



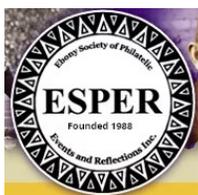
# NEWSLETTER

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## How to Collect Stamps

By Malia Wollan Sept. 8, 2020

“You need a theme,” says Warachal E. Faison, board president of the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections, a group dedicated to the collection of stamps relating to the African diaspora. It’s fine to start acquiring whatever stamps strike your fancy, but to be a serious philatelist requires a more



focused approach and the research required to understand stamps in a historical context.

Faison’s themes include Black history, women and health care and science (she works as a senior medical director at Pfizer). Among her collection’s highlights: an illustrated Swedish stamp of Toni Morrison, released after her 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature, and a sheet of 10-cent stamps featuring Booker T. Washington, the first African-

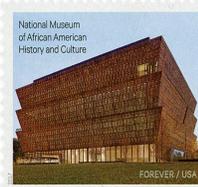


US 10c Booker T. Washington 1940 Famous Americans Educator SC# 873

American person put on a U.S. stamp, in 1940. Faison’s older brother, Walter, who serves on the board with her, collects Martin Luther King Jr. stamps from around the world. “Find the stamp shows in your area,” Faison says. If you’re looking for something very specific, like, say, a 1936 Susan B. Anthony stamp, contact the show’s exhibitors in advance to see if they have it. Find a mentor, someone who can help you navigate shows and clubs and get basic equipment. “Some people put

their stamps in cigar boxes or shoe boxes,” says Faison, who recommends using stamp albums for better preservation. Minimize how much you touch stamps, because the oil in your skin can cause deterioration. Use tweezers or tongs instead. At shows, protect your stamps in a cardboard envelope and stay away from amateurs. “You’ll see people walking around drinking soda,” Faison says. “That’s a quick way of knowing that person is not a philatelist.”

When the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections hosts a booth at a show, Faison likes to bring along duplicate stamps from her collection so she can give them away to young people. “When you go to stamp shows, you see a lot of older Caucasian men,” she says. She wants to help inspire a new, more diverse generation of collectors who care deeply about mail, the U.S. Postal Service and the little images on stamps that tell stories about history. “I don’t want philatelists to be a dying breed,” Faison says.



US Forever 2017 Africa American Museum SC#5251

ESPER membership includes stamp collectors from across the world. For more information: [www.esperstamps.org](http://www.esperstamps.org).



US 13c 1978 Harriet Tubman SC#1744 1st Stamp in Black Heritage Series

Published New York Times Magazine September 13, 2020

Meetings and Activities  
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

Feb 1—**ZOOM** 7:00 pm Board Meeting—All are welcome

Feb 1—**ZOOM** 7:30 pm DSC meeting & How it’s Made program

Feb 15 — **HOLIDAY—Presidents’ Day—NO DSC MEETING**

Mar 1—**ZOOM** 7:00 pm Board Meeting—All are welcome

Mar 1—**ZOOM** 7:30 pm DSC meeting and program

Mar 6-7 — **McKinley Club Stamp Show, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St. NW North Canton**

Mar 15—**ZOOM** 7:30 DSC meeting and program

Apr 5 —**ZOOM** 7:00 pm Board Meeting & 7:30 DSC Meeting and Program

Apr 8-11 — **Garfield-Perry Exhibition and Bourse, Holiday Inn, Strongsville.**

Apr 19—**ZOOM** 7:30 DSC meeting and program

May 3 —**ZOOM** 7:00 pm Board Meeting & 7:30 DSC Meeting and Program

May 17—**ZOOM** 7:30 DSC meeting and program

June 7 —**ZOOM** 7:00 pm Board Meeting & 7:30 DSC Meeting and Program

June 21—**ZOOM** 7:30 DSC meeting and program

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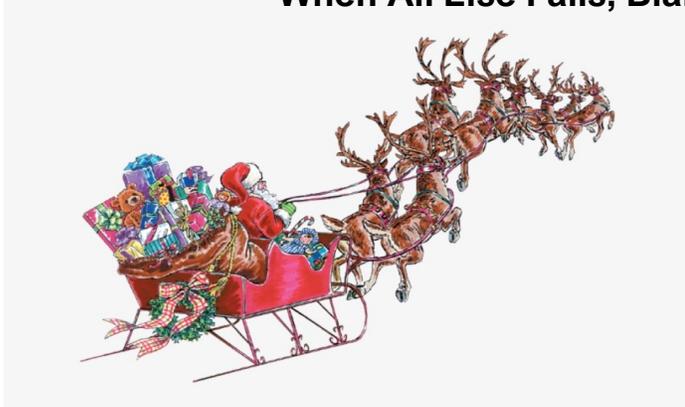
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When All Else Fails, Blame It On the Postal Service



