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Meetings and Activities
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

The Postal History of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon (SPM) —Part 2 of 2

By Douglas S. Files

Prohibition and Al Capone

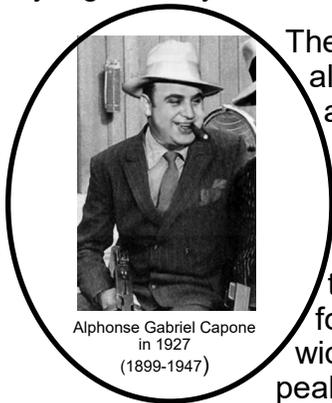
Prohibition began in the United States in January 1920 with the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. This law forbade the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the United States. Demand remained high and smuggling of alcohol into the U.S. became highly lucrative.

The liquors sold were mostly of Canadian origin, but Canadian law forbade the sale of its liquor to the U.S. So some enterprising St.-Pierrais purchased Canadian liquor, transported it to international waters off the coast of the U.S. American smugglers, or “rum-runners”, would go out to sea on boats and purchase the liquor in international waters.



Smuggling Liquor During Prohibition (Scott #823)

This made the actions of the Canadians and the St-Pierrais entirely legal. Only the Americans could run afoul of the law.



Alphonse Gabriel Capone in 1927 (1899-1947)

The French government placed a small tax on alcohol and the SPM government, merchants and sailors all profited handsomely. In fact, Chicago gangster Al Capone was involved in the trade and travelled to SPM. One of his famous hats remains on display in a museum in the Archipelago. American Prohibition represented an economic boom period for the archipelago and employment was widely available. In 1933 the United States repealed the law and the boom ended abruptly.

There followed a period of economic hardship.

World War II

During the Second World War most St.-Pierrais were loyal to DeGaulle and the Free French instead of the Vichy French government which capitulated to the Nazis. The islanders are quite proud of this fact. After the 1941 Free French invasion Admiral Muselier gave orders to overprint the stamps “France Libre” (Free France). Several officials benefitted financially from the sale of these issues to American stamp dealer speculators. These stamps today (Scott# 206C to 299E) reflect some of the rarest SPM stamps on the market and some sport high catalogue values.

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Mar 2&3—McKinley Stamp Club Show; Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4; North Canton. Email: lincolnway@sssnetcom

Mar 4 - My Favorite Dayton or Ohio Philatelic Item (member participation, 4-6 minutes)

Mar 11 Board Meeting

Mar 15-17—March Party Garfield-Perry Stamp Club; Strongsville. Email:rrrhoads@aol.com

Mar 18—Club Speakers: Creating an Exhibit, for Fun or Competition

Apr 1 - Club Auction #2 (philatelic material only)

April 8 Board Meeting

April 15—My Favorite Stamp Set or Series (member participation, 4-6 minutes)

May 6 - Club Speaker: Topical Collecting with member participation

May 13 Board Meeting

May 20—Club Members Bourse #1 (aka Sell, Buy, Trade)

June 3—My Other Hobby: show & tell your other hobby with us! (member participation, 4-6 minutes)

June 10 Board Meeting

June 14&15— COLOPEX Columbus Philatelic Club, Columbus; email:info@colopex.com

June 17—Philatelic Trivia: Open Book Quiz (on your own or work as a team)

July 1—Patriotic Presentations to honor Independence

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Howard Smith

Dayton Stamp Club Member since 1955
Artist, Cachet Maker, Philatelist, Ham Radio Operator, and Aviation Enthusiast.



'At least a few years ago I started collecting stamps.' noted Howard Smith. 'I was in graphics out at the base, newly married and working to start a career and raise a family.'

The beginnings of a stamp collecting story that resonates with many of us. 'Way back then, not a lot of money but a love for paper, history and stories. Smith collected coins in those early days also. Picking up change was a little easier and quicker than waiting on the mail or standing lines at post office. Smith commented, 'I collected used stamps from the mail and bought small packets of uses stamps from time to time. There was an Area B Post Office and I would buy new issues.' Smith continued, 'I found early stamps with minor faults and others that were really space fillers. I was interested in collecting everything and anything using a small album.'

Cachet Maker

After joining the Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) Smith found other outlets for his talents and interests. He began making cachets for Dayton airshows and DSC AIRPEX. 'The first was probably the 1959 air show.' noted Smith. 'I was making a first day cover for the club.' He smiled. 'The artwork I did was of the wrong place.' Smith explained. This did not stop Smith from creating numerous other cachet covers for the Dayton and DSC events.



DSC AIRPEX V cover commemorating establishment of McCook Field. Club cachet and show cancel. Event date: Oct. 12, 1980



50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force First Day Cover First Day of Issue (SC 3167) station cancel at WPAFB, OH, Sept. 18, 1997. Cancel depicts three F-16's.

