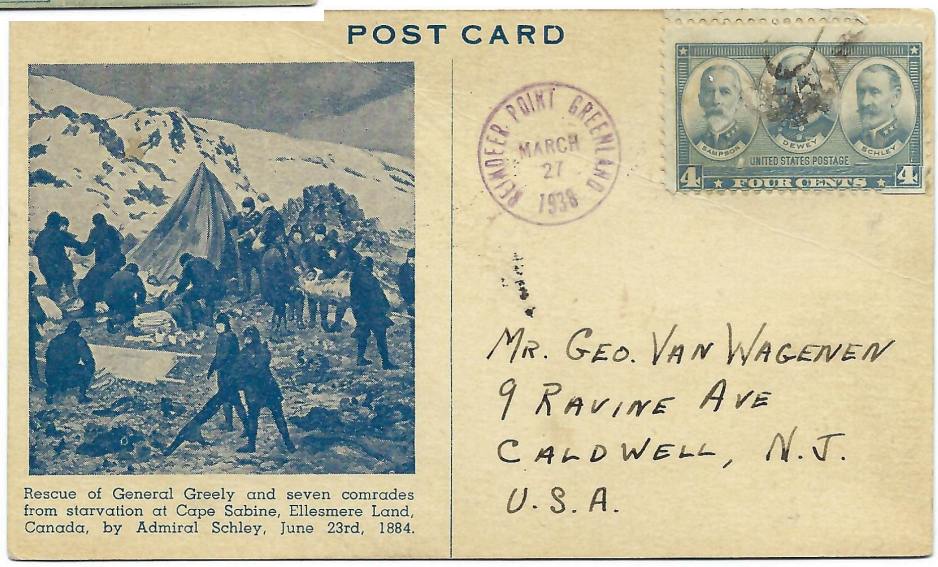
The MacGregor "All New Jersey" Expedition was the last pre-World War II U. S. Wintering-Over Arctic Expedition using wooden sailing ships led by Clifford J. MacGregor (23 February 1904 – October 1985). MacGregor was a meteorologist, Arctic explorer and naval aviator.

In 1930 MacGregor was posted to Alaska for the establishment of the first Arctic weather observation network for Alaskan Airways Weather Service. He was then appointed to the Point Barrow, Alaska Meteorological Station as Commander of the U.S. Arctic weather expedition for the Second International Polar Year (1932–33). While in Alaska MacGregor formulated a theory that Northern Hemispheric weather was bred in the Arctic.

MacGregor was assigned to the Newark, New Jersey Airport Weather office before taking a leave of absence to lead his own Arctic Expedition from July 1, 1937, through October 4, 1938. He established a base camp at Reindeer Point, Etah, Greenland from which several flights were made over Greenland and Ellesmere Island. It was MacGregor and his expedition that first proposed the need for a network of Arctic weather stations.

Subscription picture postcards were carried on the expedition flights and carried unauthorized cancellations of 27 March, 1938. All the cards were franked with Scott #793 Navy series stamps. Fewer than 200 cards were flight carried. An unknown number of these were canceled at Newark on October 5, 1937 upon the expedition's return. Of the 200 flight carried cards, an unknown number were not canceled. This postcard is one of those.





DEAD COUNTRIES: (Stamp-issuing countries that no longer exist) by Neil Becker

#39 Bavaria, 1911-1920 (3rd in the German States series)

In the previous article, the history of Bavaria and its postage stamps from 1849-1911 were presented. In 1911 Bavaria had been a part of the German Empire for forty-one years and, yet, had maintained the governmental status as a Kingdom. Added to that was the right to manage its own postal system. Prince Regent Luitpold had been leader of the Monarchy since 1886, with the death of King Ludwig II. Otto, the successor to the throne, suffered from mental illness and was judged unfit to lead the country. On the death of Luitpold in 1912, his son Ludwig became Prince Regent. Later that year, with the approval of many Bavarians, he deposed Otto and became King Ludwig III. Less than three years later Bavaria, along with the rest of Germany were involved in World War I. By 1918, civil unrest brought an end to the war and the beginning of the German Revolution, resulting in King Ludwig III abdication and the birth of the People's State of Bavaria. In August, 1919, following the suppression of a Communist revolt by the German army, the Free State of Bavaria was born and by 1920, Bavaria, including its postal system, became fully integrated into Germany.



(a) Scott #81



(b) Scott #83



(c) Scott #88



(d) Scott #92-93

In 1911 the longtime coat-of arms postage stamp design was replaced with sixteen definitives celebrating Prince Regent Luitpold's 90th birthday. The pfennig values showing Luitpold's profile facing, left in two sizes and the Mark values with a head-and-shoulders view facing right (figs. a-c). The same year saw a set of two stamps proclaiming the Silver Jubilee of Prince Regent Luitpold (fig. d).



(e) Scott #107



(f) Scott #110



(g) Scott #113

Even though King Ludwig III gained his title in 1912, postage stamps with his image weren't issued until 1914, with four more added through 1920, a total of 21 stamps (figs. e-g). The stamps printed in 1914-15 had clear impressions and bright colors. Later, 1916 -20 printings were coarse with dull colors. In 1916 the 2pf stamp was surcharged "2½ pf."; also 19 of that set were issued imperforated through 1920. Following Ludwig III's abdication in 1919, 20 stamps of this issue were overprinted "BolfsStaat Bayern" (PeoplesState Bavaria) (fig. h). In August, 1919, "Germania" stamps of Germany (19 values) were issued with the overprint "FrieStaat Bavaria" FreeState Bavaria) (fig. i). This was followed in the same

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(h) Scott #144



(i) Scott #184



(j) Scott #205

year with 19 values of the Ludwig III set bearing the same overprint (fig. j). Both the "BolfsStaat" and the "FrieStaat" Ludwig III sets were also issued imperforated. Three Ludwig III Mark stamps, both perforated and imperforated, were surcharged with new values the same year. In 1920 a 3pf brown coat-of arms design stamp was surcharged "20" on four corners. Finally a new set of 17 values with various designs and three sizes was issued in 1920 (figs. k-m). The addition of the overprint "Deutsches Reich" on that set (along with four new denominations) signaled Bavaria's official inclusion as a State of Germany.



(k) Scott #242



(l) Scott #250



(m) Scott #252



(n) Scott #267

Looking for Stamps?

Many people collect Germany and the German States. Several of us who deal in stamps have many of these issues for sale. Check with us and let us know what you are looking for. We can help fill those holes in your collection.

It is important that you contact us before the Friday of a meeting and let us know what country or subject you are interested in looking at. Most of us have large inventories and can not possibly bring all to club meeting for a few hours but are more than happy to bring something you may be interested in.

So let us know. That way we can assist you with your collection.

Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society



MPS Meeting Schedule for November 7th
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.
This month's program will be by Byron Lewis, "Who Are These People?"

We must be out be 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. Circuit books from APS are usually available also.

Meeting Dates for the Remainder of the Year:

November Date--Saturday, November 7th
December Date--Saturday, December 5th

Next month is Officer Elections for 2027:

The officer elections will be held on December 5. No slate has been submitted for publication. If interested in serving, please contact our President, Jeff Jaax. This organization does not run on its own. It takes several people to make this club function well. Let's keep it going by getting involved.

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

What You Missed at the October Meeting:

No minutes were submitted, sorry. It was a great meeting with the BBQ luncheon and the guest speaker from Great Britain. Very interesting program. We had 35 members in attendance.

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Neil B. & Michael K. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the December issue will be November 13th.** Happy stamping! *Jim McKinzie*