The holiday season is hectic and filled with duties and family obligations. Thankfully for us stamp collectors, sending Holiday cards to friends and relatives remains one of those important seasonal traditions. It is a great source of used stamps.

However, perhaps an American tradition is trying to find new excuses for missing this deadline or a package arriving late. Well this one take the prize. Ex-President Donald Trump is/was blaming the postal service for his loss in the November 3 elections. In a December tweet, the ex-president claimed that a “whistle-blower” reported the the USPS is responsible for tampering with thousands of election ballots.

Trump continued, “there is well documented evidence” that postal workers in “this long time Democratic stronghold got rid of massive numbers, especially in swing states, during and before delivery of the ballots.” The former president did not provide any evidence, Twitter noted that Trump’s account of the non-delivery of ballots was being challenged.

Attorney General William Barr stated on December 1 that the Department of Justice has failed to find any evidence of massive fraud in the presidential elections.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, appointed by Trump, praised his workers for their handling of the record number of mail-in ballots.

“I want to thank you for your commitment of our mission of service and for bringing integrity, purpose and precision to everything you do,” DeJoy said to postal workers in a post-election message.

One more excuse proven otherwise and supporting the quality of the United States Postal Service workers. Thank you Linn’s Stamp News for providing this published information.

Cooperating Journey with Greenville Library and Dayton Stamp Club

And the story begins — “The Vakeck Kennel was established in Greenville, Ohio by Cyril and Virginia Keckler and became a nationally renowned establishment for the breeding of Great Dane Champions. The Kecklers not only conducted business throughout the United States but also in Canada, South America, and most prominently in Germany from where they imported many of their breeding stock.” The exhibit will contain memories of Keckler family, their kennel, and their Great



Danes. Staff from the Library is working with members of the Dayton Stamp Club including Carol Costa and others are putting together the material for exhibit in the library for residents and visitors. This is the beginning and will consume several more months of work.



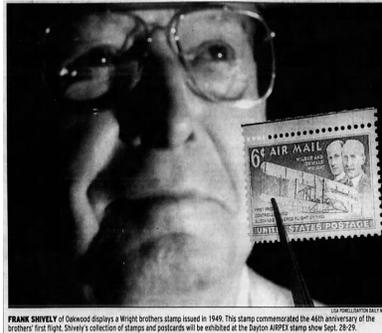
## From the Dayton Stamp Club Archives By Steven Solomon, DSC Historian

### Once there were Stamp Exhibits

More than 1,000 people visited the club's 27th annual stamp show in 2002, held September 28 and 29 at the Dayton Convention Center. There were 60 frames on display as well as about 20 dealers.

The lives and work of Wilbur and Orville Wright were featured in a large exhibit assembled by longtime Dayton Stamp Club member Frank Shively. He presented a collection of stamps, along with postcards and other printed material commemorating the first flight.

Shively's exhibit in-



cluded the text of telegrams and journal entries written by Wilbur Wright. He also had a written summary of the Wrights' lives and offered copies to those who visited his exhibit, which featured eight frames.

### Knowing about Wright Brothers is Important

"It is important that youngsters know about the Wright brothers," Shively told the Dayton Daily News at the time. "The historical background involved with stamp collecting is very interesting, and the exhibition features quite a bit of that."

Because of his extensive Yukon Gold Rush collection, Shively had been approached by the Canadian government for historical pieces for its national archive. "Stamps tell stories, of course, but so do their envelopes," Shively said.



1998 US 32c Klondike Gold Rush  
SC#3235

A lifelong area resident, retired general surgeon, and Wright State University professor, Shively had been collecting stamps for more than 50 years. He passed in 2009.