Over the years Smith continued to contribute his time and talents to DSC. He serves on the Board, makes cachet covers, coordinates the selling of cachet covers and cancellations at various area events. Smith offered advice to beginning collectors, 'collect what you like! Don't collect to make a profit, have fun. Join a stamp club and get active. Find a dedicated place in the house to work on your stamps and for storage.'

Collect What You Like

As part of Smith's collection are favorite covers, U.S. issues and engraved stamps. He remarked that he appreciated the printing process and the quality of the artwork. He does have revenue stamps as part of his collection. 'Create an exhibit,' Smith advised. 'That gives you a reason to research the history of the issue and learn more about the stamp and collecting.' Smith has an exhibit for the DC3 Aircraft stamps.



Classic Car Show Dayton Museum of Discovery's First Discovery Concours d'Elegance. Sept. 14, 1997 cancel depicts a 1959 Cor-

Smith recruits DSC members from all over the area while providing a service to the particular event. He has produced covers for a number of HamVentions in Dayton,

Fly-overs, Rendezvous, Air Shows, Air Force Anniversaries and special events, Classic Car Shows, Soap Box Derby events, Dayton International Airport and United Way.

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Free French SPM Cover from World War II
 Scott # 206C ... 299E)

SPM

people feel close to Americans, even though they are French citizens and use euros. Interestingly, the culture and language of SPM straddle French and American traditions. The islanders celebrate Halloween, which is not a French holiday, and they say "Florida" the English way, instead of "Floride."

From approximately 1976 to 1986 France decided that their overseas territory SPM could not issue its own stamps. After all, it would be like Hawaii issuing its own stamps. Here are two covers showing French stamps used in the archipelago. Then the government decided that SPM was expensive to maintain and separate stamp issues was one way they could earn their keep.



In 1997 SPM issued an airmail stamp featuring a peregrine falcon. Local St.-Pierre artist Joelle Olaisola designed the stamp. But when she saw the final product, she balked immediately. This was not the stamp she had designed! It was missing the bright yellow background color. She insisted on a new printing with the proper colors and La Poste agreed. They recalled the entire shipment and reprinted the stamps correctly. However, some copies of the error stamp made it into collector hands. The French Dallay catalogue prices the error at 300 times the price of the corrected version.



Peregrine Falcon
 Scott #C73

First Philastelic Expo in 2011

The author first visited St. Pierre & Miquelon in 2007. He returned to the islands for the First Philatelic Expo in 2011. Here is a cover showing

a special expo cancel. The expo was such a big deal that the mayor of St. Pierre and the local governor threw a party for philatelic bigwigs. Foreign guests were urged to attend. The expo was prominently featured on television as a cultural event and local philatelists were interviewed about their exhibits.



The 2011 Expo Stamp and Cancel (Scott #932)

Overall, St.-Pierre and Miquelon are fascinating islands that showcase French culture, yet lie just off the coast of Canada. Despite a small population, the archipelago supports an active stamp club and issues engaging stamps that demonstrate the culture and identity of its friendly citizens. It is an intriguing place to visit and it issues many exotic fish and boating topicals. When seeking a new country to collect, keep St.-Pierre and Miquelon in mind.

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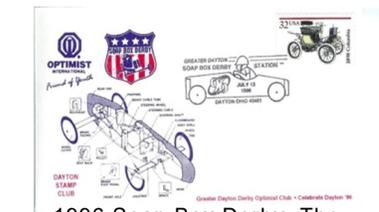
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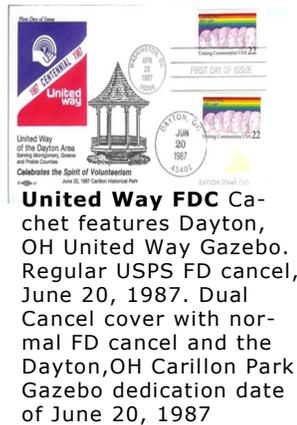
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Stamp collecting is and should be fun commented Smith during this interview. He recommended that collector become familiar with your local post office workers and postmaster. They should know that you are a collector. Same is true for stamp dealers. Don't be afraid to tell ones you trust and respect what you collect and might have interests.

Howard Smith is an active member of the club. He is friendly and enjoys talking of his experiences and helping others enjoy the hobby. He concludes, "stamp collectors are great!"



1990 HamVention cover



United Way FDC Cachet features Dayton, OH United Way Gazebo. Regular USPS FD cancel, June 20, 1987. Dual Cancel cover with normal FD cancel and the Dayton, OH Carillon Park Gazebo dedication date of June 20, 1987

Philatelic Glossary

Every hobby has its own language and set of terms.