## Coming Up on APS Stamp Chat

[February 2nd, 3 PM EST](#)  
[Irv Osterer](#)

[February 4th, 6:30 PM EST](#)  
[Host: Graham Beck](#)

[February 10th, 6:30 PM EST](#)  
[Ed Kroff, RPSC](#)

### Dayton Stamp Club February 1 Meeting Program

Program using video presentation followed by member discussion:

- ◆ "How It's made? — Stamp Production video presentation
- ◆ Stamp Bucks for attending and Must Be Present to Win One-Year Subscription to Stamp Journal

# Researching a German-Ukrainian World War II Cover

By Douglas Files

With most stamp shows cancelled during the pandemic I bought more items on eBay than I had in the past. One of the items was colorful and seemed like a good bargain at only a few dollars. It showed Adolf Hitler and a swastika but seemed to be an occupation cover from Ukraine. When I began to research it, the only thing I knew was that Germany had used local overprints during World War II. I was not sure if the violet “Apostolowe” on this cover represented a local overprint or a cancellation from that city.

## The Dienstpost handstamp

At the top is a purple handstamp that reads Deutsche Dienstpost Ukraine. One on-line translator told me it meant “German Dienstpost Ukraine” – which did not convert the term of interest. Another translator said “dienstpost” means “service mail”, an unfamiliar phrase. The third site said it meant German Ukrainian official mail, which I finally understood. Other Google entries let me know there exists a book on World War II dienstpost by Hermann Schultz, but the book is in German so it would not be of much use to me.



Front side of the World War II cover

Image by the author of a cover in his collection

Back of the World War II cover

Image by the author of a cover in his collection



Arms of the City of Apostolowe

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## The stamps

Next I consulted the principal German catalogue, Michel Deutschland Spezial 2019, which is the equivalent of the Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps, except that it is for Germany. It is all in German so I painstakingly searched page by page trying to find any information that would help me learn about this item. Basically, I looked at the pictures and tried to find any stamps that resembled those on my cover. Eventually – on page 1119! – I found a section listing these overprinted Hitler stamps. They were issued in November 1941 and are listed as Michel numbers 5, 6 and 16. Interestingly the used stamps are valued at the minimum price of 30 cents off-cover but on-cover they are listed at 3 euros, 4 euros and 10 euros.

Next I pulled out the Scott worldwide catalogue. In the Germany back-of-book section there were no “UKRAINE” overprints. So then I checked the Ukraine section but nothing was there either. The index sent me to the Russia back-of-book section where these stamps were listed under “German Occupation”. The stamps on my cover were listed as N25, N26 and N38, all at minimum values, either mint or used. A small note under that section states that German stamps overprinted “UKRAINE” and found in the Russia section, were actually issued for use in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (that is, the Baltic nations). “Aarrgh,” I grumbled, “You have to search all of Europe to research this cover”.

## The Apostolowe overprint – or cancel

So then I returned to the Internet to figure out where Apostolowe is. Wikipedia informed me it is a city of 13,000 people in south central Ukraine. I had some sense of where Ukraine is, but to give a better sense of the nation, it lies between Poland and Russia. Of note, Ukraine is not adjacent to Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania where the Scott catalogue said the stamps were used. Apostolowe is at least 750 miles from those Baltic nations.

As for the “Apostolowe” overprint. I found a section in volume 2 of the Michel specialized catalogue that listed local overprints but “Apostolowe” was not there. After more Google translation I realized this was because volume 2 only covered overprints after 1945 and mine were from 1943. Back to the drawing board... The index offered no aid; after 10 more minutes of flipping through the book I gave up. I needed help.

Fortunately we philatelists do not exist in a vacuum. I consulted Yuri Katsov, a Ukrainian philatelist I know, as well as Mr. Anthony Hickey, head of the Third Reich Philatelic Study Group in the United

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## A Riddle-Poem, a Word Puzzle, by Walt Whitman

Shirley McKee, DSC Member

### "My Picture-Gallery" a poem by Walt Whitman

In a little house keep I pictures suspended, it is not a fix'd house,  
It is round, it is only a few inches from one side to the other;  
Yet behold, it has room for all the shows of the world, all memories?  
Here the tableaux of life, and here the groupings of death;  
Here, do you know this? this is cicerone himself,  
With finger rais'd he points to the prodigal pictures.

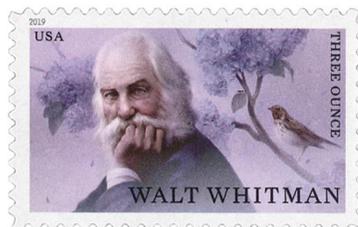
### So What is the Answer?

If there's only one correct answer, it's his brain (or skull or mind). But there are other pictures "suspended" in my mind: A model of an art museum. Silhouettes of chariots racing around a terra-cotta pot. A camera. And, of course, a stamp album—a few inches thick, with a curved spine, and hinged postage stamps from around the world.

### More Information about Walt Whitman

There are several rabbit holes to go down here. I used the National Postal Museum as a reference for the 5-cent stamp issued February 2, 1940 featuring Whitman as a Famous Poet in the Famous American series.

Linn's Stamp News' recent article (by Michael Baadke, August 27, 2019) gives a short bio of Whitman and mentions Whitman stamps have also been issued in Romania (Scott 1076), Dahomey (C119), and Sweden (2116, 2118).



2019 US Forever 3 oz rate, Walt Whitman, Literary Arts Series,

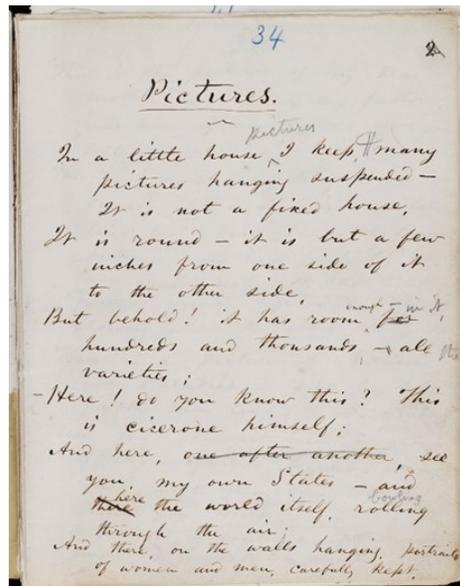
Could Whitman have been familiar with postage stamps and hinges? Albums? Chariot races? Cameras? Yes, although cameras were pretty clunky, and commemorative stamps came out after "My Picture-Gallery."

Archived Whitman manuscript material is readily available online through The Walt Whitman Archive, although the originals are scattered in dozens of repositories. The manuscript of "Pictures" (with marginal notes in pencil) is held at the Beineke at Yale. A scrap with preliminary notes for "Poem of Pictures" ("the chariot-race") is held in the Clifton Waller Barrett Collection at the University of Virginia.

According to The Walt Whitman Archive "My Picture-Gallery" first appeared in The American in 1880 and was included in the 1881-1882 edition of Leaves of Grass.



1940 US 5c Walt Whitman, Famous American Series Poet SC#867



Handwritten copy of Pictures first appeared in 1880

July 5—**ZOOM** 7:00 pm  
Board Meeting & 7:30 DSC  
Meeting and Program

July 19—**ZOOM** 7:30 DSC  
meeting and program

Aug 2—**ZOOM** 7:30pm DSC  
Meeting and Program

Aug 9—7 Board Meeting  
with AIRPEX Review

Aug 12-15 Great American  
Stamp Show, APS & ATA  
Hosts, Rosemont, IL

Aug 16—**ZOOM** 7:30 DSC  
meeting and program

Aug 27-28 (Fri—Sat.)  
**\*\*AIRPEX@IBEW Hall (F:12  
-6pm; Sat: 10am-6pm)**

Sep 6 — Labor day **NO  
MEETING**

Sep 13 — 7pm Board-  
Meeting with AIRPEX Re-  
view

Sept 20—7:30 DSC meeting  
and program

Oct 4—7:30pm DSC  
Meeting and Program

Oct 11 — 7pm Board  
Meeting

Oct 18—7:30 DSC meeting  
and program

Nov 1 - 7:30pm DSC  
Meeting and Program

Nov 8—7pm Board Meeting  
(set 2022 Calendar and  
Budget review)

Nov 15—7:30 DSC meeting  
and program Elections

Dec 6—6:30pm Holiday  
Dinner@ local restaurant

Dec13—7pm Board  
Meeting

**Please join us at the next Dayton Stamp Club meeting**—February 1 — by internet device or telephone. You do not need an iPad or computer.