BOB - Back of the Book (airmails, postage dues, postal stationery, revenues, etc. which are listed after the regular issues by the Scott Catalogue)

Pane - The proper name for a sheet of stamps sold at a post office. Most panes include a plate number and other markings in the margin or selvage.

Postal Stationery - An envelope, card, or aerogramme sold by the post office on which the image of a stamp is preprinted. These stamps were printed as part of the stationery and thus can not be soaked off.

Souvenir Sheet - Stamps issued in a special format primarily for stamp collectors. Most souvenir sheets include only one of each stamp design and usually have a special decorative border.

Selvage - The margin of a pane of stamps that usually includes the plate number and other markings such as copyright notices.

Watermark - A special mark incorporated into postage stamp paper as a security device, making it more difficult to counterfeit a stamp. Watermarks are thinner parts of the paper that sometimes may be seen by looking at the back of a stamp but often require dipping in special fluid to be visible.

Perfin/Precancel Study Group—for anyone interested in learning more about perfins and precancels. No prior knowledge required. Meetings are the first Monday of the month immediately before the DSC meeting at 6:30 pm. No meetings in March or April. See you in May.

Dead Country Collection Possibility: - Danish West Indies (DWI) Stamps

The country of Denmark, although not a major power, had a colony in the Caribbean. The colony had its beginning when the Danish West India and Guinea Company settled on St. Thomas island in 1672, expanded to St. John in 1683, and later purchased St. Croix from the French West Indies Company in 1733. Despite the conflicts with the British and the usual risks from the marauding pirates, the islands were very profitable, as they grew and exported a large volume of sugar, using primarily cheap slave labor. In 1917, the islands were sold to the United States for \$25 million and officially became the U.S. Virgin Islands.



First Stamp Issued in 1856

The first postage stamp of the Danish West Indies was issued in 1856, and was of the same coat of arms design as the stamps of Denmark. In 1905, DWI changed their currency from dalers (1 daler = 100 cents) to francs (1 franc = 100 bits). With the change of currency new designs were created and a surcharge reflecting new rates printed on existing issues as transition.



DWI 1856 SC #1

The Danish West Indies is no longer a country and is a small single country collection. Between 1856 and 1917 only 58 regular usage postage stamps were issued.

There are numerous varieties, shade differences, errors and inverts. As with any country, this extends the collection possibilities. In addition DWI issued 8 postage due stamps, 18 postal cards and 13 reply cards. DWI, also, issued 58 revenue stamps for those collecting back of the book (BOB) issues.

Collecting stamps from a "Dead Country" enables a collection of all of the stamps issued since there will be none issued after the ending date of that country. These collections can be very expensive but there



DWI 1905 SC #38



DWI 1908 SC#46

are numerous "dead countries" that can be collected at a reasonable price. This is the case for the Danish West Indies. If a person collected all 58 of the regular stamps issued in Mint Unhinged condition, the Scott Catalog value is a total of \$3,808.20. Generally, this represents the high end cost. Searching several sources, a collector can find DWI stamps at a percentage of

Scott's.

Two stamp clubs provide valuable resources for information about the Danish West Indies issues.. One, located in the UK, is the Scandinavia Philatelic Society www.scandps.org.uk. A U.S. based club is the Scandinavian Collectors Club, formed in 1935 in New York City, currently located in Chicago: www.scc-online.org. DWI is included in the resources of both clubs. SCC publishes *The Posthorn Journal*. Dues is listed as \$25. per year.



- 2008
#4221
41c
Year of Rat
- 2009
#4375
42c
Year of Ox
- 2010
#4435
Forever
Year of Tiger
- 2011
#4492
Forever
Year of Rabbit
- 2012
#4623
Forever
Year of Dragon
- 2013
#4726
Forever
Year of Snake
- 2014
#4846
Forever
Year of Horse
- 2015
#4957
Forever
Year of Ram
- 2016
#5057
Forever
Year of Monkey
- 2017
#5154
Forever
Year of Rooster
- 2018
#5254
Forever
Year of Dog
- 2019

Forever
Year of Boar

USPS Lunar New Year Series of 2008-2019 pictured on left with Year, Scott number, rate and design listed

USPS ends the Celebrating Lunar New Year series with 2019 Year of Boar

A big day for stamp collectors is the day new zodiac stamps are issued. The first zodiac stamp in the world was released in Japan on February 1, 1950.



Japan 1950
SC #498 New Year of Tiger



First Chinese zodiac stamp, 1980.
Gengshen Monkey
Year SC #1586
RARE (approx. value \$2,500).

China did not begin to issue zodiac stamps until 1980. The practice was delayed in China because during the Cultural Revolution (1966-76) the Chinese zodiac was considered one of the "four olds" (old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits). In 1980, famous Chinese painter Huang Yongyu and designer Shao Bolin created the image for the first monkey stamp, marking the beginning of issuing Chinese zodiac stamps.