**Dayton Stamp Club Meeting via Zoom - 1st and 3rd Mondays**

Board Meeting 7:00pm - 1st Mondays Only  
Club Meeting & Program 7:30pm

**Join Zoom Meeting with a device that connects to internet:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82225670103?pwd=QmlENDd5QVpCSk1aak45ZzcxZDM0UT09>

Meeting ID: 822 2567 0103

Passcode: grace

**How to join the meeting just using your regular telephone**

if you do not have a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

**Dial Phone Number to Join the Meeting by Telephone Only: 312-626-6799**

Follow instructions on phone - it will ask for this info:

Meeting ID: 822 2567 0103

Passcode: 608866

The following commands can be entered via using your phone's dial pad while in a Zoom meeting by phone: - \*6 - Toggle mute/unmute and \*9 - Raise hand



**Write a Classified Ad for Your Duplicates**

Every Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) member is entitled to place classified ads in the newsletter. What are you looking for; a particular country, a specific year, or some missing set or part of a set? Some other club member may have the item you are seeking. If you don't ask, no one will know you are seeking that item.

**Super Clearance Sale**

Scott's catalogue 2017, two volumes, A-B and C-F. **Free to good home.** Email me if interested. [jamesbooth@ameritech.net](mailto:jamesbooth@ameritech.net)

Scott's catalogue 2019, volume 3A and 3B G, H, I **Best offer.** If no one is interested, it's going to recycling!!

Scott's catalogue 2020, volume 5A and 5B N-Sam. **Best offer.** If no one is interested, it is going into recycling!!

**Dayton Stamp Club & Philatelic Memberships**

Each month, at the first meeting of the month, the President will draw a member's name. **IF that member is present at that meeting**, the club will pay for a **one-year philatelic organization membership** for that individual of his/her choice from the list.

Some of the organizations on the list are: the American First Day Cover Society; the American Philatelic Society; the American Revenue Association; the American Stamp Dealers Association; La Posta (postal history); Linn's Stamp News; the Pre-cancel Society; and the United Postal Stationery Society. Other organizations may be considered, subject to approval of DSC board of directors.

**Member MUST be present at that meeting!**

**ATTEND MEETING RECEIVE STAMP BUCKS**

Attend a DSC meeting and receive 5 Stamp Bucks that can be used at any of the DSC auction meetings on exciting philatelic material and supplies.



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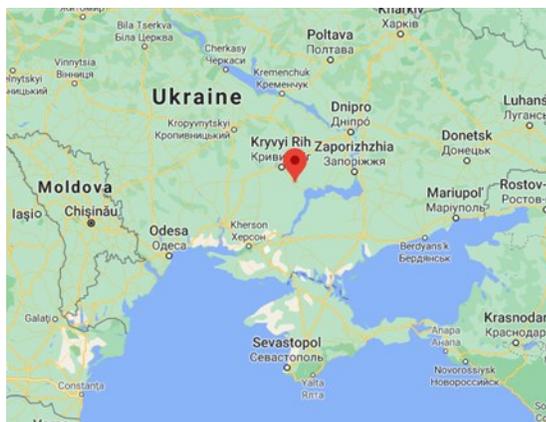
Kingdom. The Ukrainian gentleman searched for “Апостолово”, the town’s Russian name. He added that the town was occupied on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1941 by German troops. Russian Red Army troops defeated the Germans on February 5, 1944 and returned the city to USSR rule. Interestingly, he noted that many Ukrainians might have preferred German rule to the Russian rule they had. This explains why civilians in Ukraine during WWII were not particularly hostile to German troops. He emphasized that the Ukrainians did *not* support Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party, however.

Third Reich philatelic expert Anthony Hickey added more detail. The German Service Post or Deutsche Dienstpost was established to allow civil and military agencies in occupied territories to securely mail letters. The purple handstamp indicated which territory the letter originated in. My cover says “Deutsche Dienstpost Ukraine” but Deutsche Dienstpost Osten would have been from Poland and Deutsche Dienstpost Bohmen-Mahren would have indicated the cover was from Bohemia and Moravia. Hickey also clarified the division of German-occupied Russian territories: “After the Invasion of the Soviet Union on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1941 the area known as Galicia was incorporated into the General Government Area to make a 5<sup>th</sup> District. To govern other parts of occupied Russian territory two Reichscommissariats were established, “The Ukraine” to the south and “Ostland” for Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Belo Russia in the north. The rest of German occupied Russia was under Military Administration.” This leads me to believe the note in the Scott catalogue may be meant to refer to “Ostland” overprints and not “Ukraine” overprints.