U.S. Lunar New Year Series

Clarence Lee designed the U.S. Lunar New Year stamp series starting in 1992. This began 26 issue two part (1992-2019) series depicting the zodiac animals and firecrackers, drums and lucky bamboo plants.. New York based artist Kam Mak created the central artwork, Lee created the cut-paper designs, and Lau Bun deigned the grass-style calligraphy. All under the direction of USPS art director Ethel Kessler. "Around the world, millions of people welcome a new year with gifts, music and celebration," according to USPS. "The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival in China and Tet in Vietnam, is the most important holiday of the year for many Asian communities."



1992 U.S. Year of Rooster. SC #2720
First of 1992- 2004



2006 US Lunar New Year SC #3997

The entire series or one part could make an exciting exhibit. Small series and could incorporate political and social considerations during the years.



2019 US Year of Boar SC #

U.S. Lunar Year Issues of 1992-2004

Scott #	Design	Year
2720	29c Year of Rooster	1992
2817	29c Year of Dog	1994
2876	29c Year of Boar	1994
3060	32c Year of Rat	1996
3120	32c Year of Ox	1997
3179	32c Year of Tiger	1998
3272	33c Year of Rabbit	1999
3370	33c Year of Dragon	2000
3500	34c Year of Snake	2001
3559	34c Year of Horse	2002
3747	37c Year of Ram	2003
3832	37c Year of Monkey	2004
3895	37c SS all 12 designs	2005
3997	39c SS all 12 designs	2006

Dayton Stamp Club Affiliations

As a member of Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) you also are affiliated with two national philatelic associations—The American Philatelic Society (APS) and the American Topical Association (ATA). These organizations promote stamp collecting, provide member services, convene national shows and workshops and encourage youth stamp collecting activities.

American Philatelic Society

The American Philatelic Society (APS), founded September 14, 1886, is the oldest and largest national organization of stamp collectors in the United States. Chapters are an integral part of the APS. Now more than 475 local stamp clubs in the U.S. and several other countries are APS Chapters.



DSC members are encouraged to join APS individually. With three or more individual APS memberships, DSC is a Chapter APS member. DSC is Chapter #080083 and receives benefits and services through APS. For more information: <https://classic.stamps.org/Club-Benefits>

American Topical Association (ATA)



American Topical Association (ATA) Chapters are geographical stamp clubs who have affiliated with the ATA. ATA serves members in 60 countries. Organized in 1949 ATA provides services and resources to its members. ATA promotes stamp collecting, topical/thematic stamp collecting, publishes checklists for numerous topics, assists in development of exhibits, and provides youth activities.

Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) recently became a Chapter affiliate with ATA. DSC encourages individual members for those in this collecting area. With six or more members DSC is an ATA Chapter Affiliate #82. For more information: <http://americantopicalassn.org/benefits.shtml>

DSC member Carol Costa serves as a ATA Board Director.

In memoriam

Reuben Williams Wasserman, age 83, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019. Born in Israel he moved to New York City as a young child. He made his way to Dayton where he earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Engineering from University of Dayton. Upon graduation he accepted a position at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where he met his wife Patricia. Reuben was an active member of the Dayton Stamp Club from many years. He was also a member of MG Car Club SW Ohio and a coin collector. With a twinkle in his eye, Reuben was a caring husband, father and friend to many.

DSC Meetings and Activities
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Day (member participation, 4-6 minutes)

July 8 Board Meeting

July 15—Club Auction #3 (philatelic material only)

Aug. 1-4 — APS/ATA Joint National Stamp Show, Omaha NE

Aug. 5-10 — Perfin/Precanel, 98th Annual Conference, Omaha, NE

Aug 5 -Media Show from ATA – “Walt Disney’s Empire” Appoint Nominating Comm. for 2019 DSC Officers

Aug 12 Board Meeting

Aug 19—How I Started Collecting Stamps (member participation, 4-6 minutes)

Aug 23-24 (Fri-Sat) *AIRPEX @ IBEW Hall (F: 12-6pm; Sa: 10am-4pm)*

Sept 2 - Labor Day (Church Closed) No Meeting

Sept 9 Board Meeting

Sept 16 -Club Auction #4 (philatelic material only)

Oct 7 Solve My Mystery: Bring in a philatelic item you can't ID

Oct 14 Board Meeting (set 2019 calendar & budget review)

Oct 21 - Club Members Bourse #2 (aka Sell, Buy, Trade)

Nov 4 - Club/Guest Speaker –TBD

Nov 11 Board Meeting

Nov 18—Club Auction #5 and Elections (philatelic material only)

Dec 2 - Club Holiday Dinner @ local restaurant, 6:30 pm

Dec 9 Board Meeting

Dec 16—No Meeting – Enjoy the Holiday Season!