Mr. Hickey added more about the stamps, the rates and the handstamps on my cover:

*“[This] cover bears German Hitler Head definitives, 6, 12 and 30pfg, overprinted “Ukraine” which...were part of a set issued on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1941. The same set of stamps was issued on the same day overprinted “Ostland” for the northern area. German postal rates were introduced at the same time; Inland Letter Rate up to 20 grams: 12pfg, Registration Fee: 30pfg and Inland Airmail charge: 5pfg, so [this] cover is 1pfg over franked. The stamps are neatly cancelled with an Apostolowo (Apostolove) provisional handstamp alongside a dumb (blank) date stamp, 7<sup>th</sup> January 1943. Regulations regarding provisional postmarks were that they should be dated but this was not always adhered to. The cover has been back stamped in Berlin on the day of arrival, 14<sup>th</sup> January 1943, not bad as the Battle for Stalingrad was coming to a conclusion and all possible effort was being used to supply and relieve the 6<sup>th</sup> Army.”*

He added that due to the perfectly-spaced stamps and the clarity of the handstamps, the cover is probably either a philatelic concoction or a forgery. So this envelope made me rich in knowledge - but not in money.



Apostolove is a modern city in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast of Ukraine. It serves as the administrative center of Apostolove Raion. Currently there is a population of about 14, 000 people. The area is north of the Black Sea and east of Romania and north of Georgia. Over the years the city had alternative names depending on who occupied the area: Apostolove, Apostolovo, Apostolové, Apostolowe, Apostolowo, Apostołowo The city was the scene of a Jewish massacre in 1941-2.



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## Dayton Stamp Club

Dayton Stamp Club meets the first and third Monday of each month. Currently, the club is meeting via ZOOM starting at 7:30 pm. Guests are wel-

come. Contact: [daytonstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:daytonstampclub@gmail.com) and request zoom address for that week.

DSC reaches out to all persons interested in collecting stamp and philatelic related items. The goal is to exchange ideas, learn more, have fun and to promote stamp collecting.

DSC has joined with other groups to promote the club and Miami Valley events. This online service reaches the entire Miami Valley market. There are no other stamp clubs in that region.

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Dayton Stamp Club members want to share with you the fun and enjoyment of stamp collecting.



### Virtual Learning Event News:

## Pressing Issues: An Introduction to Printing Types

Vital to proper stamp identification and rooting out fakes, in this 3-session course you will learn how stamps are printed. We will cover the basics of stamp printing technology including the four main types of printing used for all stamps, design considerations, and the use of color in multicolor printing. Although useful for almost any collector, the material is somewhat U.S.-centric.

Sessions: [February 1, 15, March 1, 2021 \(7:30-8:30 p.m. EST\)](#)

Cost: [\\$25 \(APS Members\)/\\$50 \(Non-Member\)](#)

Instructor: Wayne Youngblood

## Dayton Hamvention 2021 is Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

Unfortunately, several setbacks in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic make necessary the difficult decision to cancel Hamvention 2021 which was scheduled for May 21- 23, 2021. Hundreds of volunteers have been working to do everything necessary to bring this Hamvention to the many amateur radio enthusiasts and vendors who support the Dayton Hamvention.

Vaccine distribution both in the United States and around the world is lagging behind what was planned. In addition, the emergence of a more communicable form of the COVID-19 virus increases the potential for further public health problems in the next few months. We make this difficult decision for the safety of our guests and vendors.

Those who had their tickets, inside booths or flea market spaces deferred last year will be deferred again. Those who purchased 2021 tickets, inside booths or flea market spaces will also be deferred. If you desire a refund instead, please email [tickets@hamvention.org](mailto:tickets@hamvention.org) and we will contact you.

Stay tuned for information about a QSO party for the 2021 Hamvention weekend. Hamvention is scheduled for May 20-22, 2022. We are looking forward to the 2022 Hamvention!!!

Executive Committee, Dayton Hamvention 2021